

# The Structures of Di(2,3,6,7-tetramethyl-1,4,5,8-tetraselenafulvalenium)\* Perrhenate, $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$ , and Perchlorate, $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$

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## Abstract

The structure of  $2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{Se}_4^{1/2+} \cdot X^-$  with  $X = \text{ReO}_4^-$  has been determined at 295 and at 120 K and with  $X = \text{ClO}_4^-$  at 295 K. These compounds belong to a series of mixed-valence cation-radical salts  $(\text{TMTSF})_2X$ , and are isostructural with  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{PF}_6^-$  (space group  $P\bar{1}$ ).  $X = \text{ReO}_4^-$  at 295 K:  $a = 7.284 (3)$ ,  $b = 7.751 (1)$ ,  $c = 13.483 (1) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 83.23 (1)$ ,  $\beta = 86.56 (2)$ ,  $\gamma = 70.08 (2)^\circ$ ,  $Z = 1$ ,  $V = 710.5 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $D_x = 2.679$ ,  $D_m$  (flotation in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ ) =  $2.77 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 14.107 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ . Least-squares refinement of the structure gave  $R = 0.045$  and  $R_w = 0.052$  for 1883 reflections.  $X = \text{ReO}_4^-$  at 120 K:  $a = 7.154 (3)$ ,  $b = 7.710 (3)$ ,  $c = 13.310 (9) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 83.88 (5)$ ,  $\beta = 88.41 (5)$ ,  $\gamma = 69.12 (4)^\circ$ ,  $V = 681.9 \text{ \AA}^3$ .  $R = 0.044$  and  $R_w = 0.047$  for 694 reflections.  $X = \text{ClO}_4^-$ :  $a = 7.266 (1)$ ,  $b = 7.678 (1)$ ,  $c = 13.275 (2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 84.58 (1)$ ,  $\beta = 86.73 (1)$ ,  $\gamma = 70.43 (1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 694.4 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $D_x = 2.380$ ,  $D_m = 2.39 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 10.363 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ .  $R = 0.055$  and  $R_w = 0.069$  for 2285 reflections. At 295 K the  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  ions are positioned at sites of inversion symmetry, and, therefore, have two different, but symmetrically equivalent, orientations which are randomly occupied. At 120 K a doubling of all three axes indicates an ordering of the  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  anions with alternating orientations along the axial directions. Only the average structure is reported in this paper.

## Introduction

$(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  and  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$  belong to a series of isostructural, organic mixed-valence cation-radical salts  $(\text{TMTSF})_2X$ ,  $X = \text{ReO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{BF}_4^-$ ,  $\text{PF}_6^-$ ,  $\text{AsF}_6^-$  etc. (Bechgaard, Jacobsen, Mortensen, Pedersen & Thorup, 1980), the physical properties of which have attracted much attention.  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$  becomes superconducting at about 1 K and ambient pressure

(Bechgaard, Caneiro, Rasmussen, Olsen, Rindorf, Jacobsen, Pedersen & Scott, 1981). The other salts of this series also exhibit superconductivity around 1 K, but only under a hydrostatic pressure of the order of 1 GPa.  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  also differs from the perchlorate by having a sharp metal-to-insulator transition at 182 K (Jacobsen, Pedersen, Mortensen, Rindorf, Thorup, Torrance & Bechgaard, 1982). These differences in the physical properties between  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  and  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$  make it very important to compare carefully the two structures. It is also of interest to investigate the structure of  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  at a temperature below the transition temperature, to find out whether the transition also involves any structural change.

## Experimental

$(\text{TMTSF})_2X$  with  $X = \text{ReO}_4^-$  and  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ , prepared as described earlier (Bechgaard *et al.*, 1981), were supplied by Dr K. Bechgaard. Unit-cell dimensions were determined (25 centered reflections) and intensity measurements obtained on an Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer: graphite-monochromatized Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ );  $\omega$ -scan technique ( $\Delta = 1.00^\circ + 0.35^\circ \tan \theta$ ) (further details are deposited); space group  $P\bar{1}$  rather than  $P1$  from intensity statistics and structure refinements; correction for Lorentz, polarization, and absorption effects; correction for the intensity decrease of control reflections by fitting an exponential-type function to the intensity *vs* time observations.

The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix minimization of  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  using the program system *SHELX* (Sheldrick, 1976). Neutral-atom scattering factors and anomalous-dispersion corrections for Se and Re were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974); for other atoms the values contained in *SHELX* (Sheldrick, 1976) were used. Difference electron density maps did not reveal satisfactory positions for the methyl H atoms for any of the structures; this is probably due to the high Se content. Therefore, H

\* Recommended IUPAC name: di(4,4',5,5'-tetramethyl- $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bi-1,3-diselenolylidene)ium.

Table 1. Fractional coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\times 10^3$ ) for  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  at 295 K

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{eq}$ ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )		$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{eq}$ ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )
Se(1)	2988 (2)	3392 (1)	6142 (1)	39 (1)	Se(1)	2973 (1)	3426 (1)	6150 (1)	35 (1)
Se(2)	1640 (2)	7466 (1)	5108 (1)	39 (1)	Se(2)	1639 (1)	7496 (1)	5110 (1)	34 (1)
Se(11)	3711 (2)	1765 (1)	3874 (1)	38 (1)	Se(11)	3730 (1)	1707 (1)	3840 (1)	33 (1)
Se(12)	2276 (2)	5846 (1)	2826 (1)	38 (1)	Se(12)	2295 (1)	5784 (1)	2792 (1)	33 (1)
C(1)	2264 (14)	5347 (14)	6967 (7)	38 (3)	C(1)	2225 (11)	5430 (10)	6997 (6)	31 (2)
C(2)	1667 (15)	7058 (14)	6531 (7)	35 (3)	C(2)	1653 (11)	7164 (11)	6529 (7)	34 (2)
C(3)	2502 (15)	4961 (12)	4927 (7)	32 (2)	C(3)	2527 (12)	4942 (10)	4944 (7)	36 (2)
C(4)	1002 (17)	8844 (14)	7011 (8)	46 (3)	C(4)	1003 (13)	8928 (11)	7033 (8)	44 (2)
C(5)	2394 (17)	4750 (16)	8060 (8)	48 (3)	C(5)	2338 (14)	4876 (12)	8087 (7)	46 (2)
C(11)	3693 (16)	2162 (14)	2454 (8)	42 (3)	C(11)	3710 (12)	2036 (11)	2420 (7)	35 (2)
C(12)	3102 (15)	3871 (15)	2012 (7)	38 (3)	C(12)	3118 (12)	3785 (11)	1957 (6)	34 (2)
C(13)	2782 (14)	4269 (12)	4048 (7)	31 (2)	C(13)	2814 (11)	4262 (10)	3986 (7)	32 (2)
C(14)	3015 (18)	4405 (16)	915 (8)	56 (3)	C(14)	2986 (15)	4271 (13)	841 (7)	48 (2)
C(15)	4413 (18)	411 (15)	1940 (9)	54 (3)	C(15)	4448 (14)	280 (12)	1878 (7)	47 (2)
Re	0	0	0	58 (1)	Cl	0	0	0	80 (2)
O(1)	-338 (28)	-1785 (25)	-488 (15)	92 (3)	O(1)	-397 (23)	-1426 (21)	-457 (13)	89 (2)
O(2)	1309 (32)	-1049 (30)	1001 (19)	124 (3)	O(2)	1018 (30)	-876 (29)	907 (20)	173 (3)
O(3)	711 (31)	1190 (29)	-869 (20)	126 (3)	O(3)	687 (31)	1054 (28)	-640 (24)	186 (3)
O(4)	-2215 (31)	1327 (30)	304 (19)	132 (3)	O(4)	-1950 (24)	1134 (22)	322 (16)	109 (3)

Table 2. Fractional coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic thermal parameters ( $\times 10^3$ ) for  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  at 120 K

For Se and Re atoms  $U_{eq} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$ .

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{eq}$ or $U$ ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )
Se(1)	3084 (4)	3378 (3)	6151 (2)	17 (1)
Se(2)	1579 (4)	7495 (3)	5110 (2)	17 (1)
Se(11)	3733 (4)	1746 (3)	3863 (2)	18 (1)
Se(12)	2145 (4)	5871 (4)	2802 (2)	18 (1)
C(1)	2322 (34)	5370 (29)	6998 (21)	15 (6)
C(2)	1709 (34)	7084 (30)	6553 (20)	12 (5)
C(3)	2475 (35)	4982 (32)	4938 (23)	16 (6)
C(4)	1104 (36)	8851 (32)	7033 (22)	19 (6)
C(5)	2543 (37)	4720 (33)	8045 (24)	24 (6)
C(11)	3622 (36)	2221 (34)	2431 (23)	25 (6)
C(12)	2958 (37)	3924 (34)	1980 (24)	23 (6)
C(13)	2727 (37)	4272 (34)	4090 (24)	25 (6)
C(14)	2859 (38)	4371 (35)	883 (24)	26 (6)
C(15)	4423 (37)	340 (33)	1880 (23)	25 (6)
Re	0	0	0	23 (1)
O(1)	-80 (56)	-1816 (51)	-695 (38)	50 (10)
O(2)	1246 (46)	-1118 (43)	1054 (28)	25 (8)
O(3)	984 (55)	1335 (53)	-730 (37)	54 (10)
O(4)	-2465 (51)	1397 (47)	289 (35)	42 (9)

atoms have been omitted in the present studies. The condition for absorption corrections and the final  $R$  values are deposited. Final positional and thermal parameters are given in Tables 1, 2 and 3.\*

\* Lists of experimental and computational conditions, structure factors and anisotropic thermal parameters have been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 36955 (29 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

Table 3. Fractional coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\times 10^3$ ) for  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$  at 295 K

$$U_{eq} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{eq}$ ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )
Se(1)	2973 (1)	3426 (1)	6150 (1)	35 (1)
Se(2)	1639 (1)	7496 (1)	5110 (1)	34 (1)
Se(11)	3730 (1)	1707 (1)	3840 (1)	33 (1)
Se(12)	2295 (1)	5784 (1)	2792 (1)	33 (1)
C(1)	2225 (11)	5430 (10)	6997 (6)	31 (2)
C(2)	1653 (11)	7164 (11)	6529 (7)	34 (2)
C(3)	2527 (12)	4942 (10)	4944 (7)	36 (2)
C(4)	1003 (13)	8928 (11)	7033 (8)	44 (2)
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C(11)	3710 (12)	2036 (11)	2420 (7)	35 (2)
C(12)	3118 (12)	3785 (11)	1957 (6)	34 (2)
C(13)	2814 (11)	4262 (10)	3986 (7)	32 (2)
C(14)	2986 (15)	4271 (13)	841 (7)	48 (2)
C(15)	4448 (14)	280 (12)	1878 (7)	47 (2)
Cl	0	0	0	80 (2)
O(1)	-397 (23)	-1426 (21)	-457 (13)	89 (2)
O(2)	1018 (30)	-876 (29)	907 (20)	173 (3)
O(3)	687 (31)	1054 (28)	-640 (24)	186 (3)
O(4)	-1950 (24)	1134 (22)	322 (16)	109 (3)

Subsequent structure-analysis calculations were performed with the XRAY system (Stewart, Kruger, Ammon, Dickinson & Hall, 1972). ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) was used to produce the illustrations.

### Description of the structure and discussion

#### Geometry of the TMTSF molecule

In Fig. 1 is shown the numbering of the atoms. Bond lengths and angles are given in Tables 4 and 5. The

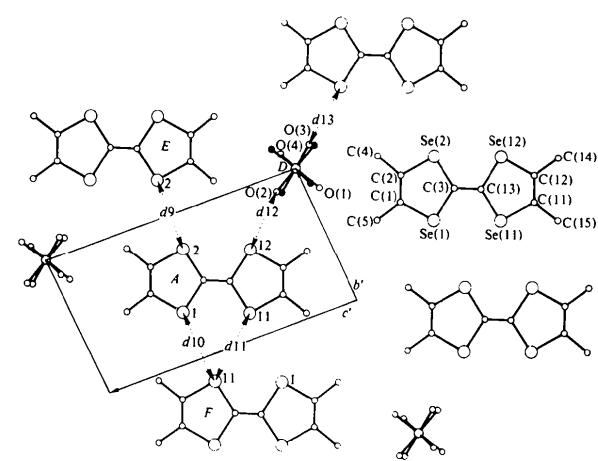


Fig. 1. TMTSF molecule with atom numbering corresponding to Tables 1-5. The view is along  $\mathbf{a}$  showing numbering corresponding to Table 6 for shorter interstack distances (Se-Se and Se-O).  $b'$  and  $c'$  are projections of  $b$  and  $c$  respectively. The symmetry operations are:  $A(x,y,z)$ ,  $D$  ('white' atoms:  $x, 1+y, z$ ),  $E(-x, 2-y, 1-z)$  and  $F(1-x, -y, 1-z)$ .

Table 4. Bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) in the TMTSF molecule

	(TMTSF) <sub>2</sub> ReO <sub>4</sub> 295 K	(TMTSF) <sub>2</sub> ReO <sub>4</sub> 120 K	(TMTSF) <sub>2</sub> ClO <sub>4</sub> 295 K
C(3)–C(13)	1.334 (14)	1.29 (4)	1.399 (13)
C(3)–Se(2)	1.867 (9)	1.85 (2)	1.878 (7)
C(3)–Se(1)	1.896 (9)	1.89 (3)	1.865 (8)
C(13)–Se(11)	1.864 (9)	1.88 (3)	1.873 (7)
C(13)–Se(12)	1.907 (9)	1.96 (3)	1.856 (8)
C(2)–Se(2)	1.908 (9)	1.91 (3)	1.877 (9)
C(1)–Se(1)	1.896 (10)	1.91 (3)	1.904 (8)
C(11)–Se(11)	1.903 (11)	1.90 (3)	1.878 (9)
C(12)–Se(12)	1.897 (11)	1.87 (3)	1.890 (8)
C(1)–C(2)	1.322 (14)	1.31 (3)	1.354 (11)
C(11)–C(12)	1.323 (14)	1.31 (3)	1.361 (11)
C(2)–C(4)	1.512 (15)	1.48 (4)	1.487 (12)
C(1)–C(5)	1.490 (14)	1.42 (4)	1.468 (12)
C(11)–C(15)	1.513 (16)	1.61 (4)	1.509 (12)
C(12)–C(14)	1.487 (14)	1.46 (4)	1.494 (12)

Table 5. Bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) in the TMTSF molecule

	(TMTSF) <sub>2</sub> ReO <sub>4</sub> 295 K	(TMTSF) <sub>2</sub> ReO <sub>4</sub> 120 K	(TMTSF) <sub>2</sub> ClO <sub>4</sub> 295 K
Se(2)–C(3)–C(13)	125.5 (7)	126 (2)	121.9 (6)
Se(1)–C(3)–C(13)	121.1 (7)	119 (2)	123.6 (5)
Se(11)–C(13)–C(3)	125.2 (7)	128 (2)	121.1 (6)
Se(12)–C(13)–C(3)	121.1 (7)	121 (2)	123.2 (5)
Se(1)–C(3)–Se(2)	113.4 (5)	114 (2)	114.6 (5)
Se(11)–C(13)–Se(12)	113.7 (5)	111 (2)	115.8 (5)
C(2)–Se(2)–C(3)	94.5 (4)	94 (1)	94.0 (4)
C(1)–Se(1)–C(3)	94.8 (4)	94 (1)	94.7 (3)
C(11)–Se(11)–C(13)	94.4 (4)	95 (1)	93.2 (4)
C(12)–Se(12)–C(13)	94.2 (4)	96 (1)	94.0 (3)
C(1)–C(2)–Se(2)	119.2 (8)	120 (2)	119.9 (6)
C(2)–C(1)–Se(1)	118.1 (7)	118 (2)	116.8 (6)
C(12)–C(11)–Se(11)	119.3 (8)	122 (2)	119.4 (6)
C(11)–C(12)–Se(12)	118.4 (8)	117 (2)	117.6 (6)
C(4)–C(2)–Se(2)	112.2 (7)	112 (2)	113.9 (6)
C(5)–C(1)–Se(1)	114.7 (7)	113 (2)	114.8 (6)
C(15)–C(11)–Se(11)	114.3 (7)	113 (2)	115.6 (6)
C(14)–C(12)–Se(12)	115.9 (8)	119 (2)	116.6 (6)
C(1)–C(2)–C(4)	128.6 (9)	128 (3)	126.2 (8)
C(2)–C(1)–C(5)	127.1 (10)	130 (2)	128.4 (8)
C(12)–C(11)–C(15)	126.4 (10)	126 (3)	125.0 (8)
C(11)–C(12)–C(14)	125.7 (10)	124 (3)	125.7 (8)

values are all in good agreement with those found in the charge-transfer salts (1:1 compounds) with DMTCNQ, 2,5-dimethyl-7,7,8,8-tetracyano-*p*-quinoxaline (Andersen, Bechgaard, Jacobsen, Rindorf, Soling & Thorup, 1978), and in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (Thorup, Rindorf, Soling & Bechgaard, 1981). There is no statistically significant difference in bond lengths or bond angles between TMTSF at 295 K and at 120 K in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ReO<sub>4</sub>. The formal double bonds in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> corresponding to C(3)–C(13), C(1)–C(2), and C(11)–C(12) are slightly longer than those in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ReO<sub>4</sub>. The TMTSF molecules deviate from the idealized *mmm* symmetry and planarity as described for the TMTSF molecule in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (Thorup *et al.*, 1981).

#### Geometry of ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> anions

Bond lengths and angles are given in Table 6. The shape of the anions is a distorted tetrahedron. The

Table 6. Bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) in the ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> anions

	ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , 295 K	ReO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , 120 K	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , 295 K
O(1)–Re/Cl	1.70 (2)	1.78 (5)	1.42 (2)
O(2)–Re/Cl	1.66 (2)	1.66 (3)	1.44 (2)
O(3)–Re/Cl	1.58 (2)	1.66 (5)	1.31 (3)
O(4)–Re/Cl	1.65 (2)	1.76 (3)	1.46 (2)
O(1)–Re/Cl–O(2)	102 (1)	104 (2)	106 (1)
O(1)–Re/Cl–O(3)	108 (1)	108 (2)	113 (1)
O(1)–Re/Cl–O(4)	105 (1)	109 (2)	102 (1)
O(2)–Re/Cl–O(3)	124 (1)	117 (2)	121 (2)
O(2)–Re/Cl–O(4)	112 (1)	110 (2)	106 (1)
O(3)–Re/Cl–O(4)	105 (1)	108 (2)	107 (1)
Se(12)–O(2)–Re/Cl	150 (1)	152 (2)	153 (2)
Se(12)–O(3)–Re/Cl	125 (1)	115 (2)	123 (1)

non-centrosymmetric anions are positioned at sites of inversion symmetry. It follows that the anions have two different, but symmetrically equivalent, orientations. Experimentally it is found that anions occupy the two orientations randomly at room temperature, *i.e.* they are statistically or dynamically disordered.

#### Packing

The TMTSF molecules are stacked along the short *a* axis in the same type of 'zigzag' stacking and with the same overlap as in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (Thorup *et al.*, 1981) and with the stacks arranged in sheets parallel to the *ab* plane. In Fig. 2 is shown a side view of the stacks. The two crystallographically independent distances between neighboring molecular planes are equal in all three structures within experimental error (Table 7, *d*1 and *d*2). The shorter Se–Se distances within a stack (*d*3 to *d*8) are very nearly equal in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ReO<sub>4</sub> at 295 K and in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub>, while they are shortened between 1.2 and 1.8% in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ReO<sub>4</sub> at 120 K. Fig. 1 shows a projection of the structure in the TMTSF molecular plane. Two of the shorter inter-chain Se–Se distances (*d*9 and *d*10) are significantly longer in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ReO<sub>4</sub> at 295 K than in (TMTSF)<sub>2</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> [3.827 (2) and 3.902 (2) against

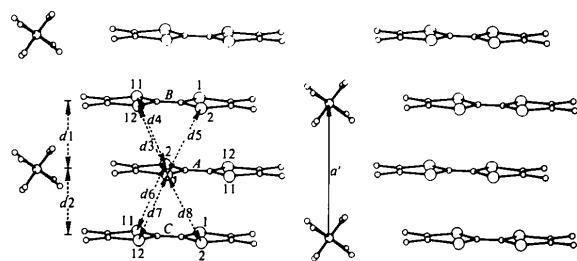


Fig. 2. Side view of stacks (tilted 10°) showing numbering corresponding to Table 6 for shorter distances (Se–Se) within a stack. *a'* is the projection of *a*. The symmetry operations are: *A*(*x,y,z*), *B*(1–*x*, 1–*y*, 1–*z*) and *C*(–*x*, 1–*y*, 1–*z*).

Table 7. Intermolecular distances ( $\text{\AA}$ )

For explanation of the symbols  $d1$  to  $d13$  see Figs. 1 and 2.

	$(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$ 295 K	$(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$ 120 K	$(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$ 295 K
$d1$	3.64 (2)	3.56 (4)	3.64 (2)
$d2$	3.64 (2)	3.59 (4)	3.63 (2)
$d3$	4.043 (2)	3.971 (5)	4.034 (2)
$d4$	3.979 (2)	3.909 (5)	3.964 (2)
$d5$	4.036 (2)	3.988 (5)	4.031 (2)
$d6$	3.924 (2)	3.867 (5)	3.934 (2)
$d7$	3.873 (2)	3.822 (4)	3.871 (2)
$d8$	4.138 (2)	4.068 (5)	4.121 (2)
$d9$	3.827 (2)	3.699 (4)	3.778 (1)
$d10$	3.902 (2)	3.794 (4)	3.865 (1)
$d11$	3.933 (2)	3.845 (5)	3.955 (1)
$d12$	3.16 (2)	3.01 (3)	3.34 (2)
$d13$	3.58 (2)	3.59 (4)	3.82 (3)

3.778 (1) and 3.865 (1)  $\text{\AA}$ . The third distance ( $d11$ ) is slightly longer in  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ClO}_4$  than in  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$ . In  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  at 120 K the distances  $d9$ ,  $d10$  and  $d11$  are shortened between 2·2 and 3·4%.

The perrhenate and the perchlorate anions are located in a cavity produced by the TMTSF molecules. They also form sheets parallel to the  $ab$  plane, but with no intrasheet contacts. The shortest contact distance between the TMTSF molecule and  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  at 295 K is 3.16 (2)  $\text{\AA}$  ( $d12$ ), which is considerably shorter than the contact distance of 3.40  $\text{\AA}$  derived from Pauling's (1960) van der Waals radii for Se and O or the 3.42  $\text{\AA}$  derived from Bondi's (1964) values. The shortest distance between TMTSF and  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  is 3.34 (2)  $\text{\AA}$ , only slightly shorter than the contact distance.

The structure of  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  at 120 K was determined with the same disorder in the  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  anion as at 295 K. The number of observations only allowed anisotropic thermal parameters for Re and Se atoms. Examination of the structure of  $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{ReO}_4$  at a temperature below the transition temperature with the Weissenberg technique at 120 K revealed a doubling of the repeat distance along all three axes. The additional reflections at 120 K were all very much weaker than

the reflections measured for the average structure calculations. An ordering of the  $\text{ReO}_4^-$  group in such a way that the orientation alternates from one ion to the neighboring ion in all three directions can explain the additional reflections, as suggested by Pouget, Moret, Comès, Bechgaard, Fabre & Giral (1982). The fact that the 120 K structure refined well in space group  $P\bar{1}$  with quite normal anisotropic thermal parameters for Re and Se suggests that the anion ordering just mentioned is the only structural change involved in the metal-insulator transition at 182 K.

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