

***N*-tert-Butoxy-1-aminopyrenyl Radicals. Isolation, Electronic Structure, and Magnetic Characterization¹**

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N-tert-Butoxy-2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-pyrenylaminyl (**4**), *N*-tert-butoxy-2-*tert*-butyl-1-pyrenylaminyl (**5**), and *N*-tert-butoxy-7-*tert*-butyl-1-pyrenylaminyl (**6**) free radicals were generated by the reaction of the lithium amides of the corresponding 1-aminopyrenes with *tert*-butyl peroxybenzoate in THF at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Although **6** could not be isolated due to the gradual decomposition in solution, **4** and **5** were quite persistent and could be isolated as monomeric radical crystals. The X-ray crystallographic analyses for the isolated free radicals were successfully carried out, indicating that the N and O atoms are almost coplanar with the pyrene ring. The ESR spectra of **4** and **5** were very complex due to the presence of many magnetically nonequivalent protons. Therefore, the proton hyperfine coupling (hfc) constants were determined by ^1H ENDOR/TRIPLE resonance spectroscopy. To assign the hfc constants for the pyrene ring protons, a partially deuterated radical, **4**-*d*₄, was prepared and the ENDOR and ESR spectra were measured. To discuss the spin density distribution for **4** and **5** ab initio molecular orbital calculations were performed by the DFT UBecke 3LYP method, using the STO 6-31G basis set. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were carried out for **4** and **5** with a SQUID magnetometer. For **4** a weak antiferromagnetic interaction was observed, and for **5** a very strong antiferromagnetic interaction was observed. The antiferromagnetic interactions were explained by their crystal structures.

Introduction

Although a variety of oxyaminyls have been widely studied over a long period,² the first isolation of oxyaminyl radicals (R[•]NOR[•]) by our group was quite recent.^{1,3} This is in contrast to the chemistry of isoelectronic thioaminyls (R[•]NSR[•]).⁴ A variety of thioaminyl radicals can be readily prepared by oxidation of sulfenamides (RNHSR[•]), which can be obtained by the reaction of amines with sulfonyl halides,⁵ with PbO₂. This easy preparation of thioaminyls has allowed extensive studies

on thioaminyls in recent years.⁴ For alkoxyaminyls, on the other hand, an easy and a widely applicable procedure for their preparation has not been reported yet. Quite recently, we found three kinds of stable oxyaminyls, **1–3** (Chart 1), can be prepared by the reaction of lithium amides of the corresponding anilines with *tert*-butyl peroxybenzoate.^{1,3,7} Interestingly, these radicals were oxygen insensitive and could be isolated as monomeric radical crystals. Oxygen insensitive and isolable stable free radicals have attracted much attention as a building block or magnetic spin source in the construction of organic magnetic materials.⁶ In the extension of this study, we have searched for other isolable oxyaminyl radicals. Although we prepared anthracene ring-bearing and pyrene ring-bearing oxyaminyls, only the pyrene ring-bearing oxyaminyl radicals, **4** and **5** (Chart 1), can

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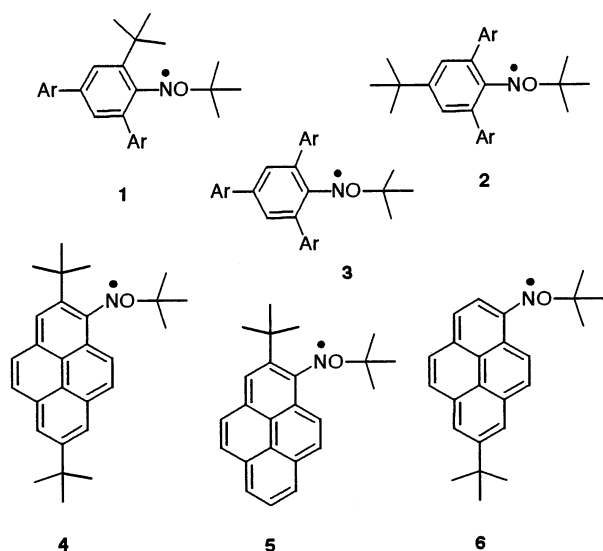
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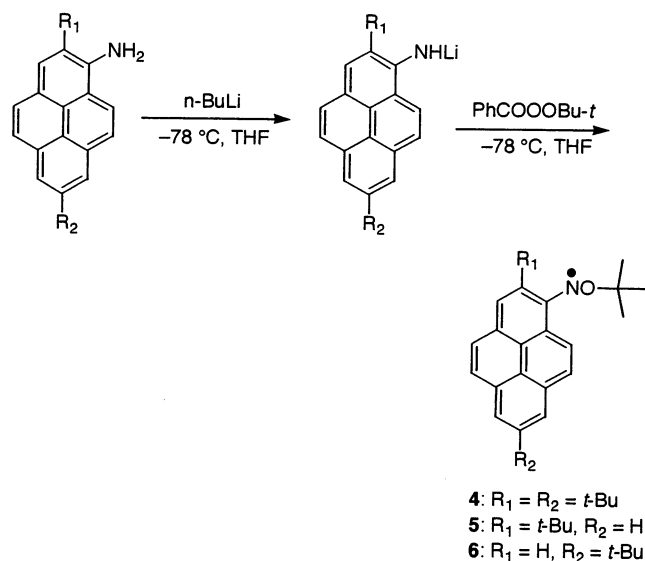
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CHART 1



SCHEME 1

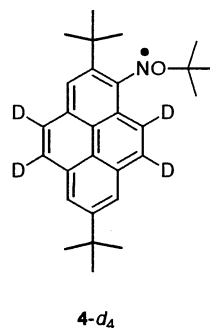


be isolated as radical crystals.^{8–10} Herein we wish to report the isolation, X-ray crystallographic analyses, ESR and ^1H ENDOR/TRIPLE resonance spectra, and magnetic properties of 4 and 5.

Results and Discussion

Isolation of 4 and 5. According to Scheme 1, the pyrene ring-bearing *N*-tert-butoxyaminyl radicals, 4, 5, and 6, were generated by the reaction of lithium amides of the corresponding 1-aminopyrenes with 3.3 equiv of *tert*-butyl peroxybenzoate in THF at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The procedure for the preparation of 4–6 is essentially the same as the previous one used for the preparation of 1–3.¹ When *tert*-butyl peroxybenzoate was added to a lithium amide solution of the corresponding 1-aminopyrenes in

THF at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, the originally colorless solutions immediately turned dark brown (4 and 6) or dark yellow (5), and the colors were kept for a long period. Isolation of radicals from the reaction mixtures was performed by column chromatography and subsequent recrystallization. Although 6 was decomposed during the workup and subsequent column chromatography, radicals 4 and 5 were quite long-lived under atmospheric conditions and could be successfully isolated as dark red plates (4) or dark green plates (5) in 23–27% yields. The radical structures were confirmed by the IR spectra and elemental analyses. In the IR spectra no νNH absorption was observed, and the elemental analyses gave satisfactory agreements with the calculations. The structures were later unequivocally confirmed by the X-ray crystallographic analyses, as described below.



Thermal Stability. In a previous paper,¹ we reported that 1–3 were thermally very stable. This was clearly shown by the following experiment: benzene solutions of radicals in degassed Pyrex tubes were heated at $80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 10 days, and the radical concentrations of the resulting solutions were measured by ESR or UV–visible spectroscopy. Surprisingly, even after heating at $80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 10 days, 80% of the radicals were found to survive without decomposition. The thermal stability of 4 and 5 was evaluated by the same procedure as above. Namely, the degassed benzene solutions of 4 and 5 were heated at the same temperature for 10 days, and the resultant radical concentrations were measured by ESR using 1,3,5-triphenylverdazyl as the reference. The ESR measurements showed that, even after heating for 10 days, ~80% of the radicals survived without decomposition, revealing that 4 and 5 have comparable thermal stability to 1–3.

X-ray Crystallographic Analyses. Since, upon recrystallization from MeOH (4) or MeOH-EtOAc (5), 4 and 5 provided single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis, X-ray crystallographic studies were performed. ORTEP drawings are shown in Figures 1 and 2, together with selected bond lengths, bond angles, and torsion angles.

Figure 1 shows that radical 4 adopts an almost planar conformation. This is clearly shown by the torsion angles for C2-C1-N1-O1 [$173.0(2)^{\circ}$] and C14-C1-N1-O1 [$-6.6(3)^{\circ}$]. Therefore, the N and O atoms are in the same plane with the pyrene ring. A more planar structure was shown by 5. The torsion angles for C2-C1-N1-O1 and C14-C1-N1-O1 are $-176.4(1)$ and $-0.6(2)^{\circ}$, indicating an almost completely planar structure. Such planar conformations of 4 and 5 suggest that the presence of

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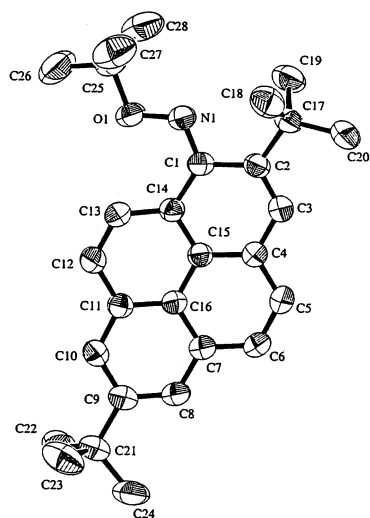


FIGURE 1. ORTEP drawing of **4**. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) and torsion angles (deg) are as follows: N1–O1 1.379(3), C1–N1–O1 114.0(2), N1–O1–C25 111.4(2), C2–C1–N1–O1 173.0(2), C14–C1–N1–O1 –6.6(3), C1–N1–O1–C25 174.4(2).

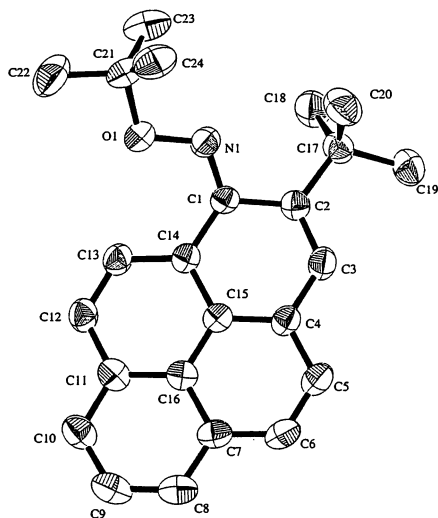


FIGURE 2. ORTEP drawing of **5**. Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (deg), and torsion angles (deg) are as follows: N1–O1 1.393(2), C1–N1–O1 114.2(1), N1–O1–C21 110.3(1), C2–C1–N1–O1 –176.4(1), C14–C1–N1–O1 –0.6(2), C1–N1–O1–C21 169.9(1).

the 2-*tert*-butyl group does not prevent the radicals from adopting a planar structure.

ESR, ^1H ENDOR, and ^1H TRIPLE Resonance Spectroscopy. The ESR spectra of **4** and **5** were recorded at room temperature (23 °C), using benzene as the solvent. A typical ESR spectrum of **4** is depicted in Figure 3. As had been expected, the ESR spectra for **4** and **5** were very complex due to the presence of many magnetically unequivalent aromatic protons. In such cases, analyses of ESR spectra by computer simulation sometimes provide unequivocal hyperfine coupling (hfc) constants. To obtain the reliable proton hfc constants, ^1H ENDOR measurements were performed for **4** and **5** with toluene as the solvent at –65 °C. A typical ENDOR spectrum of **4** is drawn in Figure 4a. This spectrum was obtained by 25-times accumulation with a 111.94 kHz

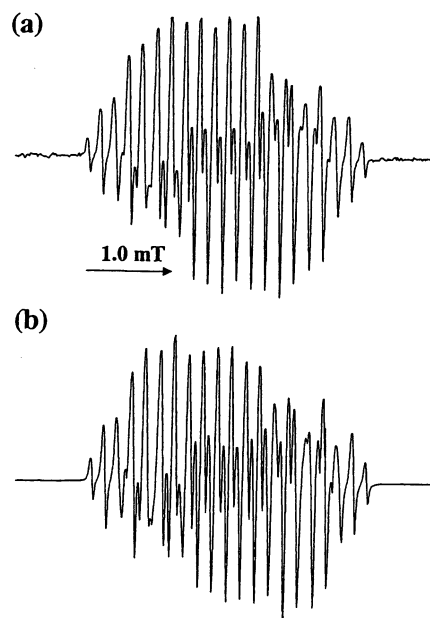


FIGURE 3. ESR spectrum of **4** in benzene measured at room temperature: (a) observed spectrum and (b) computer simulation. The hfc constant for *tert*-butyl protons was not input in the computer simulation.

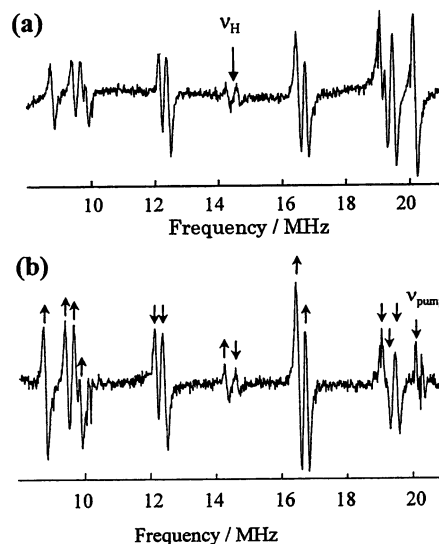
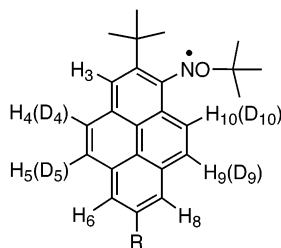


FIGURE 4. ^1H ENDOR and TRIPLE resonance spectra of **4** in toluene measured at –65 °C: (a) ENDOR spectrum and (b) TRIPLE resonance spectrum. In the TRIPLE resonance spectrum, the upward arrows (↑) indicate the increased peaks and the downward arrows (↓) indicate the decreased peaks.

modulation depth, showing 7 pairs of peaks. The innermost pair of peaks are assigned to the protons of *tert*-butyl groups, and the remaining 6 pairs of peaks are due to the protons of the pyrene ring. Since **4** has 7 pyrene ring protons, this result indicates that two pairs of peaks overlap into one pair of peaks. When the ENDOR spectra were measured with a lower modulation depth of 79.24 kHz, the pair of peaks with a hfc constant of 4.109 MHz split into two pairs of peaks with hfc constants of 4.065 and 4.125 MHz, though the S/N ratio was not good. Using the proton hfc constants determined by the ENDOR measurements, computer simulation of the ESR spec-

TABLE 1. Hyperfine Coupling Constants (mT) for **4**, **4-d₄**, and **5** Determined by ¹H ENDOR and ESR Spectroscopy4: R = *t*-Bu, 5: R = H₇

| radical | method | solvent | temp/°C | <i>a</i> (N) ^a | <i>a</i> (H ₃) | <i>a</i> (H ₄ and H ₁₀) | <i>a</i> (H ₅ and H ₉) | <i>a</i> (H ₆ and H ₈) | <i>a</i> (H ₇) | <i>a</i> (<i>t</i> -Bu) ^b | <i>g</i> |
|------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 4 | ENDOR | toluene | −65 | 0.672 | 0.164 | 0.147, 0.154 | 0.360, 0.407 | 0.331, 0.340 | | 0.011 | 2.0035 |
| 4-d₄ | ENDOR | mineral oil | 27 | 0.672 | 0.167 | 0.023, ^c 0.023 ^c | 0.055, ^d 0.062 ^d | 0.331, 0.340 | | 0.011 | 2.0035 |
| 5 | ENDOR | toluene | −65 | 0.675 | 0.164 | 0.146, 0.152 | 0.363, 0.406 | 0.338, 0.340 | 0.105 | 0.011 | 2.0037 |

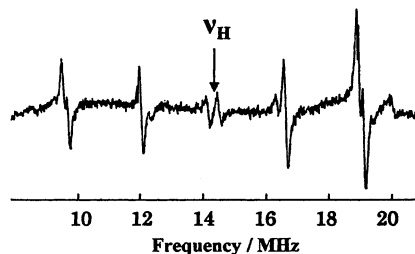
^a Determined by computer simulation of the ESR spectra of the radicals in benzene measured at 20 °C. ^b The hfc constants for *tert*-butyl protons. The assignment of the *tert*-butyl group was not performed. ^c The hfc constants for D₄ and D₁₀. ^d The hfc constants for D₅ and D₉.

trum of **4** was carried out, varying the nitrogen hfc constant, and when *a*_N was 0.672 mT, an excellent agreement with the experimental spectrum was observed, as found in Figure 3.

When ENDOR spectra of **5** were measured with a modulation depth of 79.24 kHz, the spectrum obtained showed 9 pairs of peaks. The innermost pair of peaks are assigned to the protons of a *tert*-butyl group(s), and the remaining 8 pairs of peaks are due to the protons of the pyrene ring. Since **5** has 8 pyrene ring protons, detection of 8 pairs of peaks means that all pyrene ring protons could be observed. Using those proton hfc constants, the ESR spectrum of **5** was computer simulated, varying the nitrogen hfc constant, and when *a*_N was 0.675 mT, an excellent agreement with the experimental spectrum was obtained. The hfc constants for **4** and **5** determined by ESR and ENDOR are summarized in Table 1.

To determine the relative signs of the proton hfc constants experimentally, electron–nuclear–nuclear TRIPLE resonance measurements were performed.¹¹ The TRIPLE resonance spectrum of **4** is depicted in Figure 4b. When the peak at 20.16 MHz was pumped, the peaks at 12.18, 12.42, 14.63, 19.14, 19.27, and 19.53 MHz were decreased, and the peaks at 8.78, 9.42, 9.73, 9.86, 14.31, 16.53, and 16.79 MHz were increased. On the basis of the results of the above TRIPLE resonance it was concluded that the protons with the hfc constants of 0.407, 0.360, 0.340, and 0.331 mT have the same sign and the protons with the hfc constants of 0.164, 0.154, and 0.147 mT have the opposite sign.

The actual assignments of the protons are difficult without a partial deuteration of the pyrene ring protons. We therefore prepared a partially deuterated radical, **4-d₄**, starting from 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene-4,5,9,10-d₄. The partially deuterated 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene was previously prepared by our group.^{10,12} The ENDOR measurements of **1-d₄** were carried out at room

**FIGURE 5.** ¹H ENDOR spectrum of **4-d₄** in mineral oil measured at 27 °C.

temperature (27 °C) using mineral oil as the solvent. The observed ENDOR spectrum is shown in Figure 5, which shows 3 pairs of peaks. From the ENDOR spectrum, the proton with the hfc constant of 0.167 mT can be unequivocally assigned to H₃, and the protons with the hfc constants of 0.331 and 0.340 mT are assigned to H₆ and H₈. However, it is impossible to distinguish H₆ and H₈ at the present time.

In the ESR spectrum of **4-d₄** (Figure 6), small hyperfine couplings due to the deuteriums were observed. To accomplish an exact agreement between the observed and simulated spectra, the hfc constants due to the four deuteriums were further added in computer simulation of **4-d₄**. The hfc constants for the deuteriums can be readily calculated using the equation *a*_D = 0.1535*a*_H. As found in Figure 6, an excellent agreement between the observed and simulated spectra is obtained by adding the hfc constants due to the deuteriums.

Assignments of two sets of H₄ and H₁₀ and H₅ and H₉ were made on the basis of the relative signs of the protons determined by TRIPLE resonance spectroscopy. The ab initio molecular orbital calculations described below predict that H₅ and H₉ have the same sign as H₆ and H₈, while H₄ and H₁₀ have the opposite sign for H₆ and H₈. This relation leads to the conclusion that H₄ and H₁₀ are assigned to the protons with the hfc constants of 0.147 and 0.154 mT, and H₅ or H₉ are assigned to those with the hfc constants of 0.360 and 0.407 mT. However, more exact assignments to distinguish H₄ and H₁₀ and H₅ and H₉ are impossible, similar to the case of H₆ and H₈.

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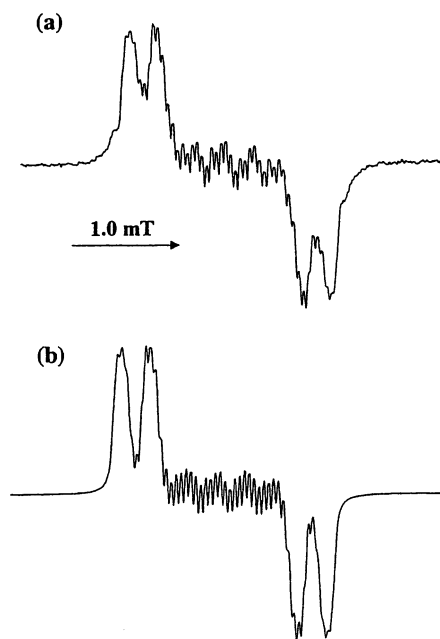


FIGURE 6. ESR spectrum of **4-d₄** in benzene measured at room temperature: (a) observed spectrum and (b) computer simulation. The hfc constant for *tert*-butyl protons was not input in the computer simulation.

Ab Initio Molecular Orbital Calculations. Ab initio molecular orbital (MO) calculations based on the density functional theory were performed for **4** by the UBecke3LYP method using the STO 6-31G basis set. In the above calculations Gaussian 98W was used,¹³ and the MO calculations are performed using the X-ray crystallographic structure. The total atomic spin densities are shown in Figure 7, and the calculated hfc constants are shown in Table 2. Although there is a rather large discrepancy between the calculated and observed a_N , the calculated proton hfc constants are in good agreement with the observed ones. Accordingly, the present MO calculations provide reliable results, revealing that the unpaired electron is extensively delocalized over the whole of the radical molecule.

Although it is important to determine the spin density on the oxygen for oxyaminyl radicals, the ESR method is incompetent because the natural abundance of ¹⁷O isotope is very low (0.037%). One of the convenient and reliable methods is the MO calculations at a high quality level. The present MO calculations based on the density functional theory predict 0.096 for the spin density on the oxygen. This value is much lower than that of **1** (0.146). This is clearly explained by an extensive delocalization of the unpaired electron onto the pyrene ring.

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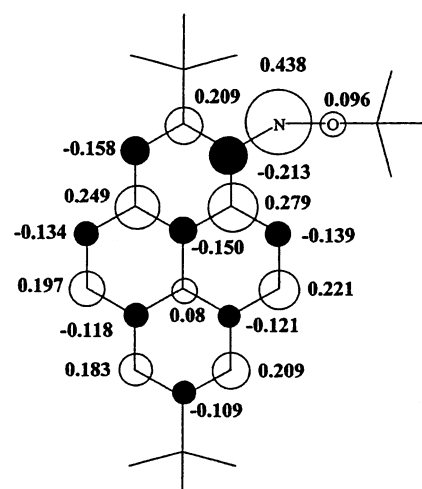
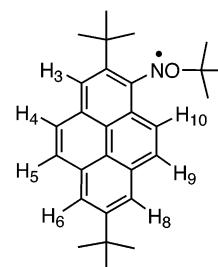


FIGURE 7. The total atomic spin densities in **4** calculated by the DFT UBecke 3LYP method using the STO 6-31G basis set.

TABLE 2. Comparison of the Experimental and Calculated Hfc Constants for **4**



| position | calcd hfc const ^{a,b} | obsd hfc const ^{a,c} |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| N | 1.0644 | 0.672 |
| O | -0.7601 | |
| H ₃ | 0.2930 | 0.164 |
| H ₄ | 0.2381 | 0.147 or 0.154 |
| H ₅ | -0.4372 | 0.360 or 0.407 |
| H ₆ | -0.4067 | 0.331 or 0.340 |
| H ₈ | -0.4624 | 0.340 or 0.331 |
| H ₉ | -0.5039 | 0.407 or 0.360 |
| H ₁₀ | 0.2604 | 0.154 or 0.147 |

^a The hfc constants are expressed in mT. ^b The MO calculations are performed at the DFT UBecke 3LYP/STO 6-31G level. ^c The observed hfc constants are shown as absolute values.

Magnetic Susceptibility Measurements. The magnetic properties of the isolated butoxyaminyl radicals **4** and **5** were measured with a SQUID magnetometer using polycrystalline samples in the temperature range 1.8–300 K. The diamagnetic contributions were estimated using Pascal's constants. The radical samples were twice recrystallized from MeOH (**4**) or MeOH-EtOAc (**5**). The purities of **4** and **5** determined by ESR were 93 and 95%, respectively.

The χ_{mol} vs T plots for **4** are depicted in Figure 8. The purity of **4** determined by SQUID was 90%, which was somewhat lower than that determined by ESR. The χ_{mol} value increases with decreasing temperature and gives a maximum at 10 K. Below 10 K, the χ_{mol} value decreases a little and again increases. This increase is due to the presence of the defects in the crystals. The χ_{mol} vs T plots were analyzed with the alternating linear chain model

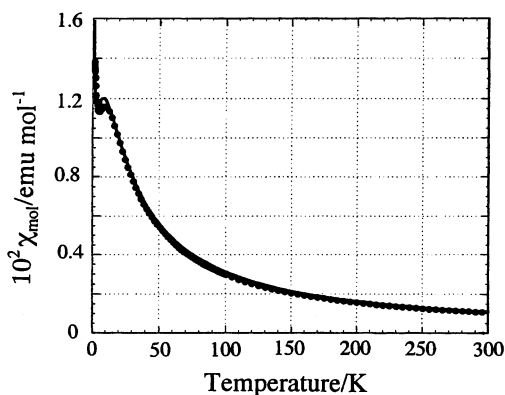


FIGURE 8. The χ_{mol} vs T plots for **4**. The solid line indicates the values calculated by the modified alternating linear chain model (eq 1) with $2J/k_B = -20$ K, $\alpha = 0.83$, and $x = 0.06$.

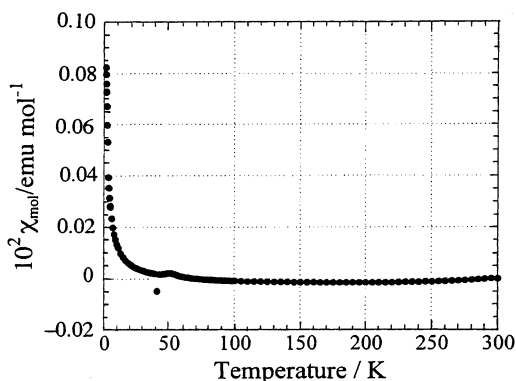


FIGURE 9. The χ_{mol} vs T plots for **5**.

described by eq 1. In eq 1, the presence of the Curie paramagnetic components is taken into account. The best fit of the theoretical curve with the experimental results gave $2J/k_B = -20$ K, $\alpha = 0.83$, and $x = 0.06$.

$$H = -(0.90 - x)2J \sum (S_{2i-1} \cdot S_{2i} + \alpha S_{2i} \cdot S_{2i+1}) + xC/T \quad (1)$$

Radical **5** showed an unusually strong antiferromagnetic interaction. As found in Figure 9, the χ_{mol} value was already ≈ 0 emu mol $^{-1}$ at 300 K, indicating that the absolute value of the antiferromagnetic interaction, $|2J/k_B|$, is much larger than 300 K.

The magnetic behavior of **4** and **5** was explained by their crystal structures. In Figure 10, the crystal structure of **4** is depicted. The shortest distance between the neighboring radical molecules is found for C8- -C12', whose distance is 4.05 Å. The second shortest distance of 4.26 Å is found for C6- -C10'. According to the McConnell mechanism, the relative signs of the spin densities on those atoms are opposite each other.¹⁴ This leads to the intermolecular antiferromagnetic interaction between the neighboring radical molecules, which agrees with the observed antiferromagnetic results. However, there is a discrepancy between the magnetic behavior and the X-ray results. Although Figure 10 shows that **4** has a uniform chain structure at room temperature, the magnetic behavior is better described by the alternating

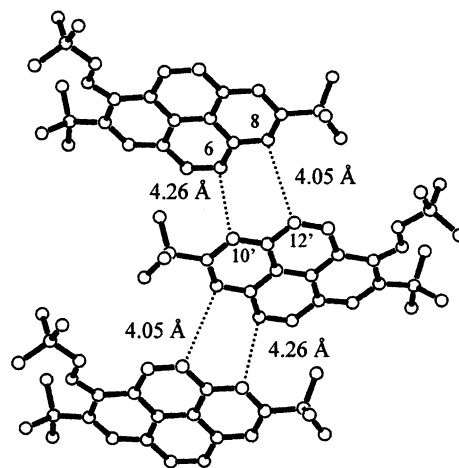


FIGURE 10. The crystal structure of **4**.

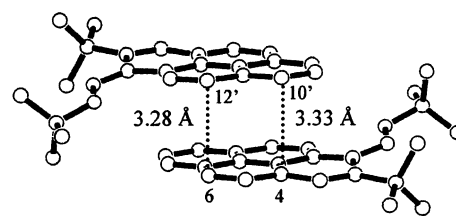


FIGURE 11. The crystal structure of **5**.

model. For this discrepancy, a plausible explanation is the breaking of the uniform chain structure of the crystal at low temperatures. Another possible explanation may be the presence of the diamagnetic (10%) components, which break intermolecular interaction.

Figure 11 shows that **5** forms a dimer in which the two radical molecules face in an antisymmetric fashion. The shortest intermolecular distance within the dimer is found for C6- -C12', whose distance is 3.28 Å. On the other hand, the shortest distance between the dimers is more than 6.0 Å, which is too long for interaction. According to the McConnell mechanism, the intermolecular interaction within the dimer should be antiferromagnetic. Since the spin densities on C6 and C12' are very high and the two radicals contact through the short distance between C6 and C12', the observed very strong antiferromagnetic interaction can be well explained by its crystal structure.

Conclusions

In this study two kinds of pyrene ring bearing *N*-tert-butoxyaminyls, **4** and **5**, were isolated as radical crystals. The nitrogen and proton hyperfine coupling constants were unequivocally determined by measuring the ESR and ^1H ENDOR/TRIPLE resonance spectra. The pyrene ring proton hyperfine coupling constants were assigned with the aid of a partially deuterated radical. The X-ray crystallographic analyses were performed for **4** and **5**, showing that both radicals adopt a planar conformation. The magnetic susceptibility measurements were performed for the isolated radicals. Radical **4** showed a weak antiferromagnetic interaction, and the antiferromagnetic behavior was analyzed with the alternating linear chain model, giving $2J/k_B = -20$ K and $\alpha = 0.83$. On the other

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hand, **5** showed a strong antiferromagnetic interaction ($|2J/k_B| > 300$ K). The magnetic interactions observed for **4** and **5** were well explained by their crystal structures.

Experimental Section

General. IR, UV–vis, ^1H NMR, and ESR spectra were recorded as previously reported.¹⁵ ^1H ENDOR measurements were carried out on a Bruker 300/350 ENDOR spectrometer equipped with a TM₀₁₁ mode microwave cavity operating at X-band. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were performed with a Quantum Design MPMS2 magnetometer using polycrystalline samples in the temperature range 1.8–300 K. The diamagnetic components were estimated by Pascal's sum rule.

Materials. 2-*tert*-Butyl-1-aminopyrene,⁹ 7-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene,⁸ 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene,⁸ and 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene-4,5,9,10-*d*₄¹⁰ (*d* content 87%) were prepared by our previously reported methods. *tert*-Butyl peroxybenzoate (Aldrich) was commercially available and used without purification. Alumina column chromatography was performed on Merck aluminum oxide 90.

N-*tert*-Butoxy-2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-pyrenylaminyl (4). A solution of 0.880 g (2.67 mmol) of 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene in 50 mL of anhyd THF was cooled to -78°C under N_2 , and 1.9 mL (2.9 mmol) of a butyllithium hexane solution (1.55 M) was added with a syringe. After being stirred for 10 min at the same temperature, a solution of 1.71 g (8.80 mmol) of *tert*-butyl peroxybenzoate in 10 mL of anhyd THF was added with a syringe. After being stirred for 1.5 h at the same temperature, the mixture was raised to $\sim 0^\circ\text{C}$ and water was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with benzene, and the benzene layer was washed with brine and dried over anhyd MgSO_4 . After filtration, the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was column chromatographed on alumina with 1:4 benzene–hexane. Recrystallization from MeOH gave dark red plates with mp $129\text{--}130^\circ\text{C}$ in 27% yield (0.288 g, 0.720 mmol). UV–vis (benzene) λ (ϵ) 301 (8430), 357 (12300), 406 (25000), 428 nm ($29300\text{ L mol}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-1}$). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}$: C, 83.95; H, 8.56; N, 3.50. Found: C, 83.99; H, 8.58; N, 3.54.

N-*tert*-Butoxy-2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-pyrenylaminyl-4,5,9,10-*d*₄ (4-*d*₄). In the same procedure as for **4**, this partly deuterated pyrenylaminyl radical was prepared from 2,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene-4,5,9,10-*d*₄. Recrystallization from MeOH gave dark green plates with mp $126\text{--}128^\circ\text{C}$ in 15% yield. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{D}_4\text{NO}$: C, 83.12; H, 7.47; N, 3.46. Found: C, 83.01; H, 7.23; N, 3.52.

N-*tert*-Butoxy-2-*tert*-butyl-1-pyrenylaminyl (5). A solution of 0.730 g (2.67 mmol) of 2-*tert*-butyl-1-aminopyrene in 50 mL of anhyd THF was cooled to -78°C under N_2 , and 1.9 mL (2.9 mmol) of a butyllithium hexane solution (1.55 M) was added with a syringe. After the mixture was stirred for 10 min at the same temperature, a solution of 1.71 g (8.80 mmol) of *tert*-butyl peroxybenzoate in 10 mL of anhyd THF was added with a syringe. After being stirred for 1.5 h at the same temperature, the mixture was raised to $\sim 0^\circ\text{C}$ and water was

added. The reaction mixture was extracted with benzene, and the benzene extract was washed with brine and dried over anhyd MgSO_4 . After filtration, the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was column chromatographed on alumina with 1:4 benzene–hexane. Recrystallization from MeOH–EtOAc gave dark green plates with mp $163\text{--}164^\circ\text{C}$ in 23% yield (0.213 g, 0.618 mmol). UV–vis (benzene) λ (ϵ) 300 (7670), 357 (12000), 403 (22100), 422 nm ($25800\text{ L mol}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-1}$). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$: C, 83.68; H, 7.61; N, 4.07. Found: C, 83.77; H, 7.74; N, 3.92.

X-ray Crystallographic Analyses. All measurements were made on a Rigaku AFC7R diffractometer with graphite monochromated $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71069\text{ \AA}$) at $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$.

4: a dark platelet crystal of $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}$ having approximate dimensions of $0.60 \times 0.60 \times 0.10\text{ mm}^3$; orthorhombic space group P_{bca} (no. 61), $a = 37.676(7)\text{ \AA}$, $b = 11.766(4)\text{ \AA}$, $c = 10.851(6)\text{ \AA}$, $V = 4809(6)\text{ \AA}^3$, $D = 1.106\text{ g cm}^{-3}$. Of the 15505 reflections measured 7039 were unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.059$), 2987 of which were considered as observed ($I > 1.50\sigma(I)$). The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR92)¹⁶ and expanded using Fourier techniques.¹⁷ The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and all hydrogen atoms were placed at the calculated positions and not refined. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement was based on 2987 observed reflections and 299 variable parameters and converged with unweighted and weighted agreement factors of $R = 0.075^{18}$ and $R_w = 0.134$.¹⁹ GOF = 1.33.²⁰

5: a green platelet crystal of $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ (344.48) having approximate dimensions of $0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.20\text{ mm}^3$; monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 16.0862(7)\text{ \AA}$, $b = 9.9106(3)\text{ \AA}$, $c = 12.1183(5)\text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.891(4)^\circ$, $V = 1931.7(1)\text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $D_c = 1.184\text{ g cm}^{-3}$. Of the 16827 reflections measured 4211 were unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$), 2872 of which were considered as observed ($I > 3.00\sigma(I)$). The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR92)¹⁶ and expanded using Fourier techniques.¹⁷ The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed in the fixed position and not refined. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement was based on 2872 observed reflections and 339 variable parameters and converged with unweighted and weighted agreement factors of $R = 0.085^{18}$ and $R_w = 0.131$.¹⁹ GOF = 1.90.²⁰

Supporting Information Available: X-ray crystallographic data; tables of atomic coordinates, thermal parameters, bond lengths, bond angles, and torsion angles for **4** and **5**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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