

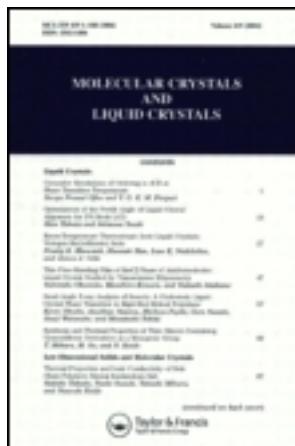
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SYNTHESIS, STRUCTURE AND ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY OF (BEDT-TTF)_x(BrO₄)_y ORGANIC METALS

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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)₂(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(ClO₄), 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 $(BEDT-TTF)_3(\text{BrO}_4)_2$ 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 $(BEDT-TTF)_2\text{BrO}_4(\text{TCB})_{0.5}$ and $(BEDT-TTF)_3(\text{BrO}_4)_2$

formula	$(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{8}\text{S}_8)_2\text{BrO}_4(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{Cl}_3)_{0.5}$	$(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{8}\text{S}_8)_3(\text{BrO}_4)_2$
space group	P1	P1
<i>Z</i>	2	1
temperature	125±1K	298
lattice param.		
<i>a</i> , Å	7.656(2)	7.670(1) Å
<i>b</i> , Å	12.957(4)	9.550(2) Å
<i>c</i> , Å	18.590(2)	16.686(2) Å
α , deg.	109.6(2)	89.38(1)°
β , deg.	90.2(2)	87.02(1)°
γ , deg.	105.1(2)	83.87(1)°
<i>V</i> , Å ³	1668.4(8)	1213.6(5) Å
<i>d</i> _{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
$\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha)$, cm ⁻¹	24.15	26.94
transmission factors	0.374-0.657	0.45 - 0.94
data collection instrument	Syntex P2 (graphite-monochromator)	
	$\lambda(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.71073$ Å	
scan method	0-2θ, variable scan rate	w-scans, variable rate
data collection range	0° < 2θ < 60°	40° < 2θ < 50°
no. of unique data	8070	4274
no. of unique data $ F_o > 3\sigma(F_o)$	7297	3333
no. of param. refined	397	486
R_{w}	0.068	0.046
R_{p}	0.090	0.041
goodness of fit ^c	4.480	1.57

$$^a R = \sum | |F_o| - |F_c| | / \sum |F_o| .$$

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

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

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 $(BEDT-TTF)_2(BrO_4)(TCE)_{0.5}$ 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 $(BEDT-TTF)_3(BrO_4)_2$ 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 $(BEDT-TTF)_3(ClO_4)_2$.

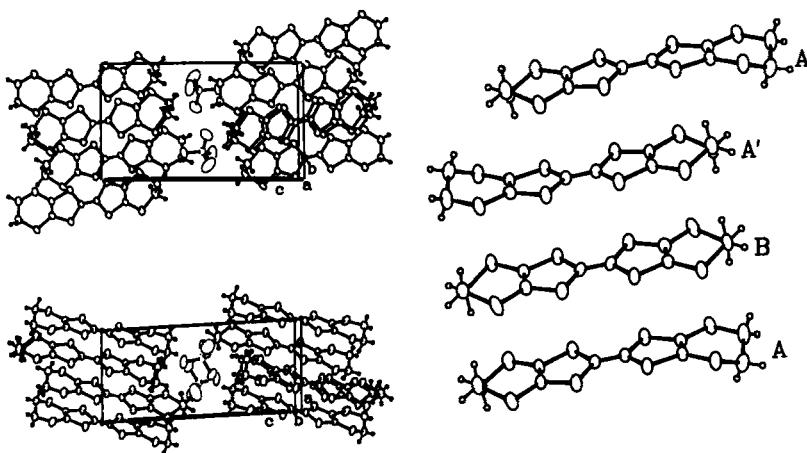


FIGURE 1 Unit cell and side-by-side arrangement of BEDT-TTF molecules in $(BEDT-TTF)_2(BrO_4)(TCE)_{0.5}$.

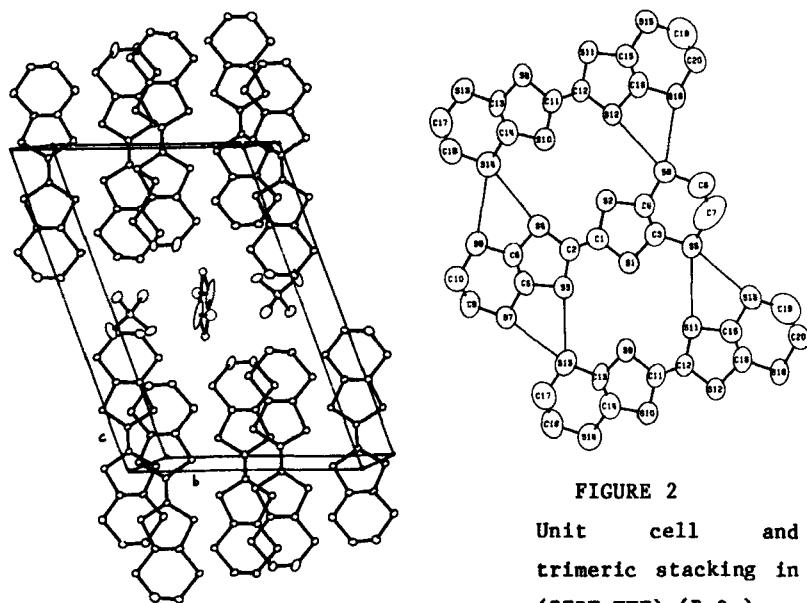


FIGURE 2
Unit cell and
trimeric stacking in
 $(BEDT-TTF)_3(BrO_4)_2$.

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