H atoms: see below

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\(w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.1 P)^{2}\right]\)
    where \(P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3\)
\((\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001\)
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Table 1. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{Cll}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 1.743 (3) | C7-02 | 1.313 (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 6$ | 1.376 (4) | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 1.322 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 1.382 (5) | N1-C8 | 1.350 (4) |
| C2-C3 | 1.386 (6) | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cl} 2$ | 1.357 (3) |
| C3-C4 | 1.383 (5) | C8-C9 | 1.358 (5) |
| C4-C5 | 1.392 (4) | C9-C10 | 1.374 (6) |
| C5-C6 | 1.396 (4) | C10-C11 | 1.382 (6) |
| C5-C7 | 1.485 (4) | C11-C12 | 1.387 (5) |
| C7-OI | 1.206 (4) | C12-C13 | 1.492 (5) |
| C6-C1-C2 | 121.9 (3) | O2-C7-C5 | 112.9 (2) |
| C6- $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 118.0 (2) | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Nl}-\mathrm{C} 8$ | 120.2 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 120.1 (2) | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 12$ | 118.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 118.5 (3) | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{NI}-\mathrm{Cl2}$ | 121.6 (3) |
| C4-C3-C2 | 120.8 (3) | N1-C8-C9 | 121.2 (3) |
| C3-C4-C5 | 120.0 (3) | C8-C9-C10 | 119.4 (3) |
| C6-C5-C4 | 119.5 (3) | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{Cl0}-\mathrm{C} 9$ | 118.9 (3) |
| C6-C5-C7 | 121.0 (2) | $\mathrm{Cl} 0-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{Cl} 2$ | 121.3 (3) |
| C4-C5-C7 | 119.5 (2) | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cl2-Cll}$ | 117.6 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5$ | 119.3 (2) | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{Cl} 3$ | 117.6 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 2$ | 123.9 (3) | $\mathrm{Cl1}-\mathrm{Cl} 2-\mathrm{Cl} 3$ | 124.8 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O1}-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 5$ | 123.1 (3) |  |  |

The ring and methyl H atoms were included at geometrically idealized positions. The HO2 atom was located from a difference map and its coordinates were refined. An isotropic displacement parameter of $6.0 \AA^{2}$ was assigned to all H atoms.

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# Steric Inhibition of Molecular Weaving: Non-Woven Nets of $R_{6}^{6}(40)$ and $R_{6}^{6}(60)$ Rings in 1,1,3-Tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)butane-Hexamethylenetetramine ( $\mathbf{1 / 1}$ ) 

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## Abstract

In the 1:1 adduct formed by 1,1,3-tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)butane and hexamethylenetetramine (HMTA; alternative name: 1,3,5,7-tetraazatricyclo[3.3.1.1 ${ }^{3,7}$ ]decane), $\mathrm{C}_{37} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{O}_{3} . \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$, the trisphenol [alternative name: 4, $4^{\prime}, 4^{\prime \prime}$-(butane-1,1,3-triyl)-tris(2-tert-butyl-5-methylphenol)] acts as a triple donor and a single acceptor of hydrogen bonds, while the HMTA acts as a double acceptor. The tris-phenol and HMTA units are linked into $C_{2}^{2}(16)$ chains along [101] by means of $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds, with $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ distances of 2.759 (4) and 2.828 (4) $\AA$; the tris-phenol units are themselves linked into $C(14)$ chains along [010] by $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds, each having an $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distance of 2.828 (4) A. These two types of chain intersect to generate two-dimensional nets built from alternating $R_{6}^{6}(40)$ and $R_{6}^{6}(60)$ rings; despite the size of these rings, interweaving of the nets is prevented by the presence of the tert-butyl groups in the tris-phenol.

## Comment

The successful construction of microporous molecular solids requires the production of two- or threedimensional supramolecular networks containing continuous voids with dimensions that exceed those of small molecules, but the interweaving of such networks is a common occurrence. For example, in 4,4'sulfonyldiphenol, $\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{2}$ (Glidewell \& Ferguson, 1996), there is pairwise interweaving of square nets
of $R_{4}^{4}(32)$ rings (Bernstein, Davis, Shimoni \& Chang, 1995), and in the $1: 1$ adduct of 1,1,1-tris(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethane, $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{3}$, and hexamethylenetetramine (HMTA), $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$, there is pairwise interweaving of hexagonal $R_{6}^{6}(48)$ nets (Coupar, Ferguson, Glidewell \& Meehan, 1997). In 1,1'-bis(4-hydroxybenzoyl)ferrocene, $\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{COC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{2}\right]$, two independent stacks of $R_{4}^{4}(40)$ nets are continuously interwoven (Benyei, Glidewell, Lightfoot, Royles \& Smith, 1997). One approach to the prevention of such weaving is to increase the dimensions of the strands of the net relative to the size of the reticulations; here we report the structure of 1,1,3-tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-tert-butylphenyl)butane-hexamethylenetetramine (1/1), $\mathrm{C}_{37} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{O}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$, (I), in which the interweaving of two-dimensional nets is prevented by the steric demands of the tris-phenol component.


In compound (I), the tris-phenol component acts as a triple donor of hydrogen bonds, as generally observed in such adducts (Coupar, Glidewell \& Ferguson, 1997; Ferguson, Bell, Coupar \& Glidewell, 1997; Coupar, Ferguson, Glidewell \& Meehan, 1997), and the HMTA acts as a double acceptor of hydrogen bonds, so that the structure contains both $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds. In this respect, the structure of (I) differs from that of the related $1: 1$ adduct formed by 1,1,1-tris(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethane and HMTA, where the HMTA acts as a triple acceptor of hydrogen bonds and the structure is built from $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds only (Coupar, Ferguson, Glidewell \& Meehan, 1997). Within the asymmetric unit of (I) (Fig. 1), atom O1 acts as a hydrogen-bond donor to N1. The network structure of (l) can be described in terms of two simple chain motifs, involving atoms O 2 and O 3 , respectively, which intersect to generate the nets.

Atom O 2 in the asymmetric unit at $(x, y, z)$ acts as donor to N 2 in the unit at $\left(\frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z\right)$, while O 2 in this second unit acts as donor to N 2 at ( $1+x, y, 1+z$ ); hence the hydrogen bonds involving $\mathrm{O} 1, \mathrm{O} 2$ and the HMTA units give rise to a chain generated by the $n$ glide plane and running parallel to the [101] direction. The unitary and binary level graphset descriptors (Bernstein, Davis, Shimoni \& Chang,


Fig. 1. A view of the asymmetric unit of (I) showing the atomnumbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level.
1995) are $N_{1}=D D, N_{2}=C_{2}^{2}(16)$. The remaining O atom, O3, in the tris-phenol at $(x, y, z)$ acts as donor to O1 in the unit at $\left(-\frac{1}{2}-x,-\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z\right)$, while O 3 in this second unit acts as donor to Ol at ( $x$, $-1+y, z$ ); the hydrogen bonds involving O 3 thus form a $C(14)$ chain running parallel to the [010] direction and generated by a 2 , screw axis. These two orthogonal sets of chains intersect (Fig. 2) to generate a continuous two-dimensional network, parallel to the ( $10 \overline{1}$ ) plane and characterized by two types of centrosymmetric reticulation: there are $R_{6}^{6}(40)$ rings centred, for example, at $\left(0,0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ and $R_{6}^{6}(60)$ rings centred, for example, at $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0,1\right)$ and ( $-\frac{1}{2}, 0,0$ ) (Fig. 2). These two types of ring form a checkerboard pattern on the (101) plane. A single net involves each of the four molecular aggregates in the unit cell, and hence is sufficient to define the entire structure. There are no contacts between neighbouring nets which are less than the sum of the van der Waals radii and, in particular, there is no interweaving of the nets such as is observed in the analogous $1: 1$ adduct of 1,1,1-tris(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethane and HMTA.
The structure of 1,1,3-tris(2-methyl-4-hydroxy-5-tertbutylphenyl)butane has not been reported previously. There is a stereogenic centre at C3, but the sample employed here was racemic, so that the observation of a centrosymmetric space group for (I) is as expected. The bond lengths in the tris-phenol are all typical of their types, but some of the bond angles within the planar aromatic rings show significant deviations from $120^{\circ}$ (Table 1). The internal angles at C 33 and $\mathrm{C} n 6$ ( $n=1-3$ ), ipso to the tert-butyl and methyl substituents, are all significantly less than $120^{\circ}$, and those at $\mathrm{C} n 2$ and $\mathrm{C} n 5$, the unsubstituted C atoms, are very much larger than $120^{\circ}$. The conformations of the tert-butyl


Fig. 2. A view of the crystal structure showing the formation of $R_{6}^{6}(40)$ and $R_{6}^{6}(60)$ rings. For clarity, only the hydroxy H atoms are shown.
groups are all such that two of the methyl C atoms in each $\mathrm{CMe}_{3}$ fragment are essentially equidistant from the neighbouring O atom, with $\mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distances in the range $2.984(5)-3.072(5) \AA$; it is possible that such short intramolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions are actually repulsive rather than attractive (Desiraju, 1996). A very similar conformation was observed in 2,5 -di-tert-butylhydroquinone (Ermer \& Röbke, 1994). Although there is no disorder of the methyl C atoms in the $\mathrm{CMe}_{3}$ groups, there is evidence for considerable librational motion of each such group about the $\mathrm{C} n 3-\mathrm{C} n 8(n=1-3)$ bonds. Similarly, there is evidence for librational motion of the HMTA cage about the $\mathrm{N} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2$ vector. There are no significant differences between the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths involving the two different types of N atom, hydrogenbond acceptors and non-acceptors; the acceptor N atoms are usually associated with longer $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds (Coupar, Glidewell \& Ferguson, 1997).

Examination of the structure with PLATON (Spek, 1996a) showed that there were no solvent-accessible voids in the crystal lattice.

## Experimental

Equimolar quantities of the tris-phenol and HMTA ( 5 mmol ) were separately dissolved in methanol ( 50 ml ). The solutions were mixed and the mixture was set aside to crystallize, yielding analytically pure (I). Analysis found: C $75.2, \mathrm{H} 9.9, \mathrm{~N}$
$8.3 \% ; \mathrm{C}_{43} \mathrm{H}_{64} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ requires: C $75.4, \mathrm{H} 9.4, \mathrm{~N} 8.2 \%$. Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were selected directly from the analytical sample.

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{4} . \mathrm{C}_{37} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{O}_{3}$
$M_{r}=684.98$
Monoclinic
$P 21 / n$
$a=10.1144$ ( 9 ) $\AA$
$b=13.4212(11) \AA$
$c=30.576$ (3) $\AA$
$\beta=98.919(9)^{\circ}$
$V=4100.4(6) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.110 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured

## Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
$\theta / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction: none
7912 measured reflections
7150 independent reflections
2188 reflections with
$I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.013$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.062$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.137$
$S=0.815$
7150 reflections
457 parameters
H -atom parameters

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.7107 \AA$
Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$\theta=8.64-12.93^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.069 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=294$ (1) K
Block
$0.42 \times 0.26 \times 0.08 \mathrm{~mm}$
Colourless
constrained constrained

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA$, $^{\circ}$ )

| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 41$ | $1.464(4)$ | $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 46$ | $1.465(5)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 42$ | $1.473(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.544(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 43$ | $1.463(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.539(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 41$ | $1.468(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.536(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 44$ | $1.455(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $1.526(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 45$ | $1.474(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $1.536(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 42$ | $1.462(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 31$ | $1.516(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 44$ | $1.464(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $1.380(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 46$ | $1.463(6)$ | $\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $1.373(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 43$ | $1.462(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 34-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $1.373(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 45$ |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $114.7(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 23$ | $124.9(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $113.2(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 26-\mathrm{C} 25$ | $118.5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $109.7(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 26$ | $118.0(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $113.5(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 24$ | $115.5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $110.3(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{C} 25$ | $120.7(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 31$ | $113.9(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{C} 25-\mathrm{C} 26$ | $122.4(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 31$ | $111.2(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 31-\mathrm{C} 32-\mathrm{C} 33$ | $124.9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $125.3(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 32-\mathrm{C} 31-\mathrm{C} 36$ | $118.3(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $117.3(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 32-\mathrm{C} 33-\mathrm{C} 34$ | $114.9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $118.5(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 31-\mathrm{C} 36-\mathrm{C} 35$ | $117.6(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $114.5(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 33-\mathrm{C} 34-\mathrm{C} 35$ | $120.7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $120.8(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 34-\mathrm{C} 35-\mathrm{C} 36$ | $123.6(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $123.5(3)$ |  |  |

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\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{37} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{O}_{3}
$$

| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $-48.9(4)$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $-176.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $-172.9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $-41.8(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 22$ | $81.1(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 31-\mathrm{C} 32$ | $-49.7(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{C} 181$ | $-62.1(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{C} 182$ | $178.7(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{C} 183$ | $59.3(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 28-\mathrm{C} 281$ | $-178.9(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 28-\mathrm{C} 282$ | $61.7(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 28-\mathrm{C} 283$ | $-58.7(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 34-\mathrm{C} 33-\mathrm{C} 38-\mathrm{C} 381$ | $58.9(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 34-\mathrm{C} 33-\mathrm{C} 38-\mathrm{C} 382$ | $178.1(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 34-\mathrm{C} 33-\mathrm{C} 38-\mathrm{C} 383$ | $-62.8(5)$ |

Table 2. Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left(\AA^{\circ}, \circ\right)$

| $D — \mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O1—H1 $\cdots \mathrm{N} 1$ | 0.82 | 1.95 | $2.759(4)$ | 170 |
| O2—H2 $\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.82 | 2.03 | $2.828(4)$ | 165 |
| O3—H3 $\cdots \mathrm{Ol}^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.82 | 2.05 | $2.828(4)$ | 158 |
| Symmetry codes: (i) $\frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$; (ii) $-\frac{1}{2}-x, y-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}-z$. |  |  |  |  |

Compound (I) crystallized in the monoclinic system; space group $P 2_{1} / n$ was indicated by the systematic absences. $H$ atoms were treated as riding atoms ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} 0.93-0.98$ and $\mathrm{O}-$ H $0.82 \AA$ ), except for those treated as part of rigid methyl groups (allowed to rotate but not tip). Starting coordinates for methyl and OH groups were taken from difference syntheses.
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Perylo[1,12-b,c,d]thiophene $\dagger$

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## Abstract

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~S}$, contains discrete molecules which are essentially planar and are regularly stacked along the $b$ axis [interplanar separation 3.474 (4) $\AA$ ]; columns are bridged by short $S \cdots S$ interstack contacts of 3.506 (2) $\AA$ about inversion centres.

## Comment

Perylene $\left(\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{12}\right)$ is a well known donor molecule used in the preparation of conducting and semiconducting radical cation salts (Akamutu, Inokuchi \& Matsunaga, 1954; Alcácer \& Maki, 1974, 1976; Endres, Keller, Müller \& Schweitzer, 1985; Almeida \& Henriques, 1997). In our research group, special attention has been given to the (quasi) one-dimensional family of conductors (perylene) ${ }_{2} M(\mathrm{mnt})_{2}$, where $M$ is a transition metal and mnt is maleonitriledithiolate or cis-2,3-disulfanyl-but-2-enedinitrile (Gama et al., 1991, 1993). In the search for perylene derivatives, perylo[1,12-b,c,d]thiophene, hereafter designated by pet, was chosen, aiming at the introduction of both an increase of intermolecular interaction, due to the presence of the outer $S$ atom, and possible effects on lowering molecular symmetry. So far, instead of the common $2: 1$ stoichiometry, only (pet) $)_{3}\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{mnt})_{2}\right]_{2}$ compounds were obtained (Alcácer, Morgado, Henriques \& Almeida, 1995). In order to gain

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