Preparation and Properties of AzaTCNQ⁻ Anion Salts and Mixed AzaTCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ Salts of N-Alkylpyridinium and Related Cations

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The [Cation]⁺ATCNQ⁻ type salts were prepared, where ATCNQ⁻ is (4-dicyanomethyl-1-pyridinio)-dicyanomethanide anion, so-called AzaTCNQ⁻ anion, and [Cation]⁺ are N-alkylpyridinium, 4-cyano-N-alkylpyridinium, (4-methyl-1-pyrazinio)dicyanomethanide, N-alkylquinolinium (alkyl=Me and Et), N-methylacridinium, and N-methylphenazinium. Electrical resistivities of these salts as compacted samples fall in the range $10^6-10^9\,\Omega$ cm at $25\,^{\circ}$ C. The mixed ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ salts (TCNQ⁻=7,7,8,8-tetracyano-p-quinodimethan radical anion) of N-alkylpyridinium and -quinolinium cations also were prepared; [Cation]⁺ (ATCNQ⁻)0.1 (TCNQ⁻)0.9 ([Cation]⁺=N-methylpyridinium, N-ethylpyridinium, and N-ethylquinolinium) and [N-methylquinolinium]⁺(ATCNQ⁻)0.17 (TCNQ⁻)0.83 whose electrical resistivities ($10^4-10^6\,\Omega$ cm at $25\,^{\circ}$ C) are somewhat smaller than those of the corresponding TCNQ⁻ salts. Stackings of ATCNQ⁻ and TCNQ⁻ anions are discussed on the basis of electronic reflectance and ESR spectra. The [Cation]⁺ATCNQ⁻ salts react with iodine in hexane to give [Cation]⁺ATCNQ⁻·Ix ([Cation]⁺=N-methyl- and N-ethylpyridinium and -quinolinium; x=3.2-3.9). They exhibit electrical resistivities of $10^4-10^6\,\Omega$ cm at $25\,^{\circ}$ C, which are lower by the 10^2-10^3 order than the resistivities of the undoped [Cation]⁺ATCNQ⁻ salts.

Although the ATCNQ- anion (I) (4-dicyanomethyl-

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1-pyridinio)dicyanomethanide anion; so-called Aza-TCNQ⁻ anion) has a diamagnetic property with a \bar{C} -N ylide bonding, the geometry is very similar to that of the TCNQ⁻ radical anion.^{1,2)} It would, therefore, be of interest to compare the properties of ATCNQ⁻ salts with those of the corresponding TCNQ⁻ radical anion salts. Thus, we reported previously the preparation and electrical resistivities of [Rh(RNC)₄]⁺ATCNQ⁻, and the corresponding mixed ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ and ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ /TCNQ salts (R=C₆H₅, 2,6-Me₂C₆H₃, and 2,4,6-Me₃C₆H₂) together with the crystal structure of [Rh(2,6-Me₂C₆H₃NC)₄]⁺ATCNQ⁻.¹⁾ The present work was undertaken to elucidate the properties of the ATCNQ⁻ salts with organic cations having various reduction potentials.

This paper reports the preparation and electrical resistivities of several ATCNQ⁻ and mixed ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ salts with various organic cations (1—9) as well as salts obtained by the reaction of [Cation]⁺-ATCNQ⁻ salts with iodine. Interactions between the ATCNQ⁻ anion and the cations and between the ATCNQ⁻ anion and the TCNQ⁻ radical anion are

discussed on the basis of electronic spectra and spin concentrations.

Experimental

Materials. To a nitrobenzene (55 cm³) solution of (1-pyrazinio)dicyanomethanide³) (0.55 g, 3.8 mmol) was added dimethyl sulfate (3.4 g, 27 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 d. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and recrystallized from methanol/benzene (1:1 v/v) to give orange needles of (4-methyl-1-pyrazinio)dicyanomethanide methyl sulfate in a 45% yield; mp 166—168 °C. Found: C, 39.82; H, 3.81; N, 20.13%. Calcd for C₉H₁₀N₄O₄S: C, 40.00; H, 3.73; N, 20.73%.

N-Ethylpyridinium bromide, N-methylpyridinium, N-alkylquinolinium, and 4-cyano-N-alkylpyridinium iodides (alkyl=Me and Et), and N-methylacridinium and N-methylphenazinium methyl sulfates were prepared by reactions of the corresponding base with an excess amount of alkyl halides or dimethyl sulfate according to the literature. N-Alkylpyridinium and N-alkylquinolinium TCNQ⁻ salts (alkyl=Me and Et) were obtained by reactions of the corresponding pyridinium and quinolinium iodides with Li+TCNQ⁻ in methanol. K+ATCNQ⁻ was prepared as described previously. D

Preparation of ATCNQ⁻ Salts. All the manipulations were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. To a boiling aqueous (30 cm³) solution of K+ATCNQ- (0.20 g, 0.82 mmol) was added N-methylpyridinium iodide (1.94g, 8.8 mmol) in water (3 cm³). The mixture was allowed to stand in a refrigerator overnight to afford microcrystals of N-methylpyridinium ATCNQ⁻ salt (**1a**), which was collected by filtration and dried *in vacuo*, 52% yield. Similarly, the reactions of 4-cyano-N-methylpyridinium, 4-cyano-N-ethylpyridinium, N-methylquinolinium, and N-ethylquinolinium iodides with K+ATCNQ- in water afforded the corresponding ATCNQ- salts; 3a, 4a, 6a, and 7a in 52, 69, 40, and 48% yields, respectively. (4-Methyl-1-pyrazinio)dicyanomethanide, N-methylacridinium, and N-methylphenazinium-ATCNQ salts (5a, 8a, and 9a) were prepared in 46, 44, and 32% yields, respectively, by reactions of the corresponding pyrazinium dicyanomethylide, acridinium, and phenazinium methyl sulfates with K+ATCNQ- in

An acetonitrile (300 cm³) solution containing K+ATCNQ-

(0.61 g, 2.5 mmol) and N-ethylpyridinium bromide (2.0 g, 11 mmol) was allowed to stand in a refrigerator overnight. A precipitate (KBr) was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was recrystallized from ethanol to afford needles of N-ethylpyridinium ATCNQ⁻ salt (2a) in a 46% yield.

Preparation of Mixed ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ Salts. An ethanol (40 cm³) solution containing 1a (0.17 g, 0.55 mmol) and Li⁺TCNQ⁻ (0.12 g, 0.57 mmol) was allowed to stand in a refrigerator for one week to afford microcrystals of [N-methylpyridinium]⁺(ATCNQ⁻)_{0.1} (TCNQ⁻)_{0.9} (1b), which was collected by filtration and dried in vacuo, 58% yield. The mole ratio of ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ in the salt was determined from the electronic absorption spectrum in acetonitrile. Analogous reactions of 2a, 6a, and 7a with Li⁺TCNQ⁻ in ethanol gave [N-ethylpyridinium]⁺(ATCNQ⁻)_{0.1} (TCNQ⁻)_{0.8} (6b), and [N-ethylquinolinium]⁺(ATCNQ⁻)_{0.1} (TCNQ⁻)_{0.9} (7b) in 45, 28, and 73% yields, respectively.

Reactions of ATCNQ⁻ Salts with Iodine. Finely powdered 1a (0.042 g, 0.14 mmol) was suspended in a hexane (25 cm³) solution of iodine (0.080 g, 0.28 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 d. The resulting solid, [N-methylpyridinium]+ATCNQ⁻·I₃₂ (1c), was collected by filtration and dried in vacuo. Similar reactions of 2a, 6a, and 7a with iodine in hexane gave the [Cation]+ATCNQ⁻·I_x salts (2c,

6c, and **7c**; x=3.5 or 3.9).

Properties and analyses for the ATCNQ⁻ and the mixed ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ salts as well as the [Cation]+ATCNQ⁻ \cdot I_x salts are summarized in Table 1.

Physical Measurements. Electrical resistivities as compacted samples and electronic absorption spectra were measured as described previously. Electronic reflectance spectra were recorded on a Hitachi 340 spectrophotometer equipped with a Hitachi NIR (near IR) or R-10A (UV and visible) integrating sphere unit. Cyclic voltammetric measurements were performed in acetonitrile using tetrabutylammonium perchlorate as a supporting electrolyte, as described elsewhere. Spin concentrations of the ATCNQ-, the mixed ATCNQ-/TCNQ-, and the TCNQ- salts as well as the ATCNQ-/Ix salts were determined at room temperature by comparing integrated signal intensities of the samples with that of 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH).

Results and Discussion

Electrical Properties. The temperature dependence of specific resistivities indicates that all the salts behave as typical semiconductors in the temperature range measured; 0-85 °C for [Cation]+ATCNQ⁻, 15-50 °C for the mixed ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ salts, and 0-20 °C for [Cation]+ATCNQ⁻ · I_x(x=3.2-3.9).

TABLE 1. PROPERTIES AND ANALYSES OF THE ATCNOT SALTS

No.	Salt	Color ^{a)}	Mp (dec.) $\theta_{\rm m}/^{\circ}{ m C}$	Found (Calcd) ^{b)}		
NO.	Sait	Color		%С	%Н	%N
la	[C ₅ H ₅ N-Me]+ATCNQ−	brown (m)	234—237	67.50	4.01	28.02
		, ,		(67.99)	(4.03)	(27.98)
2a	$[C_5H_5N-E_t]^+ATCNQ^-$	light brown (n)	151—152	68.48	4.47	26.73
		-		(68.78)	(4.49)	(26.73)
3a	[4-CN−C₅H₄N−Me]+ATCNQ−-	purple (f)	167—170	64.77	3.54	29.47
	$\cdot 0.5 H_2 O$			(64.66)	(3.62)	(29.33)
4 a	[4-CN-C ₅ H ₄ N-Et]+ATCNQ-	purple (m)	179—181	66.32	3.74	28.62
				(67.25)	(3.86)	(28.89)
5a	$[4-C(CN)_2-C_4H_4N_2-Me]^+ATCNQ^-$	dark brown (m)	162	61.49	3.13	34.29
	-			(62.46)	(3.03)	(34.50)
6a	[C ₉ H ₇ N-Me]+ATCNQ-	dark brown (m)	216-217	71.65	4.06	23.43
				(71.99)	(4.03)	(23.99)
7a	[C ₉ H ₇ N-Et]+ATCNQ-	dark brown (m)	166—167	72.41	4.43	22.57
				(72.51)	(4.43)	(23.06)
8a	[C ₁₃ H ₉ N-Me] ⁺ ATCNQ ⁻	dark brown (m)	172—174	74.32	4.05	20.45
				(74.99)	(4.03)	(20.99)
9a	$[C_{12}H_8N_2$ -Me]+ATCNQ-	dark brown (m)	147—149	71.02	3.82	24.17
				(71.82)	(3.77)	(24.42)
1b	$[C_5H_5N-Me]^+(ATCNQ^-)_{0.1}$	black (m)	202-204	71.79	4.04	23.67
	$(\text{TCNQ}^{-})_{0.9}$			(72.02)	(4.05)	(23.93)
2b	$[C_5H_5N-E_t]^+(ATCNQ^-)_{0.1}$	black (m)	156—159	72.49	4.35	22.66
	$(\text{TCNQ}^{-})_{0.9}$			(72.63)	(4.04)	(23.67)
6b	$[C_9H_7N-Me]^+(ATCNQ^-)_{0.17}$	purple (m)	208-210	74.30	3.83	20.66
	$(\text{TCNQ}^{-})_{0.83}$			(75.20)	(4.05)	(20.75)
7b	$[C_9H_7N-E_t]^+(ATCNQ^-)_{0.1}$	purple (m)	158—160	74.79	4.41	19.58
	$(\text{TCNQ}^{-})_{0.9}$			(75.85)	(4.45)	(19.70)
lc	$[C_5H_5N-Me]^+ATCNQ^-\cdot I_{3.2}$	dark brown (p)	С	28.94	1.89	11.77
				(28.90)	(1.71)	(11.90)
2 c	$[C_5H_5N-Et]^+ATCNQ^-\cdot I_{3.5}$	dark brown (p)	С	28.19	2.01	11.09
		-		(28.50)	(1.86)	(11.08)
6 c	$[C_9H_7N-Me]^+ATCNQ^-\cdot I_{3.5}$	dark brown (p)	С	31.92	1.93	10.25
	- · ·			(31.74)	(1.76)	(10.58)
7c	$[C_9H_7N-E_t]^+ATCNQ^-\cdot I_{3.9}$	dark brown (p)	С	30.42	1.95	9.45
				(30.75)	(1.88)	(9.78)

a) Crystal forms in parentheses; m: microcrystals, n: needles, f: flakes, p: powder. b) %I. 1c: 57.62(57.46), 2c: 58.34(58.56), 6c: 55.57(55.92), 7c: 57.47(57.59). c) Not measured.

Table 2. Specific resistivities as compacted samples (ρ) and activation energies (E_a) of the $ATCNQ^-$ - and related salts

0.1	$ ho_{25^{\circ}\mathrm{C}}$	$E_\mathtt{a}$	Spin concentration %	
Salt	Ωcm	eV		
la	3.1×10 ⁸	1.1	0	
2a	1.1×10^{6}	0.39	0	
3a	5.2×10 ⁸	0.72	0	
4 a	5.1×10^{8}	1.2	0	
5a	4.1×10 ⁸	0.66	0.30	
6a	4.7×10 ⁹	0.53	0	
7a	7.7×10^{9}	0.77	0	
8a	7.1×10^{8}	0.89	0.032	
9a	2.3×10 ⁸	0.92	7.5	
1b	9.7×10 ⁴	0.40	6.2	
2b	4.2×10^{5}	0.44	6.2	
6 b	4.3×10^{6}	0.40	12	
7b	1.4×106	0.36	5.2	
1c	1.5×10 ⁵	0.88	0.91	
2 c	9.1×10^{4}	0.47	0.85	
6c	3.5×10^{6}	1.3	0.89	
7c	1.2×10 ⁶	1.8	0.50	
$[C_5H_5N-Me]^+TCNQ^-$ (1d)	2.3×10 ⁵	0.50	0.25	
$[C_5H_5N-E_t]^+TCNQ^{\frac{1}{2}}$ (2d)	7.5×10 ⁴	0.50	0.11	
$[C_9H_7N-Me]^+TCNQ^+$ (6d)	1.0×10^{7}	0.58	0.083	
$[C_9H_7N-Et]^+TCNQ^- (7d)$	1.4×108	0.69	0.43	
A mixture of la/ld ^{a)}	5.6×10 ⁵	b	b	
2a/2d ^{a)}	9.0×10^{5}	b	b	
6a/6d ^{a)}	1.1×10^{7}	b	b	
7a/7d ^{a)}	3.3×10 ⁸	b	b	

a) The mole ratios of 1a/1d, 2a/2d, 6a/6d, and 7a/7d are the same as those of 1b, 2b, 6b, and 7b. b) Not measured.

Specific resistivities at 25 °C ($\rho_{25 °C}$) and the activation energies (E_a) calculated from the equation $\rho = \rho_0 \exp(E_a/kT)$ are listed in Table 2, which involves also the $\rho_{25 °C}$ and E_a values of the [Cation]+TCNQ⁻ salts and their mixtures with [Cation]+ATCNQ⁻, as well as spin concentrations of the salts obtained from ESR spectra. Salts of the [Cation]+ATCNQ⁻ type (1a-9a) exhibit fairly large $\rho_{25 °C}$ values, which may be suggestive of an alternative ATCNQ⁻/[Cation]+ stack in the solid state.

The mixed ATCNQ-/TCNQ- salts 1b, 6b, and 7b except for 2b display somewhat smaller ρ_{25} or and E_a values than the corresponding TCNQ⁻ salts in which the TCNQ7 radical anion assumes a columnar structure.8) In addition, all the mixed salts are more conductive than the mixtures of the ATCNQ- and TCNQsalts with the same ATCNQ-/TCNQ- mole ratios as those in the respective mixed ATCNQ-/TCNQsalts. These results suggest the incorporation of the ATCNQ⁻ anion into the TCNQ⁻ radical anion column. Such an incorporation may bring about a disorder in the TCNQ⁺ column, which may be responsible for rather lower E_a Values of the mixed ATCNQ⁻/ TCNQ⁻ salts than those of the TCNQ⁻ salts, as reported for $(TMTTF)_x(TMTSF)_{1-x}(TCNQ)$ (x= 0.005 and 0.03; TMTTF=tetramethyltetrathiafulvalene and TMTSF=tetramethyltetraselenafulvalene), $^{9)}$ (TTF)_x(TSF)_{1-x}(TCNQ) (x=0-1; TTF= tetrathiafulvalene and TSF=tetraselenafulvalene), 10) $(TMTSF)_2(ClO_4)_{0.95}(IO_4)_{0.05}$, and $(TSF)(MTCNQ)_{0.1}$

(TCNQ)0.9(MTCNQ=methyltetracyanoquinodimethan).11)

The temperature dependence of specific resistivities of the [Cation]+ATCNQ $\cdot I_x$ salts is illustrated in Fig. 1. Although the plots of $\log \rho$ vs. 1/T give a linear relationship below 30 or 20 °C, they deviate from the straight lines above this temperature. The $\log \rho - 1/T$ relations of 1c, 6c, and 7c, however, had a reproducible nature in the range of 20–35 °C, while all the [Cation]+ATCNQ $\cdot I_x$ salts decomposed above 35 °C.

Electronic Spectra and Magnetic Properties. 2 shows the electronic reflectance spectra of K+-ATCNQ⁻ and **7a**—**7c**. The shoulder-like band around $23000\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$ observed for K+ATCNQ- (dotted line in Fig. 2), which corresponds to the absorption band at 22000 cm⁻¹ in acetonitrile, is due to the intramolecular charge transfer (CT) transition arising from the C-N ylide bond.1) Salt 7a also exhibits this band around 23000 cm⁻¹ (solid line in Fig. 2). Other several strong absorptions in the frequency region higher than 20000 cm⁻¹ observed for 7a are ascribed to transitions within the ATCNQ- anion or the cation. It should be noted that 7a displays a band at 17500 cm⁻¹, which may be due to an electronic interaction between the ATCNQ- anion and the cation, since both K+ATCNQ- and N-ethylquinolinium perchlorate show no band in this region. Such a new band was observed also in the reflectance spectra of the other [Cation]+ATCNQ- salts. The frequency of the band maxima (ν_{max}) newly appeared in the [Cation]+ATCNQsalts are listed in Table 3, together with cathode

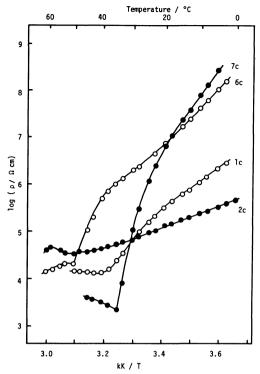


Fig. 1. Temperature dependence of the specific resistivities of the [Cation]+ATCNQ \cdot I_x salts.

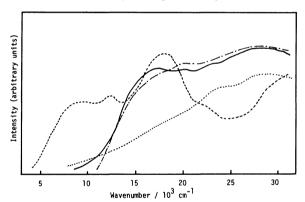


Fig. 2. Powder reflectance spectra of K+ATCNQ $^-$ (.....), $[C_9H_7N-E_1]^+ATCNQ^-$ (7a, —), $[C_9H_7N-E_1]^+(ATCNQ^-)_{0.1}(TCNQ^+)_{0.9}$ (7b, -----), and $[C_9H_7N-E_1]^+ATCNQ^- \cdot I_{3.9}$ (7c, ----).

peak potentials (E_{cp}) of the counter cations determined from cyclic voltammetry. There can be seen an approximate linear relation between ν_{max} and E_{cp} as shown in Fig. 3; ν_{max} decreases with the positive shift of E_{cp} , suggesting that the band is due to an intermolecular CT transition from the ATCNQ- anion to the counter cations. The smaller difference between the anode peak potential of ATCNQ⁻ (0.54 V vs. SCE in acetonitrile)¹⁾ and the E_{cp} value of a counter cation is expected to cause more effective CT. Although there has been observed no signal in the ESR spectra of la-4a, 6a, and 7a, salts 5a, 8a, and 9a displayed a weak ESR signal in the solid state, whose g values were essentially the same as that of DPPH (g=2.0037). Based on the signal intensities in comparing with that of DPPH, spin concentrations of 9a, 5a, and 8a at room temperature were estimated 7.5, 0.3, and 0.032%, respectively,

Table 3. CT band maxima (ν_{max}) of the ATCNQ-salts and cathode peak potentials (E_{cp}) of the counter cations

0.1.	$ u_{max}$	V vs. SCE	
Salt	cm ⁻¹		
2a	21000	-1.36	
la	20500	-1.28	
7a	17500	-0.92	
6a	19500	-0.86	
3a	19200	-0.76	
4 a	17900	-0.70	
8a	15300	-0.41	
5a	14700	-0.25	
9a	10000	-0.11	

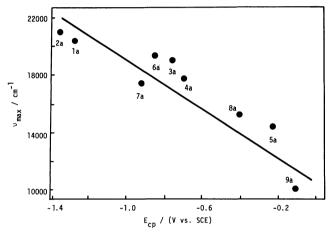


Fig. 3. Plots of CT band maxima (ν_{max}) of the ATCNQ⁻ salts νs . cathode peak potentials (E_{cp}) of the counter cations.

which indicates a radical formation caused by a stronger CT in these salts.

The reflectance spectrum of 7b shows a band around 9500 cm⁻¹ (broken line in Fig. 2), which can be assigned to the CT transition between TCNQ7 radical anions as observed for simple salts such as Na+TCNQ⁷, Rb+TCNQ⁻ and [morpholinium]+TCNQ⁻.8) In accordance with this, a strong band appears around 18000 cm⁻¹, which is the blueshifted LE₁ band characteristic of the dimeric interaction of the TCNQ⁷ radical anions. On the other hand, a weak band observed at 12000 cm⁻¹ is ascribed to the TCNQ⁻ radical anion monomer.8) Salts 1b, 2b, and 6b gave essentially the same spectra as 7b. Thus, these mixed ATCNQ-/TCNQ- salts are suggested to contain predominantly TCNQ⁺ radical anions with the dimeric interaction and small amounts of the ATCNQ- anion seem to prevent the TCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ interaction, resulting in the formation of a part of monomeric TCNQ⁻. Although the TCNQ⁻ simple salts (1d, 2d, 6d, and 7d) in which the TCNQ⁻ radical anion may have the dimeric interaction on exhibited very weak signals, the mixed ATCNQ-/TCNQ- salts displayed a sharp ESR signal (g=2.0037) with moderate intensities, resulting in much larger spin concentrations in the mixed ATCNQ-/TCNQ- salts than in the TCNQsalts (Table 2). This is consistent with the assumption that the ATCNQ- anions may prevent the dimeric

interaction between the TCNQ⁻ radical anions in the mixed ATCNQ⁻/TCNQ⁻ salts.

The iodine-doped salts, 1c, 2c, 6c, and 7c, exhibited essentially the same IR absorption spectra as those of the undoped salts, 1a, 2a, 6a, and 7a, respectively, suggesting that the dopant has little effect on the skeletons of either cationic or anionic moieties. In the electronic reflectance spectra, however, the band due to the CT transition between ATCNQ- and the cation (≈17000 cm⁻¹) is weakened (dot-dash line in Fig. 2). Thus, the introduction of iodine to the ATCNQ-salts seems to reduce the CT interaction between ATCNQand the cation. It is noted that the spin concentrations of 1c, 2c, 6c, and 7c obtained from ESR signal intensities are small (Table 2). Only a small portion of the ATCNQ- anion may, therefore, be oxidized by iodine; most of iodine as a dopant would remain as I2 in the crystals. Small amounts of the oxidized ATCNO radical may contribute to the conductivities of 1c, 2c, 6c, and 7c, which are 102-103 greater than those of 1a, 2a, 6a, and 7a, respectively.

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