

**N-(2,3,4-Trifluorophenyl)phthalimide****Xian-Shu Fu, Xiao-Ping Yu, Wei-Min Wang\* and Fang Lin**

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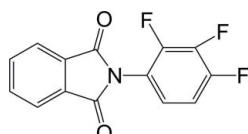
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 113\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.034;  $wR$  factor = 0.094; data-to-parameter ratio = 10.9.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_6\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ , the benzene ring and the phthalimide ring system make a dihedral angle of  $60.12(7)^\circ$ . Weak intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$  hydrogen bonds are present in the crystal structure.

**Related literature**

The title compound is a key intermediate in the synthesis of organic electro-luminescent materials, see: Han & Kay (2005). For the synthesis, see: Valkonen *et al.* (2007); Barchin *et al.* (2002). For related structures, see: Xu *et al.* (2006); Fu *et al.* (2010).

**Experimental***Crystal data*

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 $a = 6.8422(14)\text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 21.082(4)\text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 7.9727(16)\text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 101.98(3)^\circ$

$V = 1125.0(4)\text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.14\text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 113\text{ K}$   
 $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.12\text{ mm}$

*Data collection*

Rigaku Saturn CCD area-detector diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.972$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.983$

8049 measured reflections  
1980 independent reflections  
1603 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$

*Refinement*

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.094$   
 $S = 1.03$   
1980 reflections

182 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
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 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.21\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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

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

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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### Comment

The title compound is a key intermediate in the synthesis of organic electro-luminescent materials. The emission of light by organic molecules exposed to an electric field has been widely investigated in both an academic and industrial context. (Han & Kay, 2005).

The molecular structure of the title compound is illustrated in Fig. 1. In the title compound, two rings are nearly planar, but the molecule as a whole is not planar. The dihedral angle between the benzene ring and the phthalimide plane is 60.12 (7) °, which is similar to 59.95 (4) ° found in a related compound *N*-(2-fluorophenyl)phthalimide (Xu *et al.* 2006). Weak intermolecular C—H···O and C—H···F hydrogen bonding are present in the crystal structure (Table 1).

### Experimental

An acetic acid solution of phthalic anhydride (14.8 g, 100 mmol) and 2,3,4-trifluoroaniline (10.55 ml, 100 mmol) was refluxed overnight, and then filtered. The crude product was recrystallized from ethyl acetate.

### Refinement

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding with C—H = 0.95 Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

### Figures

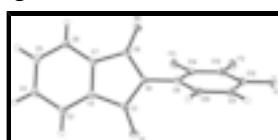


Fig. 1. View of the molecule showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

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Cell parameters from 3644 reflections

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Prism, colorless

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Absorption correction: multi-scan  
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## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Least-squares matrix: full

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

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where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

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0 restraints

Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008),

$F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001xF_c^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{1/4}$

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Extinction coefficient: 0.097 (6)

## 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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
F1	0.36805 (13)	0.27803 (5)	1.30697 (12)	0.0324 (3)

F2	0.04277 (12)	0.20200 (5)	1.25161 (11)	0.0286 (3)
F3	0.00346 (11)	0.10870 (4)	1.01757 (10)	0.0245 (3)
O1	0.29321 (15)	0.14544 (5)	0.58108 (12)	0.0246 (3)
O2	0.28164 (15)	0.00092 (5)	1.01024 (12)	0.0228 (3)
N1	0.28999 (17)	0.08556 (6)	0.82561 (14)	0.0181 (3)
C1	0.28328 (19)	0.09456 (7)	0.64828 (17)	0.0176 (3)
C2	0.26306 (18)	0.02990 (7)	0.57338 (17)	0.0162 (3)
C3	0.2489 (2)	0.01067 (7)	0.40531 (18)	0.0193 (4)
H3	0.2475	0.0406	0.3160	0.023*
C4	0.23668 (19)	-0.05431 (8)	0.37222 (18)	0.0214 (4)
H4	0.2272	-0.0690	0.2582	0.026*
C5	0.2381 (2)	-0.09816 (8)	0.50331 (18)	0.0231 (4)
H5	0.2302	-0.1422	0.4771	0.028*
C6	0.2507 (2)	-0.07859 (7)	0.67177 (18)	0.0200 (3)
H6	0.2510	-0.1083	0.7613	0.024*
C7	0.26293 (18)	-0.01410 (7)	0.70366 (16)	0.0161 (3)
C8	0.27847 (19)	0.02073 (7)	0.86743 (17)	0.0168 (3)
C9	0.31396 (19)	0.13524 (7)	0.94859 (17)	0.0175 (3)
C10	0.4794 (2)	0.17526 (7)	0.97522 (18)	0.0216 (4)
H10	0.5796	0.1693	0.9102	0.026*
C11	0.4998 (2)	0.22367 (8)	1.09549 (19)	0.0240 (4)
H11	0.6125	0.2510	1.1129	0.029*
C12	0.3538 (2)	0.23125 (7)	1.18896 (18)	0.0225 (4)
C13	0.1879 (2)	0.19236 (8)	1.16429 (18)	0.0207 (4)
C14	0.16934 (19)	0.14500 (7)	1.04425 (17)	0.0181 (3)

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
F1	0.0371 (5)	0.0252 (6)	0.0336 (5)	-0.0042 (4)	0.0044 (4)	-0.0152 (4)
F2	0.0289 (5)	0.0319 (6)	0.0280 (5)	0.0003 (4)	0.0132 (4)	-0.0096 (4)
F3	0.0213 (5)	0.0273 (6)	0.0262 (5)	-0.0077 (4)	0.0080 (3)	-0.0059 (4)
O1	0.0342 (6)	0.0189 (7)	0.0220 (6)	0.0039 (5)	0.0086 (4)	0.0058 (4)
O2	0.0300 (6)	0.0236 (7)	0.0159 (5)	-0.0026 (4)	0.0072 (4)	0.0024 (4)
N1	0.0239 (6)	0.0158 (7)	0.0156 (6)	-0.0014 (5)	0.0062 (5)	-0.0003 (5)
C1	0.0159 (7)	0.0224 (9)	0.0150 (7)	0.0029 (6)	0.0044 (6)	0.0032 (6)
C2	0.0126 (6)	0.0191 (9)	0.0172 (7)	0.0018 (6)	0.0039 (5)	0.0014 (6)
C3	0.0164 (7)	0.0271 (10)	0.0145 (7)	0.0022 (6)	0.0030 (5)	0.0015 (6)
C4	0.0175 (7)	0.0288 (10)	0.0177 (7)	0.0014 (6)	0.0029 (6)	-0.0041 (6)
C5	0.0228 (8)	0.0215 (9)	0.0253 (8)	-0.0002 (6)	0.0053 (6)	-0.0065 (6)
C6	0.0210 (7)	0.0184 (9)	0.0209 (8)	0.0001 (6)	0.0047 (6)	0.0006 (6)
C7	0.0139 (7)	0.0190 (9)	0.0157 (7)	0.0007 (6)	0.0035 (5)	-0.0001 (5)
C8	0.0157 (7)	0.0179 (9)	0.0176 (7)	0.0003 (6)	0.0051 (5)	0.0010 (6)
C9	0.0216 (7)	0.0165 (9)	0.0141 (7)	0.0006 (6)	0.0027 (6)	0.0007 (6)
C10	0.0222 (7)	0.0198 (9)	0.0242 (8)	-0.0010 (6)	0.0076 (6)	0.0027 (6)
C11	0.0229 (8)	0.0199 (9)	0.0280 (8)	-0.0045 (6)	0.0025 (6)	0.0012 (6)
C12	0.0285 (8)	0.0165 (9)	0.0200 (7)	0.0011 (6)	-0.0003 (6)	-0.0041 (6)
C13	0.0215 (7)	0.0233 (9)	0.0181 (7)	0.0027 (6)	0.0058 (6)	0.0008 (6)

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C14	0.0172 (7)	0.0180 (9)	0.0179 (7)	−0.0029 (6)	0.0011 (6)	0.0005 (6)
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*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^{\circ}$ )*

F1—C12	1.3525 (17)	C4—H4	0.9500
F2—C13	1.3411 (17)	C5—C6	1.390 (2)
F3—C14	1.3486 (16)	C5—H5	0.9500
O1—C1	1.2072 (18)	C6—C7	1.382 (2)
O2—C8	1.2087 (16)	C6—H6	0.9500
N1—C8	1.4129 (19)	C7—C8	1.4824 (19)
N1—C1	1.4178 (17)	C9—C14	1.384 (2)
N1—C9	1.4207 (18)	C9—C10	1.392 (2)
C1—C2	1.483 (2)	C10—C11	1.387 (2)
C2—C3	1.3840 (19)	C10—H10	0.9500
C2—C7	1.3927 (19)	C11—C12	1.374 (2)
C3—C4	1.394 (2)	C11—H11	0.9500
C3—H3	0.9500	C12—C13	1.381 (2)
C4—C5	1.394 (2)	C13—C14	1.371 (2)
C8—N1—C1	111.90 (11)	C2—C7—C8	108.41 (13)
C8—N1—C9	123.66 (11)	O2—C8—N1	124.44 (13)
C1—N1—C9	124.39 (12)	O2—C8—C7	129.98 (14)
O1—C1—N1	124.63 (13)	N1—C8—C7	105.58 (11)
O1—C1—C2	130.33 (13)	C14—C9—C10	118.52 (13)
N1—C1—C2	105.04 (12)	C14—C9—N1	119.76 (12)
C3—C2—C7	121.07 (14)	C10—C9—N1	121.72 (12)
C3—C2—C1	129.87 (13)	C11—C10—C9	120.87 (13)
C7—C2—C1	109.05 (12)	C11—C10—H10	119.6
C2—C3—C4	117.42 (13)	C9—C10—H10	119.6
C2—C3—H3	121.3	C12—C11—C10	118.70 (14)
C4—C3—H3	121.3	C12—C11—H11	120.7
C5—C4—C3	121.26 (14)	C10—C11—H11	120.7
C5—C4—H4	119.4	F1—C12—C11	120.43 (13)
C3—C4—H4	119.4	F1—C12—C13	118.06 (13)
C6—C5—C4	121.12 (15)	C11—C12—C13	121.50 (14)
C6—C5—H5	119.5	F2—C13—C14	120.11 (13)
C4—C5—H5	119.5	F2—C13—C12	120.76 (13)
C7—C6—C5	117.30 (14)	C14—C13—C12	119.08 (13)
C7—C6—H6	121.3	F3—C14—C13	118.45 (12)
C5—C6—H6	121.3	F3—C14—C9	120.21 (12)
C6—C7—C2	121.82 (13)	C13—C14—C9	121.32 (13)
C6—C7—C8	129.77 (13)		
C8—N1—C1—O1	−179.01 (13)	C2—C7—C8—O2	179.32 (13)
C9—N1—C1—O1	−1.5 (2)	C6—C7—C8—N1	178.93 (13)
C8—N1—C1—C2	0.83 (14)	C2—C7—C8—N1	−0.75 (14)
C9—N1—C1—C2	178.32 (11)	C8—N1—C9—C14	−61.69 (18)
O1—C1—C2—C3	−0.5 (2)	C1—N1—C9—C14	121.12 (15)
N1—C1—C2—C3	179.72 (13)	C8—N1—C9—C10	118.90 (15)
O1—C1—C2—C7	178.52 (14)	C1—N1—C9—C10	−58.29 (18)
N1—C1—C2—C7	−1.30 (14)	C14—C9—C10—C11	0.3 (2)

C7—C2—C3—C4	−0.67 (19)	N1—C9—C10—C11	179.76 (13)
C1—C2—C3—C4	178.21 (12)	C9—C10—C11—C12	0.3 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.2 (2)	C10—C11—C12—F1	−179.77 (13)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.3 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C13	−0.7 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	−0.34 (19)	F1—C12—C13—F2	1.9 (2)
C5—C6—C7—C2	−0.13 (19)	C11—C12—C13—F2	−177.27 (13)
C5—C6—C7—C8	−179.77 (13)	F1—C12—C13—C14	179.41 (13)
C3—C2—C7—C6	0.7 (2)	C11—C12—C13—C14	0.3 (2)
C1—C2—C7—C6	−178.43 (12)	F2—C13—C14—F3	−0.3 (2)
C3—C2—C7—C8	−179.64 (11)	C12—C13—C14—F3	−177.88 (12)
C1—C2—C7—C8	1.28 (14)	F2—C13—C14—C9	178.01 (12)
C1—N1—C8—O2	179.85 (12)	C12—C13—C14—C9	0.4 (2)
C9—N1—C8—O2	2.3 (2)	C10—C9—C14—F3	177.54 (12)
C1—N1—C8—C7	−0.09 (14)	N1—C9—C14—F3	−1.9 (2)
C9—N1—C8—C7	−177.60 (11)	C10—C9—C14—C13	−0.7 (2)
C6—C7—C8—O2	−1.0 (2)	N1—C9—C14—C13	179.83 (13)

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**Fig. 1**

