

## Tetraethyl 2,2'-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-p-phenylenedimethylene)dipropanoate<sup>1</sup>

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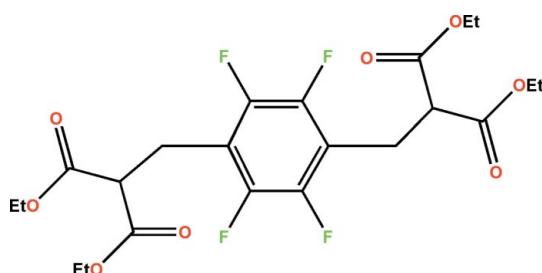
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 291\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$ ;  
 $R$  factor = 0.055;  $wR$  factor = 0.098; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.0.

In the molecule of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_4\text{O}_8$ , a crystallographic inversion centre is located at the centroid of the benzene ring. C—H···F and C—H···O intramolecular hydrogen bonds are observed as well as an intermolecular C—H···O interaction.

### Related literature

For related literature, see: Benetti *et al.* (1995); Howard *et al.* (1996); Thalladi *et al.* (1998).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_4\text{O}_8$   
 $M_r = 494.43$

Orthorhombic,  $Pbca$   
 $a = 9.833(5)\text{ \AA}$

$b = 8.797(4)\text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 27.587(14)\text{ \AA}$   
 $V = 2386(2)\text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.12\text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 291(2)\text{ K}$   
 $0.30 \times 0.26 \times 0.24\text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD  
 diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2000)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.96$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.97$

11819 measured reflections  
 2343 independent reflections  
 1411 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.059$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.097$   
 $S = 1.02$   
 2343 reflections

156 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.16\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.15\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$     | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| C4—H4A···F2              | 0.97         | 2.42               | 2.852 (3)   | 107                  |
| C7—H7A···O2              | 0.97         | 2.29               | 2.667 (3)   | 102                  |
| C8—H8C···O2 <sup>i</sup> | 0.96         | 2.54               | 3.472 (4)   | 162                  |

Symmetry code: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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### Comment

$\beta$ -Keto esters are multicoupling reagents with electrophilic and nucleophilic sites that have proven to be valuable tools in the synthesis of a wide variety of molecular systems(Benetti *et al.*, 1995). In the present paper, we report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I). The molecule of (I) lies on a crystallographic inversion center located at the middle of the benzene ring. Selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. One pair of symmetrically related ethyl groups was found to be disordered over two orientations (Fig. 1) The feature of the title compound in packing is based on C-H $\cdots$ O intramolecular interaction and C-H $\cdots$ F intramolecular interaction which had been reported in related references (Howard *et al.*, 1996; Thalladi *et al.*, 1998)(Fig.2); the C4-H4a $\cdots$ F2 distance is 2.852 Å. the C7-H7a $\cdots$ O2 distance is 2.667 Å and the C8-H8C $\cdots$ O2 distance is 3.472 Å.

### Experimental

A mixture of 1,4-bis(bromomethyl)-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzene (1.67g,5mmol), ethyl malonate(1.53mL,10mmol),potassium carbonate(1.38g 10mmol) and acetonitrile(25mL) was stirred and refluxed for 8h. The solvent was evaporated on a rotary evaporator and the resulting oil was chromatographed on a silica-gel column,yielding the title compound (1.78g,69%). Crystals appropriate for data collection were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetonitrile solution at 283K. (m.p. 324-326K).

### Figures

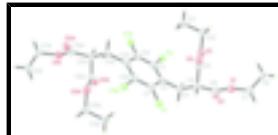


Fig. 1. View of the molecule (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. (thermal ellipsoids are shown at 30% probability levels).[Symmetry code:(A) -x+2, -y+1, -z]

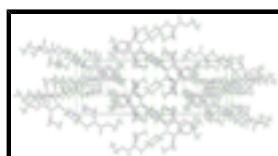


Fig. 2. The molecular packing diagram in the crystal for (I) (Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds).

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Orthorhombic,  $Pbca$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

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|                              |                                       |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Hall symbol: -P 2ac 2ab      | Cell parameters from 3968 reflections |
| $a = 9.833(5)$ Å             | $\theta = 5.5\text{--}26.8^\circ$     |
| $b = 8.797(4)$ Å             | $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$          |
| $c = 27.587(14)$ Å           | $T = 291(2)$ K                        |
| $V = 2386(2)$ Å <sup>3</sup> | Block, colorless                      |
| $Z = 4$                      | $0.30 \times 0.26 \times 0.24$ mm     |
| $F_{000} = 1032$             |                                       |

## Data collection

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| Bruker SMART Apex CCD diffractometer                     | 2343 independent reflections           |
| Radiation source: sealed tube                            | 1411 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Monochromator: graphite                                  | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.059$               |
| $T = 291(2)$ K   | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$     |
| phi and $\omega$ scans                                   | $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.5^\circ$      |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2000) | $h = -11 \rightarrow 12$               |
| $T_{\text{min}} = 0.96$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.97$        | $k = -10 \rightarrow 5$                |
| 11819 measured reflections                               | $l = -34 \rightarrow 34$               |

## Refinement

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|--|---|
| Refinement on $F^2$  | Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map                            |
| Least-squares matrix: full                                     | Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites                        |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$                                | H-atom parameters constrained   |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.097$  | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.03P)^2 + 0.22P]$<br>where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| $S = 1.02$   | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$  |
| 2343 reflections   | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.16 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$                             |
| 156 parameters   | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.15 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$                            |
| Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods | Extinction correction: none   |

## 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.

**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  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|      | <i>x</i>     | <i>y</i>     | <i>z</i>     | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| C1   | 0.9879 (2)   | 0.6145 (3)   | 0.03274 (8)  | 0.0390 (6)                       |
| C2   | 0.9112 (2)   | 0.4839 (3)   | 0.04088 (8)  | 0.0355 (5)                       |
| C3   | 0.9249 (2)   | 0.3719 (3)   | 0.00603 (8)  | 0.0389 (6)                       |
| C4   | 0.8172 (2)   | 0.4682 (3)   | 0.08408 (8)  | 0.0454 (7)                       |
| H4A  | 0.7622       | 0.3774       | 0.0803       | 0.054*                           |
| H4B  | 0.7565       | 0.5550       | 0.0853       | 0.054*                           |
| C5   | 0.8979 (2)   | 0.4582 (3)   | 0.13216 (8)  | 0.0419 (6)                       |
| H5   | 0.9305       | 0.5599       | 0.1409       | 0.050*                           |
| C6   | 0.8013 (3)   | 0.4001 (3)   | 0.17246 (8)  | 0.0499 (7)                       |
| C7   | 0.7966 (3)   | 0.3238 (3)   | 0.25401 (9)  | 0.0570 (7)                       |
| H7A  | 0.7203       | 0.2646       | 0.2422       | 0.068*                           |
| H7B  | 0.7619       | 0.4028       | 0.2752       | 0.068*                           |
| C8   | 0.8912 (3)   | 0.2252 (3)   | 0.28077 (11) | 0.0633 (8)                       |
| H8A  | 0.9243       | 0.1468       | 0.2596       | 0.095*                           |
| H8B  | 0.8448       | 0.1799       | 0.3078       | 0.095*                           |
| H8C  | 0.9664       | 0.2846       | 0.2924       | 0.095*                           |
| C9   | 1.0178 (2)   | 0.3515 (3)   | 0.12940 (8)  | 0.0448 (7)                       |
| C10  | 1.0781 (3)   | 0.0853 (3)   | 0.11522 (9)  | 0.0538 (7)                       |
| H10A | 1.0372       | -0.0112      | 0.1239       | 0.065*                           |
| H10B | 1.1521       | 0.1054       | 0.1376       | 0.065*                           |
| C11  | 1.1313 (3)   | 0.0783 (3)   | 0.06437 (9)  | 0.0568 (7)                       |
| H11A | 1.0590       | 0.0505       | 0.0427       | 0.085*                           |
| H11B | 1.2026       | 0.0039       | 0.0625       | 0.085*                           |
| H11C | 1.1666       | 0.1760       | 0.0553       | 0.085*                           |
| F1   | 0.98045 (14) | 0.72947 (17) | 0.06482 (5)  | 0.0522 (4)                       |
| F2   | 0.85239 (14) | 0.24185 (19) | 0.01115 (5)  | 0.0546 (4)                       |
| O1   | 0.87007 (16) | 0.3924 (2)   | 0.21311 (5)  | 0.0495 (5)                       |
| O2   | 0.68696 (19) | 0.3633 (2)   | 0.16648 (7)  | 0.0587 (5)                       |
| O3   | 0.97511 (17) | 0.2082 (2)   | 0.11861 (6)  | 0.0545 (5)                       |
| O4   | 1.13167 (17) | 0.3861 (2)   | 0.13604 (6)  | 0.0526 (5)                       |

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$     | $U^{23}$     |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| C1  | 0.0430 (13) | 0.0427 (15) | 0.0313 (11) | 0.0002 (12)  | -0.0017 (10) | -0.0024 (11) |
| C2  | 0.0358 (12) | 0.0442 (14) | 0.0266 (10) | 0.0010 (11)  | 0.0017 (9)   | 0.0088 (11)  |
| C3  | 0.0432 (13) | 0.0455 (15) | 0.0280 (11) | -0.0024 (13) | -0.0063 (10) | 0.0057 (11)  |
| C4  | 0.0443 (13) | 0.0598 (18) | 0.0322 (11) | 0.0021 (13)  | 0.0061 (11)  | 0.0094 (12)  |
| C5  | 0.0462 (14) | 0.0537 (17) | 0.0258 (10) | -0.0021 (13) | 0.0034 (10)  | 0.0042 (11)  |
| C6  | 0.0569 (17) | 0.0594 (19) | 0.0335 (12) | 0.0139 (15)  | 0.0119 (12)  | 0.0100 (13)  |
| C7  | 0.0707 (18) | 0.0593 (18) | 0.0411 (13) | 0.0087 (15)  | 0.0088 (13)  | 0.0088 (14)  |
| C8  | 0.0652 (19) | 0.0536 (18) | 0.0712 (19) | 0.0072 (16)  | 0.0121 (15)  | 0.0161 (16)  |
| C9  | 0.0354 (14) | 0.071 (2)   | 0.0284 (12) | -0.0039 (13) | -0.0018 (10) | 0.0072 (13)  |
| C10 | 0.0566 (16) | 0.0553 (18) | 0.0494 (14) | 0.0151 (15)  | 0.0027 (13)  | 0.0066 (14)  |

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| C11 | 0.0589 (17) | 0.0521 (16) | 0.0594 (16) | 0.0145 (14)  | 0.0128 (14) | -0.0038 (15) |
| F1  | 0.0598 (9)  | 0.0513 (9)  | 0.0457 (7)  | -0.0051 (8)  | 0.0158 (7)  | -0.0146 (7)  |
| F2  | 0.0615 (9)  | 0.0584 (10) | 0.0439 (8)  | -0.0110 (8)  | 0.0038 (7)  | 0.0030 (8)   |
| O1  | 0.0582 (10) | 0.0578 (12) | 0.0324 (8)  | 0.0049 (9)   | 0.0083 (8)  | 0.0063 (8)   |
| O2  | 0.0526 (11) | 0.0613 (14) | 0.0621 (12) | -0.0012 (10) | 0.0191 (9)  | 0.0198 (10)  |
| O3  | 0.0466 (10) | 0.0574 (13) | 0.0596 (11) | 0.0119 (10)  | -0.0048 (9) | -0.0020 (10) |
| O4  | 0.0399 (10) | 0.0566 (12) | 0.0612 (11) | -0.0093 (9)  | -0.0100 (8) | -0.0039 (10) |

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )*

|                        |             |               |           |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| C1—F1                  | 1.346 (3)   | C7—C8         | 1.471 (3) |
| C1—C3 <sup>i</sup>     | 1.376 (3)   | C7—H7A        | 0.9700    |
| C1—C2                  | 1.393 (3)   | C7—H7B        | 0.9700    |
| C2—C3                  | 1.383 (3)   | C8—H8A        | 0.9600    |
| C2—C4                  | 1.514 (3)   | C8—H8B        | 0.9600    |
| C3—F2                  | 1.355 (3)   | C8—H8C        | 0.9600    |
| C3—C1 <sup>i</sup>     | 1.376 (3)   | C9—O4         | 1.174 (3) |
| C4—C5                  | 1.548 (3)   | C9—O3         | 1.361 (3) |
| C4—H4A                 | 0.9700      | C10—O3        | 1.484 (3) |
| C4—H4B                 | 0.9700      | C10—C11       | 1.499 (3) |
| C5—C9                  | 1.509 (3)   | C10—H10A      | 0.9700    |
| C5—C6                  | 1.549 (3)   | C10—H10B      | 0.9700    |
| C5—H5                  | 0.9800      | C11—H11A      | 0.9600    |
| C6—O2                  | 1.182 (3)   | C11—H11B      | 0.9600    |
| C6—O1                  | 1.311 (3)   | C11—H11C      | 0.9600    |
| C7—O1                  | 1.469 (3)   |               |           |
| F1—C1—C3 <sup>i</sup>  | 118.6 (2)   | O1—C7—H7B     | 110.0     |
| F1—C1—C2               | 119.0 (2)   | C8—C7—H7B     | 110.0     |
| C3 <sup>i</sup> —C1—C2 | 122.3 (2)   | H7A—C7—H7B    | 108.4     |
| C3—C2—C1               | 115.0 (2)   | C7—C8—H8A     | 109.5     |
| C3—C2—C4               | 122.8 (2)   | C7—C8—H8B     | 109.5     |
| C1—C2—C4               | 122.2 (2)   | H8A—C8—H8B    | 109.5     |
| F2—C3—C1 <sup>i</sup>  | 118.8 (2)   | C7—C8—H8C     | 109.5     |
| F2—C3—C2               | 118.5 (2)   | H8A—C8—H8C    | 109.5     |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —C3—C2 | 122.6 (2)   | H8B—C8—H8C    | 109.5     |
| C2—C4—C5               | 111.52 (19) | O4—C9—O3      | 124.7 (3) |
| C2—C4—H4A              | 109.3       | O4—C9—C5      | 125.1 (3) |
| C5—C4—H4A              | 109.3       | O3—C9—C5      | 110.2 (2) |
| C2—C4—H4B              | 109.3       | O3—C10—C11    | 109.1 (2) |
| C5—C4—H4B              | 109.3       | O3—C10—H10A   | 109.9     |
| H4A—C4—H4B             | 108.0       | C11—C10—H10A  | 109.9     |
| C9—C5—C4               | 113.1 (2)   | O3—C10—H10B   | 109.9     |
| C9—C5—C6               | 108.1 (2)   | C11—C10—H10B  | 109.9     |
| C4—C5—C6               | 108.6 (2)   | H10A—C10—H10B | 108.3     |
| C9—C5—H5               | 109.0       | C10—C11—H11A  | 109.5     |
| C4—C5—H5               | 109.0       | C10—C11—H11B  | 109.5     |
| C6—C5—H5               | 109.0       | H11A—C11—H11B | 109.5     |
| O2—C6—O1               | 126.6 (2)   | C10—C11—H11C  | 109.5     |

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| O2—C6—C5  | 125.0 (2) | H11A—C11—H11C | 109.5     |
| O1—C6—C5  | 108.3 (2) | H11B—C11—H11C | 109.5     |
| O1—C7—C8  | 108.5 (2) | C6—O1—C7      | 115.1 (2) |
| O1—C7—H7A | 110.0     | C9—O3—C10     | 118.5 (2) |
| C8—C7—H7A | 110.0     |               |           |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+2, -y+1, -z$ .

### *Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )*

| $D\text{—H}\cdots A$    | $D\text{—H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D\text{—H}\cdots A$ |
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| C7—H7A…O2               | 0.97         | 2.29               | 2.667 (3)   | 102                  |
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Symmetry codes: (ii)  $x+1/2, y, -z+1/2$ .

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Fig. 1

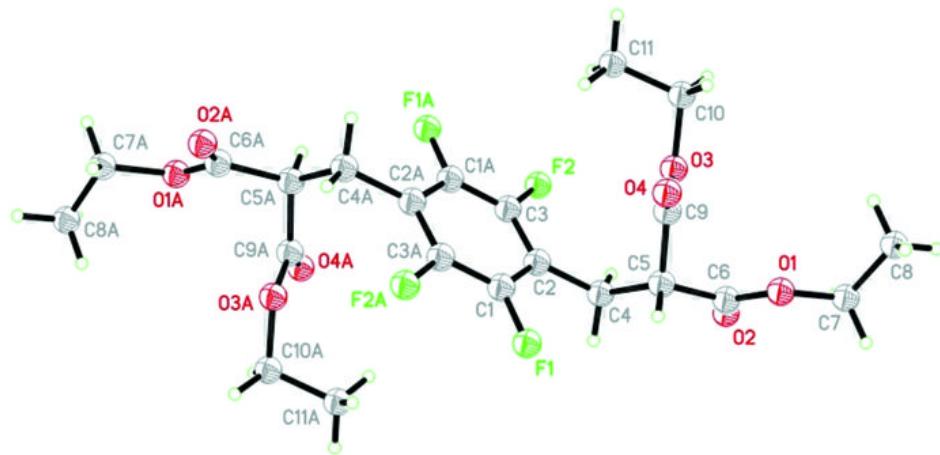


Fig. 2

