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Abstract The crystal structure of the charge-transfer complex between 1,6-dithiapyrene(DTP) and 7,7,8,8-tetracyano-p-quinodimethane(TCNQ) is reported. The structure correlates well with the observed physical properties.

INTRODUCTION

The charge-transfer complex between DTP and TCNQ (1:1 stoichiometry) has recently been prepared¹. This material exhibits metallic conductivity down to 4 K with no apparent metal-insulator transition ($\sigma(300\text{ K}) = 130\text{ ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$). In order to obtain a better understanding of its physical properties a crystal structure study was initiated.

CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC RESULTS

The crystals are triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, with $a = 3.833$, $b = 8.106$, $c = 15.605\text{ Å}$, $\alpha = 89.77^\circ$, $\beta = 83.96^\circ$, $\gamma = 84.77^\circ$. $V = 480.1\text{ Å}^3$, $Z = 1$. Refinement to $R = 0.044$. Atomic coordinates are listed in Table 1². The resulting bond lengths are given in Figs. 1 and 2.

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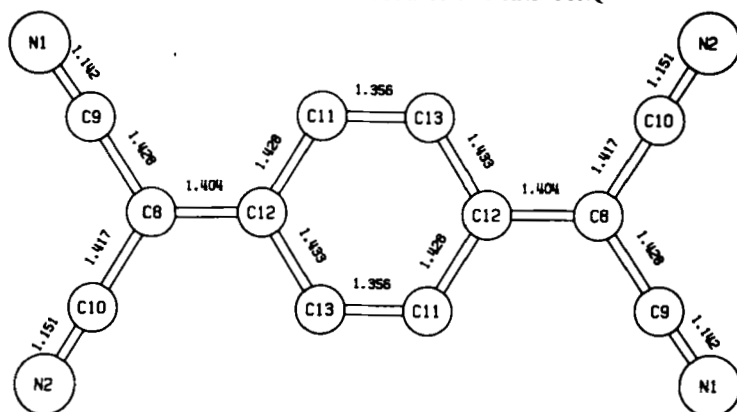


FIGURE 2 Bond lengths (Å) in TCNQ (centrosymmetric)
Esd's ≈ 0.03 Å.

The structure consists of regular, segregated stacks of DTP and TCNQ as shown in Figs 3 and 4. The molecules are nearly parallel with their normals inclined about 30° to the stacking axis (a). The interplanar spacing is 3.39 Å for DTP and 3.27 Å for TCNQ. The shortest transverse contacts between stacks are two S-N distances of 3.40 and 3.41 Å.

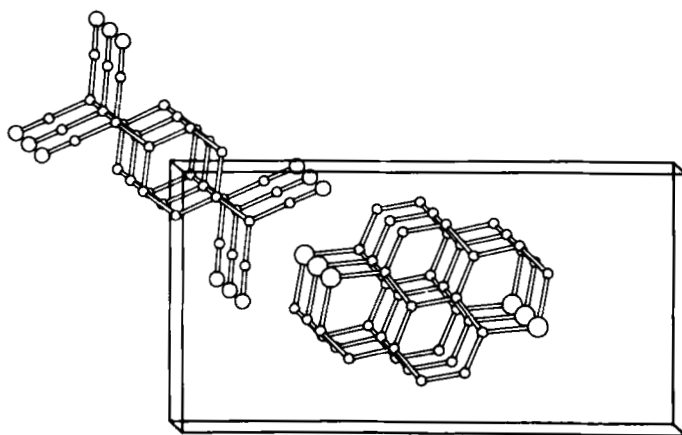


FIGURE 3 Top view (along a) of stacks.

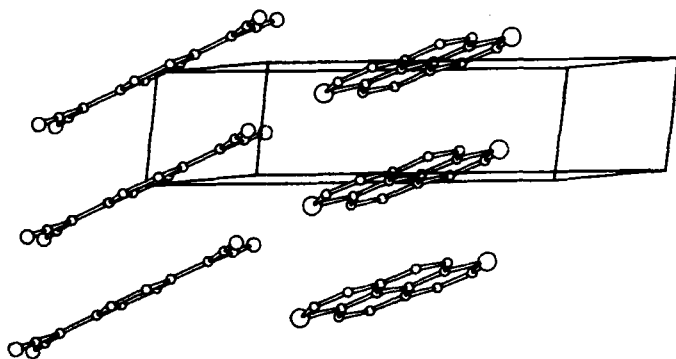


FIGURE 4 Side view of stacks.

DISCUSSION

The two S-N contacts just mentioned are longer than the normal van der Waals distance of 3.35 Å. These weak interactions indicate a fairly high degree of one-dimensionality, which is corroborated by the observed ESR linewidth ($\Delta H = 5.3$ G). The charge transfer from DTP to TCNQ can be estimated from the bond lengths in TCNQ³ yielding a value of 0.66 e in good agreement with a value of 0.64 e derived from IR measurements. The negative thermopower ($S(300\text{ K}) = -34\text{ }\mu\text{V}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$) suggests dominance of acceptor stacks. An optic plasma frequency of 8500 cm^{-1} points to a slightly smaller molecular overlap than in TTF-TCNQ, which is in accord with the interplanar distances (3.27 Å vs. 3.17 Å⁴ for TCNQ stacks).

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