Exploring the structural landscape with ‘partial’ fluoro-substitution as a probe

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S1: PXRD and DSC data

**Fig. S1:** (a) PXRD patterns of 2FCA and 4FCA ground together in various ratios and (b) DSC profiles of the same. (c) shows the variation of melting points of the ground mixtures as obtained from DSC with increase in percentage of 2FCA. The DSC profiles indicate the formation of a single phase, and the melting points of the mixtures are lower than those of the pure components.
Fig. S2: (a) PXRD patterns of 2FCA and 3FCA ground together in various ratios and (b) DSC profiles of the same. (c) shows the variation of melting points of the ground mixtures as obtained from DSC with increase in percentage of 2FCA. The DSC profiles indicate the formation of a single phase, and the melting points of the mixtures are lower than those of the pure components.
Fig. S3: (a) PXRD patterns of 3FCA and 4FCA ground together in various ratios and (b) DSC profiles of the same. (c) shows the variation of melting points of the ground mixtures as obtained from DSC with increase in percentage of 4FCA. The DSC profiles indicate the formation of a single phase, and the melting points of the mixtures are lower than those of the pure components.
Fig. S4: (a) PXRD patterns of 2FCA and 23DFCA ground together in various ratios and (b) DSC profiles of the same. (c) shows the variation of melting points of the ground mixtures as obtained from DSC with increase in percentage of 2FCA. The DSC profiles indicate the formation of a single phase, and the melting points of the mixtures are lower than those of the pure components.

S2: Computational protocol
We used the Polymorph module incorporated in Materials Studio 6.0, with the unsubstituted CA molecule as input. We used the DREIDING force field and limited our search to the space groups $P2_1/c$ and $P\bar{1}$, since these two are the two commonest space groups organic molecules crystallize in.

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Steps to accept before cooling: 12
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Maximum number of clusters: All clusters

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Calculation summary:
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Number of frames put into a cluster : 2349 (100 %).

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S6: Refinement protocols

We carried out our SS experiments with the following six CA derivatives– 2FCA, 3FCA, 4FCA, 24DFCA, 34DFCA and 23DFCA (Scheme S1). The F-atom occupancies were assigned by the refinement protocols described below.

![Scheme S1](image)

1. **Refinement of 24SS**: Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with significant residuals at the 2 and 4 positions. Both peaks were labeled as F atoms, but satisfactory refinement could only be achieved when their occupancies were assumed to be fractional. Underlying our refinement protocol is the fact that the asymmetric unit in each SS exhibits only one (averaged) molecule, which means that the 2FCA and 4FCA molecules share the same crystallographic site. Therefore, the asymmetric unit must
contain a total of one F atom, i.e., the occupancies of the F atoms at the 2 and the 4 positions must add up to 1 (Scheme S2). If we assume the F-atom occupancy at the 2 position to be $x$ and that at the 4 position to be $y$, they must be related by the equation:

$$x + y = 1$$

However, each F-atom site is occupied by a H atom as well, and the occupancies of the F atom and the H atom must add up to 1.

Site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 2-position = $1-x$

Site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 4-position = $1-y$

2. **Refinement of 23SS:** Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with significant residuals at the 2 and 3 positions. Both peaks were labeled as F atoms, but satisfactory refinement could only be achieved when their occupancies were assumed to be fractional. Underlying our refinement protocol is the fact that the asymmetric unit in each SS exhibits only one (averaged) molecule, which means that the 2FCA and 3FCA molecules are distributed in the same crystallographic site. Therefore, the asymmetric unit must contain a total of one F atom, i.e., the occupancies of the F atoms at the 2- and the 3 positions must add up to 1 (Scheme S2). If we assume the F-atom occupancy at the 2 position to be $x$ and that at the 3 position to be $y$, they must be related by the equation:

$$x + y = 1$$

However, each F-atom site is occupied by a H atom as well, and the occupancies of the F atom and the H atom must add up to 1.

Site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 2-position = $1-x$

Site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 3-position = $1-y$
Scheme S2

3. **Refinement of 2(24)SS:** Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with significant residuals at the 2 and 4 positions. Both peaks were labeled as F atoms. Underlying our refinement protocol is the fact that the asymmetric unit in each case contains only one (averaged) molecule, which means that there is one full F atom at the 2 position, and only the occupancy of the F atom at the 4 position is fractional. The latter F atom, however, shares the site with a H atom whose occupancy summed with that of the F atom must equal 1 (Scheme S3). The occupancy of this H atom also corresponds to the fraction of 24DFCA present in the crystal structure. Therefore, if the occupancy of this F atom is represented by $x$ and that of the corresponding H atom by $y$, they must be related by the equation:

\[ x + y = 1 \]
\[ x + y = 1 \]

4. **Refinement of 4(24)SS**: Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with significant residuals at the 2 and 4 positions. Both peaks were assigned as F atoms.

Underlying our refinement protocol is the fact that the asymmetric unit in each case contains only one (averaged) molecule, which means that there is one full F atom at the 4 position, and only the occupancy of the F atom at the 2 position is fractional. The latter F atom, however, shares the site with a H atom whose occupancy summed with that of the F atom must equal 1 (Scheme S3). The occupancy of this H atom also corresponds to the fraction of 24DFCA present in the crystal structure. Therefore, if the occupancy of this F atom is represented by \( x \) and that of the corresponding H atom by \( y \), they must be related by the equation:

\[ x + y = 1 \]

5. **Refinement of 2(23)SS**: Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with significant residuals at the 2 and 3 positions. Both peaks were assigned as F atoms.

Underlying our refinement protocol is the fact that the asymmetric unit in each case contains only one (averaged) molecule, which means that there is one full F atom at the 2 position, and only the occupancy of the F atom at the 3 position is fractional. The latter F atom, however, shares the site with a H atom whose occupancy summed with that of the F atom must equal 1 (Scheme S3). The occupancy of this H atom also corresponds to the fraction of 23DFCA present in the crystal structure. Therefore, if the occupancy of this F atom is represented by \( x \) and that of the corresponding H atom by \( y \), they must be related by the equation:
6. **Refinement of 3(23)SS:** Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with significant residuals at the 2 and 3 positions. Both peaks were assigned as F atoms. Underlying our refinement protocol is the fact that the asymmetric unit in each case contains only one (averaged) molecule, which means that there is one full F atom at the 3 position, and only the occupancy of the F atom at the 2 position is fractional. The latter F atom, however, shares the site with a H atom whose occupancy summed with that of the F atom must equal 1 (Scheme S3). The occupancy of this H atom also corresponds to the fraction of 23DFCA present in the crystal structure. Therefore, if the occupancy of this F atom is represented by $x$ and that of the corresponding H atom by $y$, they must be related by the equation:

$$x + y = 1$$
7. **Refinement of 3(34)SS:** Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with three significant residuals at the 3, 4 and 5 positions. Underlying our refinement protocol is the fact that there is only one (averaged) molecule in the asymmetric unit, which indicates that the 3 position should contain one full F atom, and the 4 position a fractional one. However, the F atom in the two polymorphic forms of 3FCA is seen to be distributed between the 3 and the 5 positions, and it was expected, by the same token, that
the residuals at the 3 and 5 positions in this case would also correspond to a disordered F atom (Scheme S4). As mentioned before, the F atom at the 4 position should have a fractional occupancy, and a free refinement of it was performed accordingly. The occupancy of this F atom corresponds to the proportion of 34DFCA in the crystal structure. Each of these F atoms share their respective sites with one H atom whose occupancy is equal to that of the F atom subtracted from 1.

If the F-atom occupancy at the 3 position and that at the 5 position are denoted by $x_1$ and $x_2$ respectively, $x_1$ and $x_2$ must satisfy the equation:

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

Therefore, occupancy of the H atom at 3 position $= 1 - x_1$, and that of the H atom at 5 position $= 1 - x_2$.

If the F-atom occupancy at the 4-position is denoted by $y$, then the accompanying H atom has an occupancy of $1 - y$. 

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

4(34)SS
Refinement of 4(34)SS: Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with three significant residuals at the 3, 4 and 5 positions. Underlying the refinement protocol is the fact that there is only one (averaged) molecule in the asymmetric unit, which indicates that the 4 position should contain one full F atom, and the 3 position a fractional one. The F atom of 3FCA is seen to be distributed between the 3 and the 5 positions, and it was expected, by the same token, that the residuals at the 3 and 5 positions in this case would also correspond to a disordered F atom (Scheme S4). The occupancies of these two F atoms in the 3 and 5 positions summed would give the proportion of 34DFCA in the crystal structure. If the F-atom occupancies at the 3 and 5 positions are $x_1$ and $x_2$ respectively, and $x$ moles of 34DFCA are cocrystallized with $y$ moles of 4FCA, then $x_1$ and $x_2$ must satisfy the equation:

$$x_1 + x_2 = x$$

And $x$ and $y$ must satisfy the equation:

$$x + y = 1$$

Each of the F atoms at the 3 and 5 positions share their respective sites with a H atom whose occupancy, summed with those of the F-atom occupancies in their corresponding sites, would amount to 1.
The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 3 position = 1–$x_1$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 5 position = 1–$x_2$

9. **Refinement of 2(34)SS:** Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with three significant residuals at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions. Underlying the refinement protocol is the fact that there is only one (averaged) CA moiety in the asymmetric unit. This would mean that in this case, the occupancies of the F atoms at the 3 and 4 positions would be the same, and the sum of the occupancies at the 3 or 4 position and the 2 position would be 1. But, since in this case the F atom in the 3-position is distributed between the 3 and 5 positions, the occupancies at the 3 and the 5 positions must add up to the occupancy value at the 4 position. The F-atom occupancy at the 2 position corresponds to the proportion of 2FCA in the crystal structure, and the occupancy of the 3 or 4 position to the proportion of 34DFCA (Scheme S5). If $x$ denotes the F-atom occupancy at the 3 or 4 position and $y$ that at the 2 position, they must satisfy the equation:

$$x + y = 1$$

Each of the three F atoms at the 2, 3 and 4 positions share their respective sites with a H atom with fractional occupancy.

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 2 position = 1–$y$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 3 position = 1–$x$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 4 position = 1–$x$

10. **Refinement of 4(23)SS:** Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with three significant residuals at the 2, 3 and 4 positions. Underlying the refinement protocol
is the fact that there is only one (averaged) CA moiety in the asymmetric unit. This would mean that in this case, the occupancies of the F atoms at the 3 and 4 positions would be the same, and the sum of the occupancies at the 2 or 3 position and the 4 position would be 1. The F-atom occupancy at the 4-position corresponds to the proportion of 4FCA in the crystal structure, and the occupancy of the 3 /4 position to the proportion of 34DFCA (Scheme 5). If \( x \) denotes the F-atom occupancy at the 2 or 3 position and \( y \) that at the 4-position, they must satisfy the equation:

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x + y = 1
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Each of the three F atoms at the 2-,3- and 4-positions share their respective sites with a H atom with fractional occupancy.

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 2 position = 1–\( y \)

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 3 position = 1–\( y \)

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 4 position = 1–\( x \)

11. **Refinement of 3(24)SS:** Structure solution by direct methods showed a CA skeleton with four significant residuals at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions. Underlying the refinement protocol is the fact that there is only one (averaged) CA moiety in the asymmetric unit.

The F atom in the 3-position is distributed between the 3 and the 5 positions. Therefore the sum of the F-atom occupancies at the 3 and the 5 positions would give the proportion of 3FCA in the crystal structure. In this case, the occupancies of the F atoms at the 2 and 4-positions would be the same, and the sum of the occupancies at the 2 or 4 position and the 3 and 5 positions would be 1. The F-atom occupancy of the 2 or 4 position corresponds to the proportion of 24DFCA (Scheme S5).
If the F-atom occupancy at the 3 position is denoted by $x_1$, that at the 5 position by $x_2$ and that at the 2 or 4 position by $y$, they must satisfy the equation:

$$x_1 + x_2 + y = 1$$

Each of the three F atoms at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions share their respective sites with a H atom with fractional occupancy.

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 2 position = $1-x_1$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 3 position = $1-x_2$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 4 position = $1-y$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 5 position = $1-x_2$

12. **Refinement of 234SS:** Structure solution by direct methods shows a CA skeleton with four significant residuals at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions. All four residuals were labeled as F atoms, but satisfactory refinement could be achieved only by assuming fractional occupancy. The F atom at the 3 position is distributed between the 3 and the 5 positions. Underlying the refinement protocol is the fact that there is only one (averaged) molecule in the asymmetric unit. In this case, the occupancies of the F atoms at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions must add up to one, i.e, if $x$ denotes the occupancy at the 2 position, denotes the occupancy at the 2 position, $y_1$ and $y_2$ the occupancies at the 3 and 5 positions respectively, and $z$ the occupancy at the 4-position, $x, y_1, y_2$ and $z$ must be related by the equation (Scheme S5):

$$x + y_1 + y_2 + z = 1$$

Each of the three F atoms at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions share their respective sites with a H atom with fractional occupancy.

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 2 position = $1-x$
The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 3 position = 1 – $y_1$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 4 position = 1 – $z$

The site occupancy factor of the H atom at the 5 position = 1 – $y_2$

$2(34)SS$

$x_1 + x_2 + y = 1$

$x_1 + x_2 = x$

$x + y = 1$

$4(23)SS$

$3(24)SS$
\[ x_1 + x_2 + y = 1 \]
\[ x_1 + x_2 = 1 \]

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\text{Scheme S5}
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