

# Antiferromagnetic Interactions in Charge-Transfer Salts of Molybdocene Dithiolene Complexes: The Example of $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})][\text{TCNQ}]$

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$\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}$ (dithiolene) complexes are prepared by reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MoCl}_2$  with the dithiolene ligands  $\text{dmit}^{2-}$  (2-thioxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolate),  $\text{dmio}^{2-}$  (2-oxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolate), or  $\text{dddt}^{2-}$  (5,6-dihydro-1,4-dithiine-2,3-dithiolate). Two reversible oxidation waves are observed by cyclic voltammetry for each complex.  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})$  crystallizes in the orthorhombic system, *S. G.* *Pna2*<sub>1</sub>, with  $a = 16.608(3)$  Å,  $b = 11.568(2)$  Å,  $c = 7.724(1)$  Å, and  $Z = 4$ . The  $\text{MoS}_2\text{C}_2$  plane is folded along the S–S axis by  $13(1)^\circ$ . Oxidation of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})$  with TCNQ affords an insulating 1:1 salt which crystallizes in the triclinic system, *S. G.* *P-1*, with  $a = 9.597(1)$  Å,  $b = 10.543(4)$  Å,  $c = 12.460(3)$  Å,  $\alpha = 84.41(2)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 80.94(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 89.41(2)^\circ$ . In the 17-electron  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})^{+}$  cation, the  $\text{MoS}_2\text{C}_2$  plane is now folded along the S–S axis by  $32.3(2)^\circ$ . Those distortions upon electron count are rationalized by extended Hückel calculations. The structure of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})][\text{TCNQ}]$  can be described as strongly dimerized  $(\text{TCNQ}_2)^{2-}$  moieties separated by chains of alternately spaced  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})^{+}$  cations. The latter exhibit one-dimensional  $[J/k = -27 \pm 1 \text{ K}, \alpha J = (0-0.2)J]$  antiferromagnetic interactions, as deduced from the temperature variations of the magnetic susceptibility.

## Introduction

Molecular solids exhibiting high electrical conductivity,<sup>1,2</sup> ferromagnetic<sup>3,4</sup> or antiferromagnetic<sup>5a, b</sup> ordering are currently the subject of intense research effort. Such macroscopic properties are very sensitive to *intermolecular* interactions,<sup>5c</sup> as evidenced by the numerous organic donor or acceptor molecules with an extended  $\pi$ -system prepared and assembled into structures with a variety of dimensionalities and peculiar electronic and magnetic properties. Paramagnetic metal complexes offer an attractive alternative to organic  $\pi$ -donor molecules for the elaboration of electroactive multidimensional networks. Thus, metal dithiolene complexes<sup>6</sup> such as the prototypical  $\text{Ni}(\text{dmit})_2^{x-}$  complexes<sup>7</sup> ( $x = 2, 1, 0.33, 0$ ;  $\text{dmit}^{2-} = 2\text{-thioxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolate}$ ) provide a successful example of this approach. In the latter the frontier orbitals of interest are mainly concentrated on the dithiolene ligands, and

the electronic properties of those materials are largely dominated by intermolecular ligand–ligand interactions, unless the spatial expansion of the metal orbitals ( $d_z^2$  in Pt or Pd salts) can play a role, by protruding out of the ligand  $\pi$ -system.<sup>8</sup> More recently, *nonplanar* tris(dithiolene) metal complexes<sup>9–11</sup> of  $D_{3h}$  symmetry, such as  $\text{Mo}(\text{dmit})_3^{2-}$  or  $\text{V}(\text{dddt})_3^{1-}$ , have been shown to also present attractive structural and electronic features, and several cation-radical salts have been reported. Another successful example of strongly interacting nonplanar metal complexes is provided by decamethylmetallocenes<sup>3,4</sup> which when engaged into charge-transfer salts with  $\pi$ -acceptors, exhibit ferromagnetic properties. The origin of bulk ferromagnetism in such molecular-based materials has been explained by several mechanisms involving ligand-centered molecular orbitals.<sup>3,12,13</sup>

Thus, one may expect paramagnetic metal complexes including both cyclopentadienyl and dithiolene ligands to form extended networks with strong electronic interactions. We were

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Chart 1

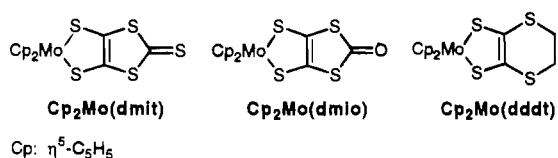
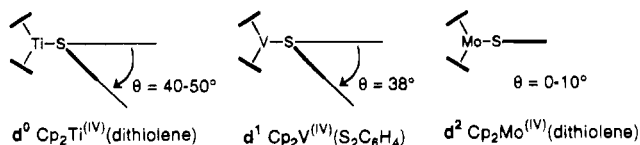


Chart 2



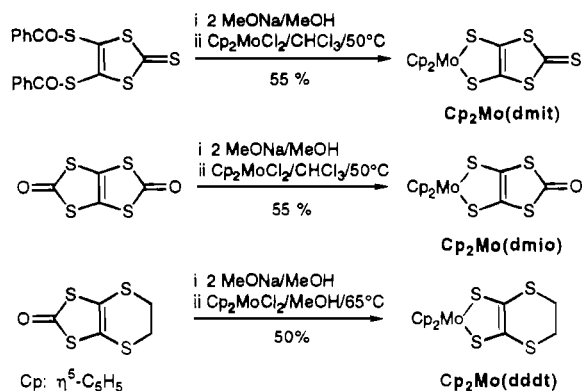
recently interested<sup>14c</sup> in such  $\text{Ti}^{\text{IV}}$  complexes of general formula  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{dithiolene})$  or  $\text{CpTi}(\text{dithiolene})_2$ .<sup>17</sup> Those complexes are destroyed upon oxidation, however, indicating that the dithiolene ligands do not sufficiently stabilize the  $d^0 \text{Ti}^{\text{IV}}$  atom.  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Nb}^{\text{IV}}$ -(dithiolene) complexes ( $d^1$ ) were also investigated, and it was demonstrated that they do support reversible one-electron oxidation toward the  $d^0 \text{Nb}^{\text{V}}$  diamagnetic cations.<sup>15</sup> Thus, mixed cyclopentadienyl/dithiolene  $d^2 \text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}$  complexes of general formula  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dithiolene})$  appear to be very promising candidates for the elaboration of functional materials. Several such complexes have been reported by Green with dithiolene ligands<sup>16</sup> such as  $o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{S}_2^{2-}$  or  $(\text{CN})_2\text{C}_2\text{S}_2^{2-}$ , and more recently a crown-ether-functionalized dithiolene complex was shown to exhibit reversible oxidations to the  $d^1$  and  $d^0$  species.<sup>17</sup> We have thus prepared and electrochemically characterized  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dithiolene})$  complexes with electron-rich dithiolenes, such as  $\text{dmit}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{dmio}^{2-}$ , or  $\text{dddt}^{2-}$  ( $\text{dmio}^{2-} = 2\text{-oxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolate}$ ;  $\text{dddt}^{2-} = 5,6\text{-dihydro-1,4-dithiine-2,3-dithiolate}$ ) (Chart 1).

Due to the large number of sulfur atoms at their periphery, those dithiolene ligands, when engaged in specific metal complexes, are expected to promote strong intermolecular interactions and thus to lead to extended networks of interesting conducting/magnetic properties.<sup>5c</sup> The ability of the dithiolene ligand to delocalize the paramagnetic center of 17-electron  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dithiolene})^+ d^1$  complexes is the key parameter for the setting of significant electronic interactions in the solid state. In short, can we describe the oxidation of the  $d^2 \text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dithiolene})$  complexes as a metal- or a ligand-centered process, or a mixture of both of them?

Also of interest in those complexes is the electron-count dependence of the geometry around the metal atom. In the analogous  $\text{Ti}(d^0) \text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{dithiolene})$  complexes (Chart 2), the  $\text{TiS}_2\text{C}_2$  plane is largely folded (up to  $50^\circ$ ) along the S—S line.<sup>14</sup> Lauher and Hoffmann<sup>18</sup> have shown that, in these 16-electron complexes, the folding allows for an interaction of the  $\pi$ -orbital ( $b_1$ ) of the dithiolene moiety with an empty Ti orbital (of  $a_1$  symmetry in the unfolded ( $C_{2v}$ ) conformation). Similarly, the 18-electron  $d^2 \text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dithiolene})$  complexes were predicted to be unfolded.

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Scheme 1



The intermediate situation of  $d^1$  complexes is not well documented, and the synthesis and structural characterization of the  $d^1$  vanadium complex  $\text{Cp}_2\text{V}(o\text{-S}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)$  in which the ligand plane is inclined at an intermediate angle value of  $38.3^\circ$  relative to the  $\text{VS}_2$  plane was reported only recently.<sup>19a</sup> A similar distortion is observed in a  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Nb}(\text{dmit})$  derivative.<sup>19b</sup> Such structural changes upon electron count are currently the focus of a large interest and have been investigated in electroactive organic<sup>20</sup> as well as organometallic<sup>21</sup> molecules. The  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dithiolene})$  complexes described here provide a textbook example of this electronic/geometric interplay.

## Results and Discussion

**Synthesis and Electrochemical Properties.** The new complexes,  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dmit})$ ,  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dmio})$ , and  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})$ , were prepared by the conventional metathetical reaction of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MoCl}_2$  with the dithiolene disodium salt, generated from the corresponding bis(thioester) or dithiocarbonate with NaOMe. As already observed by Green<sup>17</sup> and Klapötke,<sup>22</sup>  $\text{Cp}_2\text{MoCl}_2$  appears more reluctant to reaction with thiolates than the analogous  $\text{Cp}_2\text{TiCl}_2$  which lacks two electrons. Thus, reactions had to be conducted in refluxing THF or  $\text{CHCl}_3$  for longer periods of time, while the formation of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{dmit})$  or  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{dddt})$ , for example, was accomplished at room temperature in a few hours<sup>14</sup> (Scheme 1).

$\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dmit})$  and  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dmio})$  derivatives were found to be air stable.  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})$  is readily oxidized in solutions exposed to air but is stable in the solid state. Each complex but  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dddt})$ , which reduces irreversibly, exhibits one reversible reduction wave at  $-2.0 \text{ V vs Ag/Ag}^+$  and two reversible oxidation waves (Figure 1). This is in contrast with the behavior of thiolate complexes reported by Kotz et al.<sup>23</sup> such as  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{SR})_2$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Me, Ph}$  in which the first oxidation was

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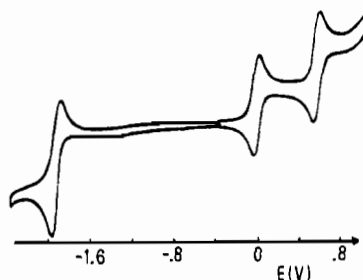


Figure 1. Cyclic voltammogram of Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dmit). Scan rate 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>

Table 1. Cyclic Voltammetry Data (V vs Ag/AgClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M))<sup>a</sup>

compound	E <sub>p</sub> <sup>red</sup>	E <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>0</sup>	E <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>1</sup>	E <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>2</sup>
Cp <sub>2</sub> MoCl <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	-1.82		0.135	0.72
Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(dmit)		-1.99	-0.01 (60)	0.575 (60)
Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(dmio)		-2.05	-0.075 (70)	0.555 (80)
Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(ddd)	< -2.1		-0.34 (60)	0.26 (65)
Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo[S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> (SR) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>c</sup>			-0.295 (60)	0.19 (60)

<sup>a</sup> In parenthesis are given the separation between the anodic and cathodic peak potentials (mV). <sup>b</sup> From ref 23. <sup>c</sup> From ref 17, (SR)<sub>2</sub> = -S(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>S-

described as reversible while the second oxidation led to decomposition *via* an EEC process. Note, however, that despite this electrochemical irreversible behavior, Mo<sup>VI</sup> species of formula [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(SR)<sub>2</sub>][AsF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub> have been recently isolated<sup>22</sup> either by direct oxidation of Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(SR)<sub>2</sub> with AsF<sub>5</sub> or by reaction of thiols with [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo<sup>VI</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>][AsF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>. The dithiolene nature of the ligand thus appears to strongly stabilize the oxidized Mo<sup>V</sup> and Mo<sup>VI</sup> species. Note also that, as expected from the redox potentials of various homoleptic dithiolene complexes, oxidations are easiest with the dddt<sup>2-</sup> ligand with the ordering dddt<sup>2-</sup> > dmio<sup>2-</sup> ≥ dmit<sup>2-</sup> (Table 1). The substitution of dithiolene ligands for the chlorine atoms lowers dramatically the oxidation potentials of the complexes, affording Mo(d<sup>I</sup>) 17 e<sup>-</sup> and Mo(d<sup>0</sup>) 16 e<sup>-</sup> species probably now amenable to isolation and manipulation in the air.

Therefore, oxidation of these novel electron donors was investigated with the organic acceptor TCNQ. Two black crystalline phases were isolated from the reaction with Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd): very thin needles, of 2:3 stoichiometry, which were too small for an X-ray structural analysis, and platelets, whose 1:1 stoichiometry was ascertained by the structure determination (see below). On the contrary, Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dmit) or Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dmio) did not react with TCNQ, probably because their oxidation potential is too high, when compared to the reduction potential of TCNQ.

**Structural Properties vs Electron Count: An EH Rationale.** Single crystal X-ray structure determinations were conducted on the neutral d<sup>2</sup> Mo<sup>IV</sup> compound Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd) and its 1:1 TCNQ salt in order to compare the geometry around the metal atom in the 18- and 17-electron complexes. Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd) crystallizes in the orthorhombic system, space group *Pna*2<sub>1</sub>, with *a* = 16.608(3) Å, *b* = 11.568(2) Å, and *c* = 7.724(1) Å; the molecule is located in general position in the unit cell (Figure 2). Final positional and equivalent thermal parameters are given in Table 2; important geometrical features, in Table 3. As seen from Table 3, Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd) is similar to other crystallographically characterized dithiolene complexes of molybdocene. However, the folding of the ligand plane relative to the S-Mo-S plane, usually ranging from 0 to 9°, increases up to 13(1)° in Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd).

The 1:1 salt [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)]/[TCNQ] crystallizes in the triclinic system, space group *P*-1 with *a* = 9.597(1) Å, *b* = 10.543(4) Å, *c* = 12.460(3) Å, α = 84.41(2)°, β = 80.94(2)°, and γ =

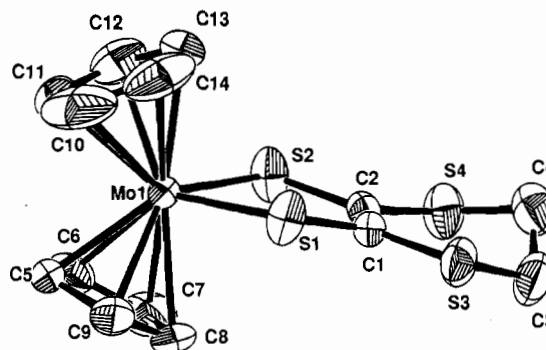


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing and numbering scheme for Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

Table 2. Atomic Positional and Isotropic Thermal Parameters for Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)

	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>	B <sub>eq</sub> <sup>a</sup> (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Mo	0.64811(3)	0.61138(4)	0.207	2.550(8)
S(1)	0.5065(1)	0.6626(2)	0.2364(3)	4.02(4)
S(2)	0.6649(1)	0.7832(2)	0.3866(3)	4.05(4)
S(3)	0.4007(1)	0.7973(2)	0.4527(3)	4.35(4)
S(4)	0.5721(1)	0.9330(2)	0.6119(3)	4.67(5)
C(1)	0.5019(4)	0.7673(5)	0.3986(9)	2.9(1)
C(2)	0.5672(4)	0.8190(5)	0.4604(9)	2.9(1)
C(3)	0.4100(6)	0.8949(8)	0.632(1)	5.4(2)
C(4)	0.4721(6)	0.9880(8)	0.603(1)	5.2(2)
C(5)	0.6932(4)	0.4266(6)	0.235(1)	4.0(2)
C(6)	0.7389(5)	0.4934(6)	0.347(1)	4.4(2)
C(7)	0.6881(7)	0.5363(8)	0.478(1)	5.7(2)
C(8)	0.6099(6)	0.4976(7)	0.438(1)	5.9(2)
C(9)	0.6115(5)	0.4301(7)	0.290(1)	4.9(2)
C(10)	0.6595(9)	0.563(1)	-0.087(1)	9.3(4)
C(11)	0.7351(6)	0.5908(8)	-0.025(1)	6.7(2)
C(12)	0.7358(5)	0.7027(8)	0.021(1)	5.6(2)
C(13)	0.6604(6)	0.7456(7)	-0.014(1)	5.8(2)
C(14)	0.6138(6)	0.661(1)	-0.080(1)	7.2(3)

<sup>a</sup> B<sub>eq</sub> = 1/3[a<sup>2</sup>B(1,1) + b<sup>2</sup>B(2,2) + c<sup>2</sup>B(3,3) + ab cos γ B(1,2) + ac cos β B(1,3) + bc cos α B(2,3)].

89.41(2)°. Both molecules are located in general position in the unit cell (Figure 3). Final positional and equivalent thermal parameters are given in Table 4, important geometrical features, in Table 3. In the following, we concentrate on Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)<sup>+</sup> geometry and will discuss in the third part of this paper the geometry of TCNQ<sup>-</sup> as well as the solid-state arrangement and electronic properties of [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)]/[TCNQ].

The most striking feature in Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)<sup>+</sup> is the angle between the ligand plane and the S-Mo-S plane which amounts now to 32.1(1)°. The folding angle has thus increased by nearly 20° upon removal of one electron from the HOMO. At the same time, the dithiolene fragment adopts a more dithioketonic structure, as shown by the shortening of the C-S bonds and the related lengthening of the C=C bond. This behavior tends to indicate that the oxidation not only involves the d<sup>2</sup> Mo atom but also the dithiolene ligand. A similar delocalization of the spin has been deduced from EPR in the solution of paramagnetic d<sup>1</sup> Cp<sub>2</sub>Nb(dithiophosphate) complexes.<sup>26</sup> In order to get a deeper insight into the electronic structure of those compounds, EH calculations<sup>27</sup> were conducted on Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd) for different hypothetical geometries. The interaction diagram between the Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo and the dithiolene fragments in the ideal C<sub>2v</sub> conformation (no ligand folding) is shown in Figure 4. The slightly antibonding HOMO is mainly

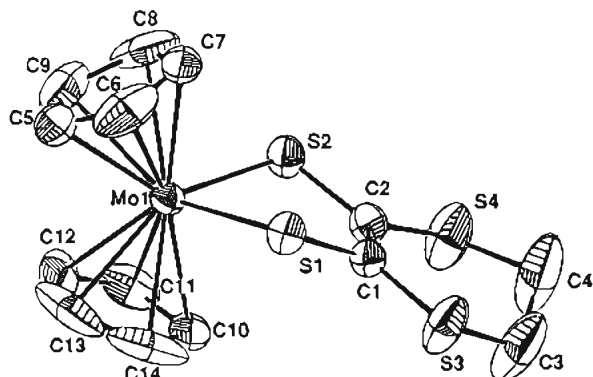
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**Table 3.** Geometrical Features of  $Cp_2Mo$ (dithiolene) Complexes

dithiolene	Mo-S (Å)	C-S (Å)	C-C (Å)	S-Mo-S (deg)	folding angle, $\theta$ (deg)	ref
$S_2C_6H_3Me$	2.43(3)	1.78(1)	1.35(3)	82.(2)	2.6	24
$S_2C_6H_4$	2.437(3)			81.9(5)	9	16b
$S_2C_2RR'^a$	2.437(2)	1.762(8)	1.338(12)	82.2(2)	0	25
ddd	2.435(2)	1.76(1)	1.33(1)	81.90(7)	13.3(5)	this work
ddd in the $Cp_2Mo(ddd)^{2+}$	2.425(7)	1.725(7)	1.373(1)	80.38(2)	32.1(1)	this work

<sup>a</sup> R, 2-quinoxaliny; R', acetyl.



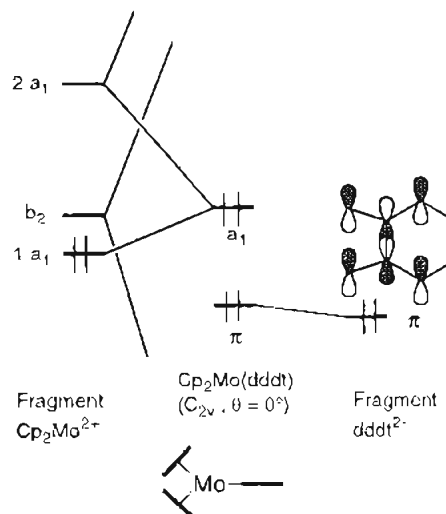
**Figure 3.** ORTEP drawing and numbering scheme for  $Cp_2Mo(ddd)^{2+}$  in  $[Cp_2Mo(ddd)][TCNQ]$ . Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Table 4.** Positional and Isotropic Displacement Parameters for  $[Cp_2Mo(ddd)][TCNQ]$ 

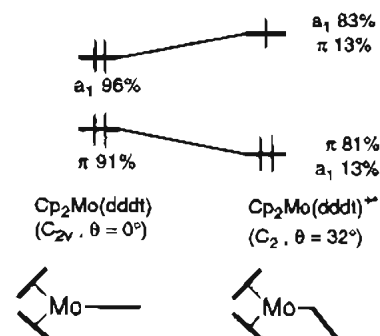
	$x/a$	$y/b$	$z/c$	$10^3 U_{eq}^a$
Mo	0.22919(4)	1.00169(4)	0.20034(3)	3.36(1)
S(1)	0.3899(1)	0.8268(1)	0.1650(1)	3.75(4)
S(2)	0.1866(1)	0.9651(1)	0.01870(9)	3.93(4)
S(3)	0.3648(2)	0.5863(1)	0.0794(1)	6.61(6)
S(4)	0.1461(2)	0.7395(2)	-0.0872(2)	7.39(7)
C(1)	0.3117(5)	0.7444(4)	0.0768(4)	3.6(1)
C(2)	0.2245(5)	0.8055(5)	0.0117(4)	3.8(2)
C(3)	0.266(1)	0.5198(7)	-0.0116(7)	10.2(4)
C(4)	0.246(1)	0.5974(8)	-0.1086(7)	11.2(5)
C(5)	0.3222(7)	1.1665(6)	0.2774(5)	6.0(2)
C(6)	0.4301(6)	1.1048(6)	0.2250(8)	7.7(3)
C(7)	0.4231(8)	1.1188(7)	0.1176(7)	8.1(3)
C(8)	0.309(1)	1.1909(7)	0.1021(6)	9.8(4)
C(9)	0.2440(7)	1.2211(6)	0.2048(7)	7.1(3)
C(10)	0.0569(6)	0.8477(5)	0.2526(5)	5.4(2)
C(11)	-0.0100(5)	0.9654(7)	0.2476(5)	5.9(2)
C(12)	0.0298(8)	1.0323(7)	0.3249(7)	8.2(3)
C(13)	0.118(1)	0.961(1)	0.3782(5)	10.4(4)
C(14)	0.1345(6)	0.8481(9)	0.3380(7)	8.8(3)
N(1)	0.0012(5)	0.5205(6)	0.7386(4)	6.3(2)
N(2)	0.0849(5)	0.2663(5)	0.4753(4)	5.4(2)
N(3)	0.7609(5)	0.7142(4)	0.1676(4)	4.9(1)
N(4)	0.6858(5)	0.9721(5)	0.4245(4)	6.2(2)
C(15)	0.2712(4)	0.5375(4)	0.5114(4)	3.2(1)
C(16)	0.3089(5)	0.6521(4)	0.5524(4)	3.5(1)
C(17)	0.4212(5)	0.7240(4)	0.5016(4)	3.5(1)
C(18)	0.5073(4)	0.6889(4)	0.4059(4)	3.1(1)
C(19)	0.4682(4)	0.5746(4)	0.3646(3)	3.3(1)
C(20)	0.3569(4)	0.5034(4)	0.4146(4)	3.3(1)
C(21)	0.1556(5)	0.4607(5)	0.5635(4)	3.5(1)
C(22)	0.0691(5)	0.4941(5)	0.6606(4)	4.3(2)
C(23)	0.1151(4)	0.3527(5)	0.5167(4)	3.8(1)
C(24)	0.6248(4)	0.7640(4)	0.3515(4)	3.2(1)
C(25)	0.6594(5)	0.8787(5)	0.3918(4)	4.1(2)
C(26)	0.7011(4)	0.7354(4)	0.2499(4)	3.5(1)

<sup>a</sup>  $U_{eq} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* a_i a_j$ .

of metal character (an  $a_1$  combination of  $d_{z^2}$  and  $d_{x^2-y^2}$ ) while HOMO-1 consists almost exclusively of the  $\pi$ -orbital of the dithiolene ligand with a weak interaction with metal orbitals of  $d_{yz}$  character. Upon oxidation, the system stabilizes by mixing the two fragment orbitals ( $a_1$  and  $\pi$ ), an interaction which, for



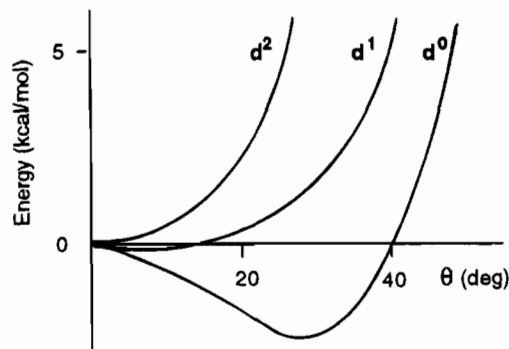
**Figure 4.** Interaction diagram for  $Cp_2Mo(ddd)$  in the unfolded ( $C_{2v}$ ) geometry.



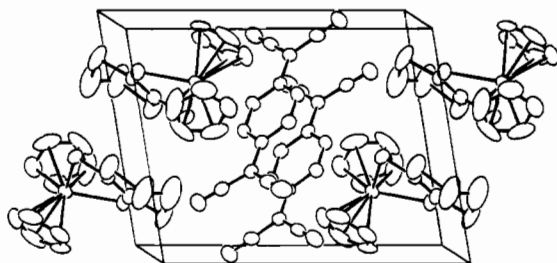
**Figure 5.** Changes in the frontier orbital HOMO and HOMO-1 of  $Cp_2Mo(ddd)$  upon oxidation and concomitant ligand bending from 0 to 32°.

symmetry reasons, is only possible when the ligand folds (Figure 5). The contribution of the dithiolene  $\pi$  fragment orbital to the SOMO becomes then nonnegligible, explaining the observed shortening of the C-S bond (of antibonding character in the  $\pi$  fragment orbital) and lengthening of the central C-C bond (of bonding character) of the dithiolene. To which extent the ligand could fold can be inferred from a plot of the energy difference  $\Delta E = E_\theta - E_{\theta=0}$  vs the folding angle  $\theta$  for different electron counts (Figure 6). For the neutral  $d^2$   $Cp_2Mo(ddd)$ , a flat minimum is observed at 0° and an unfolded structure is then expected, while, for the oxidized  $d^1$  complex, one expects the ligand to fold, however, with a low energy gain and in a large angle range. For the hypothetical  $d^0$   $Cp_2Mo(ddd)^{2+}$ , a clear minimum is observed and hence a folded structure can be predicted, as already observed in the analogous  $d^0$   $Cp_2Ti$ (dithiolene) complexes.<sup>14</sup> Certainly there is a tendency to fold when the system is oxidized, in qualitative agreement with our findings.

**Structural Analysis of  $[Cp_2Mo(ddd)][TCNQ]$ .** In the structure of  $[Cp_2Mo(ddd)][TCNQ]$ ,  $TCNQ^{\cdot-}$  are associated into centrosymmetrical dimers located at the center of the unit cell

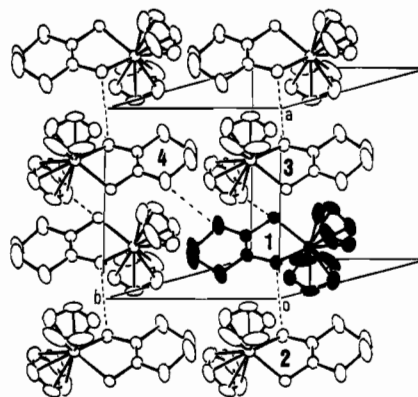


**Figure 6.** Total energy change for the bending ( $\theta$ ) of the ligand for Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd) in the neutral (d<sup>2</sup>), cationic (d<sup>1</sup>), or dicationic (d<sup>0</sup>) states.



**Figure 7.** ORTEP view of the unit cell of [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)][TCNQ]. The *c* axis runs horizontally and the *a* axis vertically. The *b* axis is approximately normal to the figure.

with a ring-over-ring overlap and a short-axis slip of 1.11 Å (Figure 7). Similar geometrical characteristics have already been encountered in a variety of dimeric TCNQ salts such as Rb(TCNQ),<sup>28</sup> Cs<sub>2</sub>(TCNQ)<sub>3</sub>,<sup>29</sup> (A-18-crown-6)(TCNQ),<sup>30</sup> A = Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Rb<sup>+</sup>, Tl<sup>+</sup>, or the so-called "dimeric" phase of ((Cp\*)<sub>2</sub>Fe)(TCNQ).<sup>31</sup> In those compounds the overlap within the dimer is characterized by a negligible molecular long-axis slip (ring-over-ring overlap) but a significant short-axis slip, from 0.33 to 0.7 Å in the crown-ether derivatives<sup>30</sup> up to 1.0 Å in ((Cp\*)<sub>2</sub>Fe)(TCNQ).<sup>31</sup> These peculiarities have been associated with the occurrence of *isolated* dimers,<sup>30</sup> contrary to the situation encountered in most TCNQ salts where the acceptor molecules exhibit a strong tendency to stack in the solid state. The intradimer plane-to-plane distance, 3.20(1) Å, lies in the order of magnitude of the distances observed in the above-mentioned TCNQ<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup> moieties. Also the intramolecular distances within an individual TCNQ<sup>•-</sup> point toward a fully reduced anion radical. Based on the large number of reported salts, three different correlations between the charge of the molecule and the bond lengths have been reported.<sup>32</sup> Applying those three correlations to the TCNQ bond lengths in [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)]-[TCNQ], averaged in *D*<sub>2h</sub> symmetry, gives calculated charges of -0.99, -0.99, and -0.97, thus confirming the total charge-



**Figure 8.** View of the *ab* plane in [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)][TCNQ]. The main intermolecular interactions are shown with dash lines (see text).

transfer character of the salt, as anticipated from the electrochemical data. Thus, the TCNQ dimers can be tentatively described as isolated fully reduced dianionic (TCNQ<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2-</sup> moieties.

In the solid, from an analysis of the shortest intermolecular contacts, we can identify layers of Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)<sup>•+</sup> cation radicals parallel to the *ab* plane, separated from each other by the (TCNQ<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2-</sup> dimers (Figure 8). Within the layers, the intermolecular Mo-Mo distances amount to 6.61 and 7.15 Å along the *a* axis, while they exceed 12 Å in the *b* direction. Thus, this salt could be described as slightly dimerized chains of Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)<sup>•+</sup> separated by the (TCNQ<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2-</sup> dimers. Note, however, that the intermolecular Mo-Mo distances may not be the only parameter for accounting for the electronic structure of the material (see below) since a part of the spin density is actually delocalized on the dithiolene ligand.

**Antiferromagnetic Interactions in [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)<sup>•+</sup>][TCNQ<sup>•-</sup>].** EPR experiments performed on oriented single crystals show a single anisotropic signal with a Lorentzian shape at all temperatures. An extremum of *g* values was found with the *a* axis of the crystal parallel to the external magnetic field. In the plane perpendicular to *a*, the two other extrema were observed at angles between the plane of the platelet and the external magnetic field of 45° and 135°. The eigenvalues for the *g*-tensor, as deduced from these experiments, are the following: *g*<sub>min</sub> = 1.9887, *g*<sub>int</sub> = 2.0096, *g*<sub>max</sub> = 2.0192, with *g*<sub>max</sub> along the *a* axis and *g*<sub>int</sub> and *g*<sub>min</sub> in a plane perpendicular—in first approximation—to the *a* axis. The anisotropy of the line width is weak (26–29 G) with the smallest value found for an orientation close to that of *g*<sub>int</sub>. The *g* factor was found to be temperature independent.

The SQUID magnetic susceptibility was measured from room temperature down to 4.2 K under a magnetic field of 3 kG (Figure 9). Data were corrected for diamagnetic and sample holder contributions. The SQUID susceptibility was found to follow a Curie-Weiss behavior in the high-temperature regime with  $\Theta = -42 \pm 2$  K. A maximum was then reached at  $T(\chi_{\max}) = 32$  K with  $\chi_{\max}/\chi_{\text{rt}} = 4.5$ .

The structural description of the salt suggested a slightly dimerized one-dimensional chain of spin 1/2 Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)<sup>•+</sup> cation radicals, separated by strongly dimerized (TCNQ<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2-</sup> pairs. From the literature data<sup>30,31</sup> we can expect the TCNQ dimers either to be EPR silent or to possess a weak susceptibility derived from a thermally activated triplet state. This is confirmed by the comparison of the measured effective moment,  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = [3 \chi_{\text{M}} k_{\text{B}} (T - \Theta) / N]^{1/2} = 1.77 \mu_{\text{B}} / \text{Mo}$ , a value very close to the calculated one for one spin 1/2 only<sup>3</sup> (1.73 μ<sub>B</sub>). Thus we can consider our magnetic system to be almost exclusively formed of the chains of Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(ddd)<sup>•+</sup> surrounded by magneti-

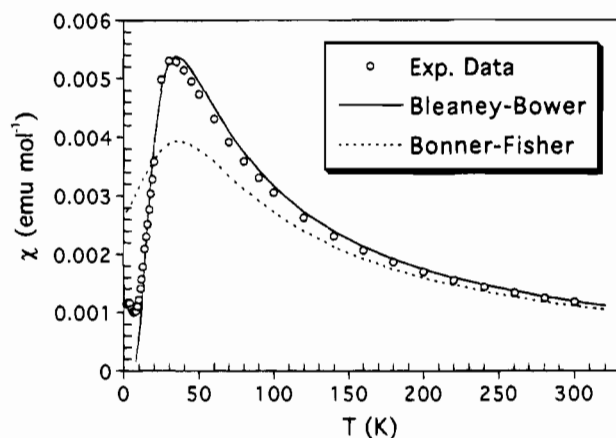
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**Figure 9.** Temperature dependence of the SQUID susceptibility for  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{ddd})][\text{TCNQ}]$ .

cally silent  $(\text{TCNQ})_2^{2-}$ . A very similar situation was probably encountered in the dimeric phase of  $((\text{Cp}^*)_2\text{Fe})(\text{TCNQ})$  where magnetism originating only from the  $((\text{Cp}^*)_2\text{Fe})^{+}$  cations was observed.<sup>31</sup>

The magnetic behavior of our system—Curie–Weiss in the high temperature regime with  $\Theta = -42$  K, followed by a rounded susceptibility maximum—is characteristic of a one-dimensional system of antiferromagnetically interacting spins. Two limiting cases have been investigated in detail: the regular spin chain by Bonner and Fischer<sup>33–35</sup> and the strongly dimerized system by Bleaney and Bower. Intermediate situations have also been studied.<sup>35–38</sup> If we define  $J$  as the exchange integral coupling a spin with its nearest right neighbor and  $\alpha J$  as the exchange integral coupling a spin with its nearest left neighbor ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ), the Bonner–Fisher situation corresponds to  $\alpha = 1$ , while  $\alpha = 0$  leads to the Bleaney–Bower system. It has been shown<sup>35,38</sup> that the temperature of maximum susceptibility,  $T(\chi_{\text{max}})$ , is nearly independent of  $\alpha$  and can be expressed as  $kT(\chi_{\text{max}}) = (1.27 \pm 0.2)|J|$ . Thus, we can deduce from our data an approximate  $J/k$  value of  $-25$  to  $-26$  K.

The experimental data were fitted very satisfactorily (for  $10 \leq T \leq 300$  K,  $R = 0.985$ ) with the Bleaney–Bower equation which reads  $\chi = Ng^2\mu_B^2/kT(3 + \exp^{-2J/kT})^{-1}$  with  $J/k = -28$  K. A superimposable curve was also obtained within the alternating chain model<sup>35</sup> with  $J/k = -25.5$  K and  $\alpha = 0.22$ . Both fits lead to the conclusion of the presence of strongly dimerized chains of spins.

From the structural determination of  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{ddd})]^{+}[\text{TCNQ}]^{-}$ , we know that the Mo–Mo distances within a chain are not uniform (6.61 and 7.15 Å). However, since these distances are too large for supporting the possibility of a direct Mo–Mo interaction, intermolecular interactions through ligand–ligand (Cp, dddt) overlaps are needed. Those overlaps may not be negligible since we know the spin to be partially delocalized on the  $\text{ddd}t^{2-}$  ligand in the SOMO.

The strength of the intermolecular interactions can be quantified by calculating the associated  $\beta_{\text{HOMO-HOMO}}$  interaction energies. The  $\beta_{ij}$  interaction energy between two orbitals  $i$  and  $j$  is defined as

$$\beta_{ij} = \sum_{\mu} \sum_{\nu} c_{\mu i} c_{\nu j} \langle \chi_{\mu} | H^{\text{eff}} | \chi_{\nu} \rangle \quad (1)$$

where  $c_{\mu i}$  is the coefficient of atomic orbital  $\chi_{\mu}$  in the molecular orbital  $\Psi_i$ .

$$\Psi_i = \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu i} \chi_{\mu} \quad (2)$$

These interaction energies have proved to be very useful in discussing the electronic structure of many organic charge-transfer salts.<sup>39</sup> The strongest calculated  $\beta$  values, 0.042 and 0.019 eV, are found along the  $a$  axis for interactions between molecules 1 and 2 and 1 and 3, respectively (Figure 8). Interaction 1–2 relies mainly on a  $S(2)_1-S(2)_2$  (3.739 Å) overlap, while interaction 1–3 is due to a  $S(1)_1-C(7)_3$  (3.684 Å) short contact. The corresponding transfer energies  $t_{ij}$  between the interacting HOMOs amount to 0.027 and 0.012 eV, respectively.

A much weaker interaction (0.007 eV) accounts for an  $S(3)_1-S(3)_4$  (3.598 Å) interchain overlap. Albeit the latter S–S distance is rather short, the HOMO coefficients of the  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{ddd})$  on the outer sulfur atoms of the dithiine ring [ $S(3)$  and  $S(4)$ ] are very small, thus explaining this weak  $\beta_{1-4}$  value. Note that since all those interaction energies remain small, the  $\beta_{ij}$  and  $t_{ij}$  absolute values are expected to be very sensitive to small geometrical changes and hence definitive conclusions from the numerical values deduced from the room temperature crystal structure should be taken with care for evaluating the interaction energies in the low temperature regime.

In a Hubbard model, with  $U$  describing the on-site electronic repulsion and  $t$  the resonance integral, the exchange integral  $J$  between two adjacent sites writes as  $t^2/U$ .<sup>1b</sup> Thus, we expect the ratio  $(t_{1-3}/t_{1-2})^2$  to behave approximately as  $J_{1-3}/J_{1-2} = \alpha$ . The calculated value of 0.25 for  $(t_{1-3}/t_{1-2})^2$  compares indeed favorably with the  $\alpha$  value deduced from the numerical fit of  $\chi$ .

Antiferromagnetic interactions have been recently reported in a series of  $d^1$  molybdenum compounds<sup>40</sup> of general formula  $[\text{Mo}(\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_7)(\text{MeCN})\text{X}_2]$ ,  $\text{X} = \text{Br}, \text{I}$ , which adopt uniform linear structures. The weaker ( $\Theta = -4 \pm 1$  K,  $T(\chi_{\text{max}}) = 14 \pm 2$  K,  $J_{ij} = -9 \pm 1$  K) antiferromagnetic interactions observed in those compounds illustrate the ability of the dithiolenes to interact strongly in the solid state.

Despite the presence of antiferromagnetic interactions, the absence of any transition to an ordered three-dimensional antiferromagnetic ground state may be related to the layered structure adopted by the paramagnetic cations in  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{ddd})][\text{TCNQ}]$ .

## Conclusion

$\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{dithiolenes})$  complexes appear to be very promising candidates for the elaboration of novel materials with interesting electronic properties. The reversible redox character is confirmed by the isolation and crystal structure resolution of the 17-electron oxidized  $d^1$   $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{ddd})^{+}$ , whose folded geometry can be rationalized by the extended Hückel calculations. The presence of strong antiferromagnetic interactions in a  $\text{TCNQ}$  salt of  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}(\text{ddd})$  demonstrates the capabilities of

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those molecules to interact with each other in the solid state. Further work will concentrate on the elaboration of other materials with different dithiolene ligands and smaller anionic counterparts as well as on the preparation of bimetallic compounds.

### Experimental Section

**General Data.** Solvents were dried and distilled just prior to use and the air-sensitive dithiolenes manipulated under argon using standard vacuum-line techniques. Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub> was obtained from Strem Chemical or prepared following ref 41. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as the internal standard, on a 200-MHz Bruker spectrometer. Elemental analysis was performed at the Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles, CNRS, Gif/Yvette, France.

**Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dmit), Bis(η<sup>5</sup>-cyclopentadienyl)(2-thioxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolato)molybdenum(IV).** A suspension of Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv) and Na<sub>2</sub>dmit<sup>42</sup> (1.1 equiv) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> was refluxed for 2 days. The violet solution was filtered and concentrated and the residue chromatographed on SiO<sub>2</sub> (el. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), yield 55%, mp >250 °C (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). IR (KBr): 3100 f (Cp), 1442 F (C=C), 1412 m, 1360 m, 1049 F (C=S), 1032 F (C=S), 1025 F (Cp), 1010 m (Cp), 992 m, 886 f, 830 F (Cp), 814 F (Cp), 521 f, 460 f cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ<sub>H</sub> 5.40 (s, Cp).

**Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dmio), Bis(η<sup>5</sup>-cyclopentadienyl)(2-oxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolato)molybdenum(IV).** It was prepared as above, from Na<sub>2</sub>dmio, obtained by reaction of thiapendione<sup>43</sup> with MeONa (2 equiv) and precipitation with Et<sub>2</sub>O, yield 55%, mp >250 °C (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). IR (KBr): 3100 m (Cp), 1656 F (C=O), 1598 F, 1482 m, 1431 m, 1417 m, 1017 m (Cp), 1000 m, 902 m, 885 m, 833 F (Cp), 815 F (Cp), 751 m, 468 m cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ<sub>H</sub> 5.37 (s, Cp).

**Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt), Bis(η<sup>5</sup>-cyclopentadienyl)(5,6-dihydro-1,4-dithiine-2,3-dithiolato)molybdenum(IV).** As above from Na<sub>2</sub>dddt<sup>44</sup> and Cp<sub>2</sub>MoCl<sub>2</sub>, one obtains a grey-blue powder, recrystallized by slow addition of AcOEt in a concentrated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, yield 50%, mp >250 °C (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/AcOEt). IR (KBr) 3100 m (Cp), 2953 f (C-H), 2909 f (C-H), 1431 m, 1416 m, 1283 m, 1016 f (Cp), 1000 m (Cp), 919 f (C-S), 831 F (Cp), 813 F (Cp) cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): δ<sub>H</sub> 5.29 (s, 10H, Cp), 3.13 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

Satisfactory elemental analyses were obtained for the three compounds.

**[Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt)][TCNQ].** Warm solutions of Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt) (41 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (125 mL) and TCNQ (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) were mixed and cooled slowly. Large crystals of the title compound (12 mg) precipitate from the cooled solution together with bundles of very thin needles which could be removed by hand.

The latter needlelike crystals were found to be too small for X-ray investigations. Elemental analysis points toward a 2:3 stoichiometry, i.e., [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt)]<sub>2</sub>[TCNQ]<sub>3</sub>. Calcd for C<sub>64</sub>H<sub>40</sub>S<sub>8</sub>Mo<sub>2</sub>N<sub>12</sub> (Found): C, 53.93 (53.73); H, 2.83 (2.92); N, 11.79 (11.75).

**Electrochemical Measurements.** Cyclic voltammetry experiments were performed with a SOTELEM P/T potentiostat coupled with a PAR 175 universal programmer. Acetonitrile dried on molecular sieves with 0.1 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> was used as electrolyte. A three compartment cell was used, fitted with a 2-mm-diameter platinum working electrode, a platinum counter electrode, and an Ag/AgClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) reference electrode.

**Crystal Structure Determinations.** The unit-cell parameters were determined from a least-squares refinement of the angular settings of 25 well centered reflections. Crystallographic data and additional details regarding data collection and refinement are given in Table 5. The

**Table 5.** Crystallographic Data

	Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(dddt)	[Cp <sub>2</sub> Mo(dddt)][TCNQ]
chem form	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> MoS <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>18</sub> MoN <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
fw	406.44	610.636
temp, K	293	293
cryst syst	orthorhombic	triclinic
space group (no.)	Pna2 <sub>1</sub> (33)	P-1 (2)
<i>a</i> (Å)	16.608(3)	9.597(1)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.568(2)	10.543(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	7.724(1)	12.460(3)
α (deg)	90.	84.41(2)
β (deg)	90.	80.94(2)
γ (deg)	90.	89.41(2)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1483.9(4)	1239.1(5)
<i>Z</i>	4	2
<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.819	1.637
μ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	14.3	6.98
λ (Å)	0.71079	0.71079
<i>R</i> (F <sub>o</sub> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.029	0.044
<i>R</i> <sub>w</sub> (F <sub>o</sub> ) <sup>b</sup>	0.035	0.058

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

with  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + (0.03F_o^2)^2]$ .

Enraf-Nonius SDP<sup>45</sup> was used for data collection, and the structures were solved by a combination of MULTAN<sup>46</sup> and successive Fourier differences using either Enraf-Nonius SDP for Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt) or the Xtal3.2 programs<sup>47</sup> for [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt)][TCNQ]. Absorption corrections were applied using empirical procedures based either on the DIFABS algorithm<sup>48</sup> for Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt) or on azimuthal ψ-scans of some reflections having an Eulerian angle χ near 90° (κ > 100°) for [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt)][TCNQ]. H atoms were introduced at calculated positions (C-H, 0.95 Å) except on the outer ethylene bridge of the dddt<sup>2-</sup> ligand in [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt)][TCNQ] whose carbon atoms exhibit larger thermal agitation factors. The difference Fourier maps failed however to suggest a suitable disorder model for this ethylene group. All atoms were refined anisotropically, except H atoms, which were included in structure factor calculations but not refined. A weighting scheme of the form  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + 0.0009F_o^2]$  was applied.

**Extended Hückel Calculations.** The *H<sub>ii</sub>* parameters and orbital exponents (ζ) have been taken from ref 18.

**Magnetic Studies.** Solid-state EPR spectra were recorded on a Varian X-band spectrometer (9.3 GHz) equipped with an Oxford ESR 900 helium cryostat. Susceptibility data were collected on a Quantum Design SQUID at the Physics Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.

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**Supporting Information Available:** Tables giving atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles, anisotropic thermal parameters, and the least-squares planes for both structures and an ORTEP view with numbering scheme for TCNQ<sup>•-</sup> in [Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(dddt)][TCNQ] (22 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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