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Abstract The electrochemical oxidation of BEDT-TTF (bis(ethylenedithio)-tetrathiafulvalene) in 1,1,2-trichloroethane solution in the presence of (n-Bu₄N)BrO₄ as supporting electrolyte produces three distinct morphologies: needles, thick plates, and thin plates. These crystal habits have been identified with different crystallographic phases: needles as (BEDT-TTF)₂BrO₄, thick plates as (BEDT-TTF)₂(BrO₄)(TCE)_{0.5}, and thin plates as (BEDT-TTF)₃(BrO₄)₂. The structural characterization and conductivity for these materials is presented.

INTRODUCTION

Research on BEDT-TTF organic metals has been stimulated by the discovery of metallic conductivity (to 1.4 K) in (BEDT-TTF)₂(ClO₄)(1,1,2-trichloroethane)_{0.5}¹ and the subsequent report of pressure induced superconductivity in the non-solvated (BEDT-TTF)₂(ReO₄), derivative (T_c = 2 K, at p > 4 kbar).² The structural and electrical properties of the needle phase of (BEDT-TTF)₂(BrO₄), isostructural with (BEDT-TTF)₂(BrO₄) have been previously presented.³ We report here the structural results for the two plate phases, (BEDT-TTF)₂(BrO₄)(TCE)_{0.5}, which is isostructural with (BEDT-TTF)₂(ClO₄)(TCE)_{0.5},⁴ and (BEDT-TTF)₃(BrO₄)₂ which is isostructural with the 3:2 ClO₄⁻ derivative.⁵

EXPERIMENTAL

Crystallographic and data collection parameters are given in Table I. The crystal structures were solved by direct methods (MULTAN) and refined with full-matrix least squares to the R-factors given in Table I. Four-probe conductivity measurements show that (BEDT-TTF)₃(BrO₄)₂ is metallic above 210 K and that the resistivity rises sharply below 50 K.

TABLE I Summary of Crystal Data, Data Collection Parameters, and Least-Squares Residuals for (BEDT-TTF)₂BrO₄(TCR)_{0.5} and (BEDT-TTF)₃(BrO₄)₂

formula	(C ₁₀ H ₈ S ₈) ₂ BrO ₄ (C ₂ H ₃ Cl ₃) _{0.5}	(C ₁₀ H ₈ S ₈) ₃ (BrO ₄) ₂
space group	P1	P1
Z	2	1
temperature	125±1K	298
lattice param.		
a, Å	7.656(2)	7.670(1) Å
b, Å	12.957(4)	9.550(2) Å
c, Å	18.590(2)	16.686(2) Å
α, deg.	109.6(2)	89.38(1) ^a
β, deg.	90.2(2)	87.02(1) ^a
γ, deg.	105.1(2)	83.87(1) ^a
V, Å ³	1668.4(8)	1213.6(5) Å
d _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.95	1.97 g/cm ³
cryst. size, mm	0.19 x 0.58 x 0.65	0.36 x 0.44 x 0.02
μ(MoKα), cm ⁻¹	24.15	26.94
transmission factors	0.374–0.657	0.45 – 0.94
data collection instrument	Syntex P2 ₁ (graphite-monochromator)	
	λ(MoKα) = 0.71073 Å	
scan method	θ–2θ, variable scan rate	ω-scans, variable rate
data collection range	0° < 2θ < 60°	4 ^b < 2θ < 50 ^b
no. of unique data	8070	4274
no. of unique data F _o > 3σ(F _o)	7297	3333
no. of param. refined	397	486
R _a	0.068	0.046
R _b	0.090	0.041
goodness of fit ^c	4.480	1.57

$$^a R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|, \quad ^b R_w = [w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}.$$

$$^c \text{goodness-of-fit} = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / (N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{param}})]^{1/2}.$$

DISCUSSION

These materials contain segregated stacks of donor and acceptor molecules possessing significant intermolecular S-S interactions (less than the van der Waals sum of 3.6 Å) which form a 2-dimensional sheet network. For $(\text{BEDT-TTF})_2(\text{BrO}_4)(\text{TCE})_{0.5}$ the anions are ordered but a disordered solvent molecule is located at a center of symmetry in the unit cell (see Figure 1). Disorder is also observed in the ethylene carbon atoms of the BEDT-TTF molecule. However in the $(\text{BEDT-TTF})_3(\text{BrO}_4)_2$ structure both the BEDT-TTF molecule and BrO_4^- anion are ordered (see Figure 2). The metal-insulator transition observed in the 3:2 phase is similar to the 190K M-I transition⁵ observed in $(\text{BEDT-TTF})_3(\text{ClO}_4)_2$.

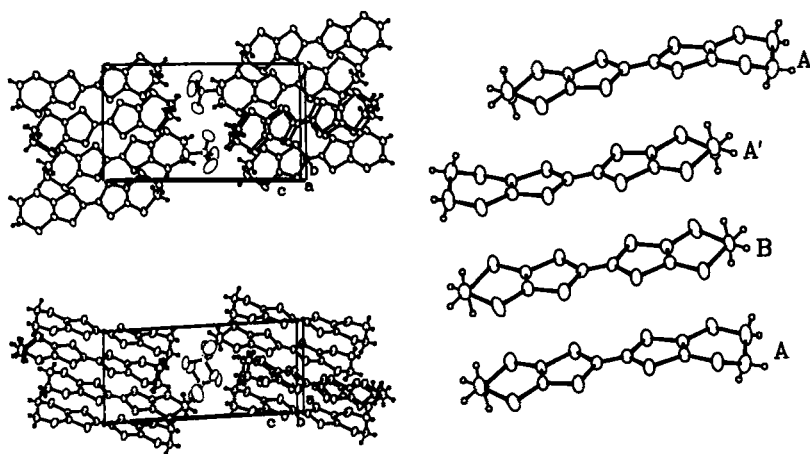


FIGURE 1 Unit cell and side-by-side arrangement of BEDT-TTF molecules in $(\text{BEDT-TTF})_2(\text{BrO}_4)(\text{TCE})_{0.5}$.

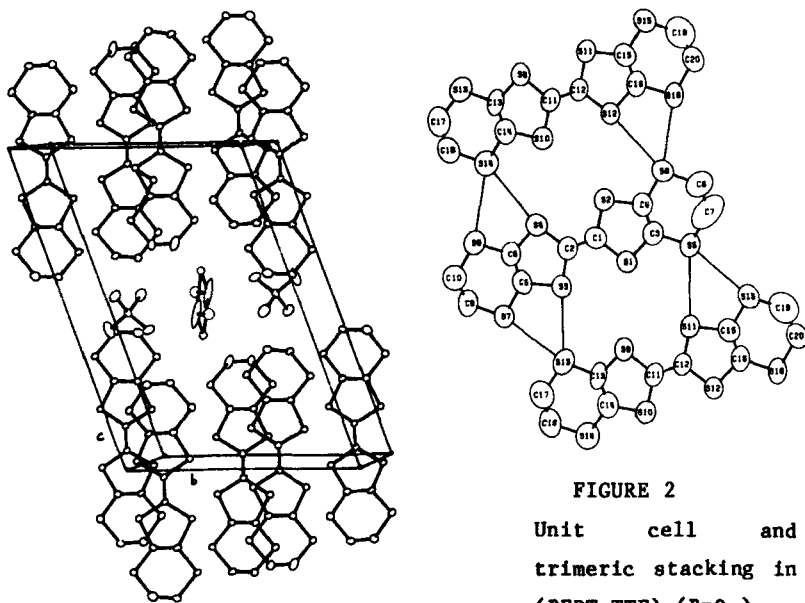


FIGURE 2
Unit cell and
trimeric stacking in
(BEDT-TTF)₃(BrO₄)₂.

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