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Structure of (BEDT-TTF)₄Hg₂I₆(I₈)

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Abstract

The structure consists of two-dimensional sheets containing both BEDT-TTF [BEDT-TTF, or ET = 3,4;3'4'-bis(ethylenedithio)-2,2',5,5'-tetrathiafulvalene] and centrosymmetric I₈ anions. These mixed (ET)-(I₈) sheets are separated by Hg₂I₆²⁻ anions along the *c* axis. Dimers of ET molecules are tilted towards adjacent dimers, similar to the arrangement in κ -phase ET salts.

Comment

Because of their unusual transport properties, salts of BEDT-TTF have attracted considerable attention (Williams *et al.*, 1987). Of particular interest are the organomineral salts, which show the highest superconducting transition temperatures in the BEDT-TTF family or in other organic salts. We report here on the crystal structure of a newly synthesized salt, (ET)₄Hg₂I₆(I₈).

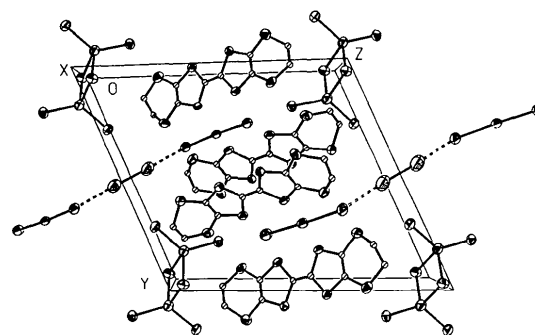
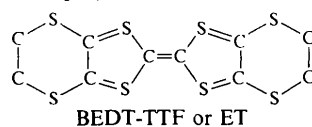


Fig. 1. Packing diagram of the unit cell projected down the *a* axis. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% level.

Experimental

Crystal data

4C₁₀H₈S₈⁺·Hg₂I₆²⁻·I₈²⁻
M_r = 3716.6
 Triclinic
P $\bar{1}$
a = 8.892 (1) Å
b = 15.627 (2) Å
c = 17.840 (2) Å
 α = 66.169 (9)°
 β = 79.791 (9)°
 γ = 85.810 (9)°
V = 2231.7 (5) Å³
Z = 1

D_x = 2.77 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K* α radiation
 λ = 0.71073 Å
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections
 θ = 10–18°
 μ = 8.981 mm⁻¹
T = 293 K
 Needle
 0.30 × 0.08 × 0.03 mm
 Black

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 $\theta/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction: by integration from crystal shape
 T_{\min} = 0.47, T_{\max} = 0.81
 6672 measured reflections
 5716 independent reflections

3378 observed reflections [*I* > 3 σ (*I*)]
 R_{int} = 0.034
 θ_{max} = 23°
 h = 0 → 9
 k = -17 → 17
 l = -19 → 19
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 300 min
 intensity variation: -1.4%

Refinement

Refinement on *F*
 Final *R* = 0.070
 wR = 0.089
 S = 3.77
 3378 reflections
 297 parameters
 H-atom parameters not refined

(Δ/σ)_{max} = 0.01
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ = 3.6 e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ = -2.4 e Å⁻³
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV, Table 2.3.1)

Data collection: Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 software. Data reduction: Enraf-Nonius (1985) *SDP*. Program(s) used to solve structure: Enraf-Nonius *SDP*. Program(s) used to refine structure: Enraf-Nonius *SDP*. Molecular graphics: Nicolet X-ray products. Software used to prepare material for publication: Enraf-Nonius *SDP*.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (\AA^2)
$$U_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	x	y	z	U_{eq}				
Hg1	-0.0120 (2)	0.1340 (1)	-0.08060 (9)	0.0626 (5)	C1—S1—C3	94. (1)	C2B—S4B—C6B	95. (1)
I1	0.1324 (3)	0.1725 (2)	-0.2351 (1)	0.0520 (7)	C1—S2—C4	97. (2)	C3B—S5B—C7B	100. (2)
I2	-0.2247 (3)	-0.0145 (2)	-0.0275 (1)	0.0544 (7)	C2—S3—C5	97. (1)	C4B—S6B—C8B	101. (2)
I3	-0.1077 (4)	0.2560 (2)	-0.0117 (1)	0.0761 (9)	C2—S4—C6	97. (1)	C5B—S7B—C9B	97. (2)
I4	-0.0165 (3)	0.2424 (2)	0.5655 (1)	0.0600 (8)	C3—S5—C7	105. (2)	C6B—S8B—C10B	105. (2)
I5	-0.1519 (3)	0.2921 (1)	0.4220 (1)	0.0442 (6)	C4—S6—C8	102. (2)	S1B—C1B—S2B	115. (2)
I6	-0.2959 (3)	0.3506 (2)	0.2701 (1)	0.0596 (8)	C5—S7—C9	101. (2)	S1B—C1B—C2B	123. (2)
I7	-0.0774 (4)	0.4588 (2)	0.0793 (2)	0.095 (1)	C6—S8—C10	104. (2)	S2B—C1B—C2B	122. (2)
S1	0.4724 (9)	0.6862 (5)	0.3823 (5)	0.041 (2)	S1—C1—S2	116. (2)	S3B—C2B—S4B	116. (2)
S2	0.6769 (9)	0.5518 (5)	0.3424 (5)	0.040 (2)	S1—C1—C2	121. (2)	S3B—C2B—C1B	121. (2)
S3	0.5912 (9)	0.6186 (5)	0.5605 (5)	0.039 (2)	S2—C1—C2	123. (2)	S4B—C2B—C1B	123. (2)
S4	0.7932 (9)	0.4836 (5)	0.5173 (4)	0.036 (2)	S3—C2—S4	114. (2)	S1B—C3B—S5B	114. (2)
S5	0.367 (1)	0.7677 (5)	0.2174 (5)	0.051 (3)	S3—C2—C1	124. (2)	S1B—C3B—C4B	120. (3)
S6	0.614 (1)	0.6131 (6)	0.1720 (5)	0.061 (3)	S4—C2—C1	122. (2)	S5B—C3B—C4B	125. (2)
S7	0.701 (1)	0.5810 (6)	0.7174 (5)	0.054 (3)	S1—C3—S5	118. (2)	S2B—C4B—S6B	116. (2)
S8	0.9322 (9)	0.4116 (6)	0.6674 (5)	0.050 (3)	S1—C3—C4	118. (2)	S2B—C4B—C3B	114. (2)
C1	0.608 (3)	0.598 (2)	0.412 (2)	0.030 (7)	S5—C3—C4	124. (3)	S6B—C4B—C3B	130. (3)
C2	0.657 (3)	0.570 (2)	0.487 (2)	0.032 (7)	S2—C4—S6	119. (2)	S3B—C5B—S7B	115. (2)
C3	0.478 (4)	0.685 (2)	0.286 (2)	0.046 (8)	S2—C4—C3	115. (3)	S3B—C5B—C6B	114. (2)
C4	0.581 (4)	0.624 (2)	0.265 (2)	0.049 (9)	S6—C4—C3	126. (2)	S7B—C5B—C6B	131. (3)
C5	0.713 (3)	0.555 (2)	0.632 (2)	0.034 (7)	S3—C5—S7	116. (2)	S4B—C6B—S8B	115. (2)
C6	0.806 (3)	0.491 (2)	0.608 (2)	0.036 (7)	S3—C5—C6	113. (2)	S4B—C6B—C5B	119. (3)
C7	0.467 (6)	0.788 (3)	0.120 (3)	0.11 (2)	S7—C5—C6	130. (2)	S8B—C6B—C5B	126. (2)
C8	0.588 (5)	0.731 (3)	0.100 (3)	0.09 (1)	S4—C6—S8	115. (2)	S5B—C7B—C8B	128. (5)
C9	0.872 (6)	0.517 (4)	0.762 (3)	0.12 (2)	S4—C6—C5	119. (2)	S6B—C8B—C7B	126. (5)
C10	0.911 (6)	0.433 (3)	0.762 (3)	0.11 (2)	S8—C6—C5	126. (2)	S7B—C9B—C10B	114. (4)
S1B	0.598 (1)	0.8965 (5)	0.4339 (5)	0.044 (2)	S5—C7—C8	126. (3)	S8B—C10B—C9B	114. (4)
S2B	0.6828 (9)	1.0901 (5)	0.3859 (4)	0.041 (2)	S6—C8—C7	120. (3)	I1—Hg1—I2	111.5 (1)
S3B	0.731 (1)	0.8356 (5)	0.6030 (4)	0.046 (2)	S7—C9—C10	122. (5)	I1—Hg1—I3	127.23 (8)
S4B	0.8212 (9)	1.0277 (5)	0.5577 (4)	0.040 (2)	S8—C10—C9	121. (4)	I2—Hg1—I3	111.17 (9)
S5B	0.462 (1)	0.9286 (5)	0.2877 (5)	0.050 (3)	C1B—S1B—C3B	96. (1)	I4—I5—I6	178.3 (1)
S6B	0.582 (1)	1.1569 (6)	0.2225 (5)	0.053 (3)	C1B—S2B—C4B	96. (1)	I5—I6—I7	119.3 (1)
S7B	0.836 (1)	0.7602 (6)	0.7635 (5)	0.067 (3)	C2B—S3B—C5B	96. (1)		
S8B	0.949 (1)	0.9915 (6)	0.7079 (5)	0.055 (3)				
C1B	0.674 (3)	0.975 (2)	0.461 (2)	0.032 (7)				
C2B	0.735 (3)	0.950 (2)	0.532 (2)	0.033 (7)				
C3B	0.560 (3)	0.975 (2)	0.340 (2)	0.034 (7)				
C4B	0.598 (3)	1.066 (2)	0.314 (2)	0.029 (7)				
C5B	0.819 (4)	0.856 (2)	0.675 (2)	0.045 (8)				
C6B	0.859 (3)	0.947 (2)	0.652 (2)	0.036 (7)				
C7B	0.516 (5)	1.008 (3)	0.187 (3)	0.09 (1)				
C8B	0.545 (8)	1.098 (5)	0.160 (4)	0.18 (3)				
C9B	1.004 (8)	0.807 (4)	0.796 (4)	0.17 (3)				
C10B	0.970 (4)	0.892 (2)	0.805 (2)	0.07 (1)				

Table 2. Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

S1—C1	1.74 (3)	S2B—C4B	1.77 (3)
S1—C3	1.71 (4)	S3B—C2B	1.72 (2)
S2—C1	1.67 (3)	S3B—C5B	1.76 (4)
S2—C4	1.71 (3)	S4B—C2B	1.73 (3)
S3—C2	1.77 (3)	S4B—C6B	1.72 (2)
S3—C5	1.75 (3)	S5B—C3B	1.76 (4)
S4—C2	1.72 (3)	S5B—C7B	1.73 (4)
S4—C6	1.70 (3)	S6B—C4B	1.70 (2)
S5—C3	1.77 (3)	S6B—C8B	1.79 (9)
S5—C7	1.73 (5)	S7B—C5B	1.71 (3)
S6—C4	1.70 (4)	S7B—C9B	1.97 (8)
S6—C8	1.80 (4)	S8B—C6B	1.75 (4)
S7—C5	1.72 (3)	S8B—C10B	1.83 (3)
S7—C9	1.88 (5)	C1B—C2B	1.37 (4)
S8—C6	1.76 (3)	C3B—C4B	1.34 (4)
S8—C10	1.83 (6)	C5B—C6B	1.35 (4)
C1—C2	1.38 (4)	C7B—C8B	1.31 (8)
C3—C4	1.39 (5)	C9B—C10B	1.40 (9)
C5—C6	1.40 (4)	Hg1—I1	2.669 (3)

Structure solved by heavy-atom methods and subsequent Fourier methods. Anisotropic thermal parameters for Hg, I and S. No significant improvement in R factors when using anisotropic thermal parameters for C. The weighting scheme was $w=1/\sigma^2(F)$ where $\sigma(F)=\sigma(F^2)/2F$ and $\sigma(F^2)=[\sigma_{\text{counting}}^2+(0.02|F|^2)^2]^{1/2}$.

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