chemistry of the entire molecule is determined. This absolute configuration is presented in Figs. 1 & 2.

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The Crystal Structure of Rubidium 7,7,8,8-Tetracyanoquinodimethane, Rb-TCNQ, at -160°C

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Crystals of Rb-TCNQ have monoclinic symmetry; the space group is $P2_1/c$, a = 7.187 (1), b = 12.347 (2), c = 13.081 (3) Å, $\beta = 98.88$ (2)°, Z = 4. Rb⁺ and TCNQ⁻ are both at general positions. The intensities were collected at -160° C on an automatic Nonius diffractometer. Approximate values for the atomic coordinates were obtained from Patterson and difference Fourier maps. Anisotropic least-squares refinement decreased the residual R to 0.066 for 5512 independent reflexions. The bond lengths in the TCNQ⁻ ion show that the ion has quinoid character; the group is not planar but has the shape of a shallow boat. The TCNQ⁻ radical-ions form charge-resonance bounded rows along the a axis. The interaction between the rows is small. Within a row interplanar spacings of 3.159 and 3.484 Å alternate. The distance of 3.159 Å is the shortest distance found so far between successive TCNQ planes. The Rb⁺ ions also form rows along the a axis with alternating distances of 3.483 and 3.726 Å between the ions. These distances are appreciably longer than twice the radius of Rb⁺ (3.0 Å). Rb⁺ is octahedrally surrounded by eight negatively charged TCNQ nitrogen atoms at distances of 2.982, 2.996, 3.004, 3.009, 3.025, 3.055, 3.057 and 3.108 Å.

Introduction

Salts of the stable $TCNQ^-$ radical anion, derived from 7,7,8,8-tetracyanoquinodimethane (TCNQ), show interesting electrical and magnetic properties.



Some of these organic radical salts are among the

organic compounds with the highest electrical conductivities known, approximately 100 ohm⁻¹. cm⁻¹ at room temperature, whereas for others the conductivity is as small as 10⁻¹² ohm⁻¹. cm⁻¹ at room temperature (Acker, Harder, Hertler, Mahler, Melby, Benson & Mochel, 1960; Melby, Harder, Hertler, Mahler, Benson & Mochel, 1962). Recent measurements of the electrical conductivities and absolute magnetic susceptibilities of the crystalline M^I-TCNQ salts (M^I = alkali cation) have revealed that phase transitions occur in all these salts except in Li-TCNQ (Vegter, Hibma & Kommandeur, 1969). Table 1 shows that especially for Rb-TCNQ the heat of transition is large. We observed that crystals of this compound do not remain single during the transition, indicating that the changes in the structure are pronounced.

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for	the	M'-T	CNQ	salts	and	for	Wur	ster's	blue	per-
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	T(°K)	⊿H (cal/mole)
*Li-TCNQ	no phase	transition observed
Na-TCNQ	348	unobservable
K-TCNQ	395	60
Rb-TCNQ	381	1010
Cs-TCNQ	210	unobservable
†ClO₄–TMPD	186	240

* Vegter, Hibma & Kommandeur (1969). † see also: Nordio, Soos & McConnell (1966).

The magnetic susceptibilities of the M^{I} -TCNQ salts are so small (molar paramagnetic susceptibilities of the order 10^{-5} emu at room temperature), that they cannot be considered as approximately fully paramagnetic radical salts. Neither are the susceptibility data consistent with the usual relation

$$\chi_{p}T = (g^{2}\beta^{2}N_{0}/3k) [1 + \frac{1}{3} \exp(2J/kT)]^{-1}$$

for singlet ground-state dimers, each having a triplet state lying at an energy 2J above this ground-state (Vegter *et al.*, 1969). Therefore attempts have been made in the literature to find a theory to explain the magnetic properties. The proposed theories assume that the organic radicals are arranged in rows having little mutual interaction as is the case in $Cs_2(TCNQ)_3$ (Fritchie & Arthur, 1966), K-TCNQ (Anderson & Fritchie, 1963) and in Würster's blue perchlorate TMPD.ClO₄ (de Boer & Vos, 1971).

Our X-ray work on the M^I-TCNQ salts was initiated by the fact that only little structural information was available for these compounds. After some unsuccessful attempts to determine the crystal structures of Li-TCNQ and K-TCNQ, we were able to do a complete three-dimensional X-ray diffraction study of Rb-TCNQ at low temperature (-160° C).



Fig. 1. Mutual orientation of the individuals in quadruplets of K-TCNQ. The locations of b^* and c^* on a non-zero layer line about the *a* axis are given. A_1 through A_4 are the points of intersection of the a^* axes with the layer line.

Preliminary work on Li-TCNQ and K-TCNQ

Li-TCNQ

We started to investigate Li-TCNQ as this compound has the advantage of having no transition point, so that the χ_p curve of the same modification can be studied over a large temperature range. No good crystals have been obtained so far, however. According to preliminary rotation and Weissenberg photographs the compound is tetragonal, $a=b=12\cdot3$, $c=7\cdot9$ Å, Z=4. The odd layers about the c axis are present as diffuse lines on the rotation photographs.

K-TCNQ

According to Anderson & Fritchie (1963) the compound is monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, $a=7\cdot10$ (1), $b=17\cdot80$ (3), $c=17\cdot88$ (3) Å, $\beta=94\cdot9$ (3)°, Z=8indicating that there are two independent TCNQ units on general positions in the cell. We could verify the conclusions concerning the lattice parameters and space group, but found that the approximate tetragonal geometry in the *bc* plane gives rise to twinning with the formation of quadruplets around **a**. In Fig. 1 the relationship between the four individuals is given. It can be concluded that the approximate tetragonal symmetry observed by Anderson & Fritchie (AF) for the reflexions 0kl is partly due to the quadruplet formation.

The preliminary structure determination by AF shows that both the K⁺ ions and the TCNQ groups are stacked in rows along the *a* axis. From the available experimental crystallographic evidence it is not certain whether or not there is a bimolecular association of TCNQ groups in the rows, as has been suggested by Vegter, Hibma & Kommandeur (1969).

Experimental work on Rb-TCNQ

Preparation and crystal data

Crystals of Rb–TCNQ were prepared by a diffusion process of RbI and TCNQ in acetronitrile by Vegter, Hibma & Kommandeur (1969), in the Laboratory for Physical Chemistry at Groningen. Use was made of the crystal growth apparatus described by Pott & Kommandeur (1967). The two parts of the apparatus were filled with a 0.09 M solution of RbI in acetonitrile and a 0.03 M solution of TCNQ in acetronitrile. Needles as long as 0.5 cm along the a axis were obtained.

The cell dimensions were determined from zero layer line Weissenberg photographs superimposed with NaCl reflexion spots for calibration purposes. Small crystals with dimensions of $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$ mm were used. During the exposure the crystals were cooled by a stream of cold nitrogen gas, obtained by evaporating liquid nitrogen. In this way a temperature of -160 °C was achieved (measured with a copperconstantan thermocouple). The cell dimensions were calculated by a least-squares program from the $\sin^2 \theta/\lambda^2$ values of 62 reflexions [λ (Cu $K\alpha_2$)=1.54434 Å, λ (Cu $K\alpha_1$)=1.54050 Å, a(NaCl)=5.64006 Å at 21 °C]. In Table 2 the values obtained are given with the standard deviations as calculated by the least-squares program. The symmetry relations between the reflexions and the systematic absences observed on Weissenberg and precession photographs (h0l absent for l odd, 0k0 absent for k odd) are characteristic for the well known space group $P2_1/c$ (No. 14 in *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography*, 1959). Preliminary values for the cell dimensions at room temperature are a=7.30 (2), b=12.40 (4), c=13.13 (4) Å, $\beta=98.8$ (2)°.

Table 2. Crystal data of Rb-ICNU at - 10	0°0	С
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Monoclinic	Formula: $C_{12}N_4H_4Rb$;
$a = 7.187 \pm 0.001 \text{ Å}$	F.W. 290
$b = 12.347 \pm 0.002$	$D_c = 1.68 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$
$c = 13.081 \pm 0.003$	$D_m = 1.6 \text{ g.cm}^{-3} (20^{\circ}\text{C})$
$\beta = 98.88 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	Z=4
$V = 1147 \text{ Å}^3$	$\mu = 45.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Mo Ka)
Space group $P2_1/c$	$\mu = 62.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Cu Ka)

Structure factors

A crystal with dimensions of $0.31 \times 0.16 \times 0.16$ mm was used for the intensity measurements; it was mounted on the tip of a glass fibre and aligned along the monoclinic *b* axis. We collected the intensities on a three-circle automatic Nonius diffractometer, using the moving-counter moving-crystal method and Zrfiltered Mo radiation (Furnas, 1957). The crystal was again cooled down to -160° C by a cold stream of nitrogen gas. A cooling system designed by van Bolhuis (1971) was used.

All independent reflexions with k < 4 were measured up to $\theta = 42^{\circ}$; for k > 4 only reflexions with $0 < \theta < 37^{\circ}$ were considered. Deviations from linearity of the (scintillation) counting equipment were kept below 1% by the use of attenuation filters; every two hours a reference reflexion was measured accurately. Corrections were made for intensity changes in the primary beam, for the Lorentz and polarization effects and for absorption. The latter corrections were calculated according to the Busing & Levy (1957) scheme: $6 \times 6 \times 6$ volume fragments and 6 accurately located bounding planes were taken into account. Reflexions with a negative net intensity were given zero weight. For the other reflexions the weight w_c was calculated from the relation $w_c = [\sigma_c(F)]^{-2}$, $\sigma_c(F)$ being the standard deviation in F due to counting statistics and errors in the filter factors (only for reflexions measured with an attenuation filter). For the structure determination 5512 reflexions with $w_c > 0$ were available.

Determination of the structure

The peaks in the Patterson synthesis indicated the Rb⁺ ions lying approximately midway between two successive inversion centres in the x direction, for instance approximately at $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $(\frac{1}{4}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $(\frac{3}{4}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$. The vector model for this case is strongly similar to the vector model obtained for a location of the Rb atoms on inversion centres, for instance on $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $(0, 0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$. For the latter model some of the peaks are expected to be higher and sharper than for the former. From the heights and shapes of the peaks it was decided to place the independent Rb atom at (0.25, 0.52, 0.01). Its position was refined by isotropic least-squares techniques. The reflexions with both *h* and k + l even, having a large contribution of the Rb atoms, were used: R=29.8%. The positions of the 'heavy' atoms of the TCNQ group could be selected from four images of the TCNQ group in a $[F_o - F_c(Rb)]$ map of the reflexions with *h* and k + l both even.

The least-squares refinement of the structure was done on a TR-4 computer with a program working in block-diagonal approximation (Cruickshank, 1961b). For the 'heavy' atoms (Rb⁺, C, N,) the scattering factors of Doyle & Turner (1968) were used and for hydrogen the f curve of Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965) was taken. After anisotropic refinement of the 'heavy' atoms, a difference Fourier synthesis of 3000 reflexions with $\sin \theta / \lambda < 0.68 \text{ Å}^{-1}$ showed four positive areas at the positions excepted for the four hydrogen atoms. In addition to these maxima there appeared to be diffraction ripples around the Rb atom. In the last few cycles of the least-squares refinement the hydrogen atoms were fixed at 1.08 Å from the respective carbon atoms. The valence angles were obtained from geometrical considerations and their temperature factors were assumed to be isotropic and were refined by the least-squares program. In the final stages of the refinement all 5512 reflexions were used with $w = [w_c^{-1} + p|F_o|^2]^{-1}$; the constant $p = 36 \times 10^{-4}$ was chosen such as to make $\langle w(F_o - F_c)^2 \rangle$ as equal as possible for different values of $\sin \theta / \lambda$ and |F|. The obtained values for $\langle w(F_o - F_c)^2 \rangle$ at the end of the refinement are given in Table 3. The weighted residual $R = \left[\sum w(F_o - F_c)^2 / \sum wF_o^2\right]^{1/2}$ was 6.57% for all reflexions. In the last cycle the shifts in the atomic positions were smaller than 0.1σ .



Fig. 2. Molecular axes. A and C lie in the least-squares plane of the quinoid skeleton, B is perpendicular to this plane. * is the projection along B of the point of intersection of the libration axes. The direction cosines (in units 10^{-4}) relative to a^* , b and c are: 4030, -6591 and 6350 for A, 9074, 3794 and -1804 for B and 1235, -6515 and -7486 for C.

The final parameters are listed in Tables 4 and 5, with (in parentheses) their standard deviations as calculated by the least-squares program. The observed and calculated intensities are compared in Table 6.

Table 3. $\langle w(F_o - F_c)^2 \rangle$ as a function of F and $\sin[\theta/\lambda]$

The average values are taken for the reflexions considered in each group. ът

	INF.	= number of i	enexio.	us in a grou	p.
Nr.	$\langle F_o \rangle$	$\langle w(F_o-F_c)^2 \rangle$	Nr.	$\langle (\sin \theta / \lambda)^2 \rangle$	$\langle w(F_o-F_c)^2 \rangle$
454	3.9	0.2	32	0.0146	7.8
2316	11.0	0.8	142	0.0483	3.4
1399	21.8	0.6	191	0.0938	1.7
668	32.7	0.8	239	0.1407	1.0
286	44.4	1.0	273	0.1874	0.7
164	55.4	1.2	293	0.2333	0.8
75	66.7	1.9	325	0.2797	0.2
69	78·0	1.6	351	0.3272	0.5
31	88.8	2.6	374	0.3739	0.6
19	99.2	1.4	383	0.4205	0.2
5	111.4	2.1	388	0.4665	0.6
4	121.9	2.3	449	0.5123	0.6
9	136.3	3.2	419	0.5590	0.6
5	145.3	2.6	464	0.6054	0.6
6	156-1	4.9	468	0.6530	0.6
0			404	0.6981	0.6
0			90	0.7444	0.8
0			81	0.7935	0.6
1	204.1	6.1	107	0.8390	0.8
1	212.4	0.1	39	0.8744	0.9

Thermal motion

The anisotropic thermal parameters (Table 5) of the 16 heavy atoms of the TCNO molecule were used in an analysis of the rigid-body translational and librational motion (Cruickshank, 1956, 1961a). The point of intersection of the axes of libration was varied (Pawley, 1963). The results are listed in Table 7(a). From the unrealistically low values of ω_{22} and ω_{33} it must be concluded that not too much physical significance can be attached to the values of T and ω and to the position of the point of intersection of the libration axes. No libration corrections have therefore been applied to the bond lengths given in Fig. 8.

Table 4. Final atomic coordinates ($\times 10^{5}$) and parameters B for the hydrogen atoms

Standard deviations ($\times 10^5$) are in parentheses. The positions of the hydrogen atoms were not refined. For numbering of atoms, see Fig. 3.

	x/a	y/b	z/c	<i>B</i> (H)
Rb	24054 (4)	51076 (2)	-356 (2)	
N(1)	6351 (42)	7669 (25)	- 31757 (24)	
C(2)	9150 (43)	10142 (26)	-23211(25)	
C(3)	12569 (42)	12945 (24)	-12526 (24)	
C(4)	5798 (42)	23139 (25)	-9822(24)	
N(5)	375 (42)	31447 (24)	- 7480 (25)	
C(6)	20745 (39)	5429 (24)	-4921 (24)	
C(7)	22672 (42)	7965 (24)	5826 (24)	
C(8)	30444 (40)	636 (24)	13162 (23)	
C(9)	36758 (40)	-9710 (24)	10267 (24)	
C(10)	34708 (42)	-12232 (24)	-439 (23)	
C(11)	26899 (42)	-4912 (26)	- 7775 (24)	
N(12)	54551 (40)	- 36453 (23)	12813 (22)	
C(13)	50235 (43)	-27861 (25)	15044 (24)	
C(14)	44799 (43)	-17369 (24)	17775 (23)	
C(15)	46719 (42)	-15192 (24)	28484 (24)	
N(16)	48386 (42)	-13428 (23)	37247 (22)	
H(17)	18059	15683	8219	0·1 (6) Å ²
H(18)	31851	2776	21213	1.1 (8)
H(19)	39301	19961	-2841	2·1 (9)
H(20)	25498	- 7042	-15830	1.4(8)

Although only qualitative aspects of the thermal motion can be discussed, it is noticeable that the longest principle axis of libration nearly coincides with the molecular axis A (Fig. 2) for which the moment of inertia is smallest. The translation appears to be smallest along

Table 5. Final thermal parameters

The temperature factor is of the form

 $\exp\left[-2\pi^{2}(U_{11}a^{*2}h^{2}+U_{22}b^{*2}k^{2}+U_{33}c^{*2}l^{2}+2U_{12}ha^{*}kb^{*}+2U_{23}kb^{*}lc^{*}+2U_{13}ha^{*}lc^{*})\right].$

All values are multiplied by 10⁴ and standard deviations are given in parentheses.

	U_{11}	U_{22}	U33	$2U_{12}$	$2U_{23}$	$2U_{13}$
Rb	122 (1)	144 (1)	134 (1)	6 (2)	-6(3)	7 (2)
N(1)	215 (13)	204 (14)	149 (13)	22 (22)	-41(22)	-12 (22)
C(2)	138 (12)	130 (13)	140 (14)	50 (20)	37 (22)	-14 (21)
C(3)	137 (12)	88 (12)	111 (13)	21 (19)	-24 (20)	-35 (20)
C(4)	137 (12)	126 (13)	107 (13)	- 29 (20)	26 (21)	- 28 (20)
N(5)	204 (13)	164 (13)	210 (15)	19 (21)	-61 (23)	-5 (22)
C(6)	104 (11)	99 (12)	105 (12)	-9 (19)	-42 (20)	-5 (19)
C(7)	160 (13)	92 (12)	104 (12)	5 (20)	-11 (20)	46 (20)
C(8)	147 (11)	100 (12)	101 (11)	-12 (20)	-28 (20)	39 (18)
C(9)	111 (11)	106 (12)	101 (12)	-17 (19)	-8 (20)	21 (19)
C(10)	157 (12)	93 (12)	80 (12)	39 (19)	-23 (19)	18 (20)
C(11)	136 (12)	130 (13)	91 (12)	16 (20)	- 17 (20)	17 (20)
N(12)	206 (13)	138 (12)	135 (12)	44 (20)	-15 (20)	-11 (20)
C(13)	158 (13)	129 (13)	82 (12)	-31 (20)	16 (20)	-18 (20)
C(14)	171 (13)	97 (12)	80 (12)	-1 (20)	-17 (20)	26 (20)
C(15)	158 (13)	88 (12)	97 (12)	-8 (19)	18 (20)	24 (20)
N(16)	259 (14)	148 (13)	111 (12)	31 (21)	19 (20)	34 (21)

Table 6. Comparison of observed and calculated intensities

The running index is h; values of k and l for each group immediately precede that group. The value for $|F_o|^2$ is given first, the second value is $|F_c|^2$

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the B axis, which is reasonable in view of the packing of the molecules to be discussed in the next section.

The thermal motions of different TCNQ groups are

compared in Table 7(b). We see that the thermal motion in Rb-TCNQ, studied at -160 °C, is relatively small. Our rather inaccurate thermal parameters do

Table 6 (cont.)



not reveal deviations from the rigid body behaviour as observed in TMPD-(TCNQ)₂ and in tetraphenylphosphonium-(TCNQ)₂ at room temperature. In the latter compounds, as well as in tetracyanoethylene, the $C \equiv N$ groupsclearly suffer non-rigid thermal motion (Hanson, 1968; Goldstein, Seff & Trueblood, 1968; Bekoe & Trueblood 1960). For all TCNQ groups in Table 7(b) the libration is largest around the axis with the smallest moment of inertia.

Description of the structure

Packing

The structure in [100] and [010] projection is given in Figs. 3 and 4. It is easily seen that both the TCNQ groups and the Rb atoms are arranged in rows along the *a* axis. Similar rows have not only been observed in many other TCNQ salts and in TCNQ itself (Fritchie & Arthur, 1966; Fritchie, 1966; Williams & Wallwork, 1968; Long, Sparks & Trueblood, 1965), but also in organic radical salts with positive organic groups, such as Würster's blue perchlorate TMPD. ClO_4 (de Boer & Vos, 1971). Wallwork (1961) noticed that strong intermolecular interaction between two different molecules, like TMPD and chloranil, also results in a characteristic plane-to-plane packing; in this case the components alternate.

In Rb-TCNQ the non-bonded distances between the heavy atoms of successive TCNQ rows are all more than 0.24 Å longer than the sum of the van der Waals radii, indicating that there is little interaction between the TCNQ rows. The same holds for the TMPD rows in TMPD. ClO₄ and in TMPD. I (de Boer, Vos & Huml, 1968).

The surroundings of the Rb⁺ ions

The distances between the Rb⁺ ions in the **a** direction are alternately 3.483 and 3.726 Å, and thus appreciably larger than twice the non-bonded radius of Rb⁺ (1.5 Å; Pauling, 1960). Each Rb⁺ ion is surrounded by a distorted cube consisting of eight slightly negatively charged (see Table 8) nitrogen atoms at distances of 2.982, 2.996, 3.004, 3.009, 3.025, 3.055, 3.057 and 3.108 Å from the positive ion. All these



Fig. 3. Projection of the Rb-TCNQ structure along the *a* axis onto the plane (100). The centres of the molecules and the Rb atoms lie approximately at heights $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$, the terminal nitrogen atoms are approximately at heights 0 and $\frac{1}{2}$ (see Fig. 4).



Fig. 4. Projection of the Rb-TCNQ structure along the b axis. Molecules with centres at height $y \simeq 1$ are given by thick lines, those lying at $y \simeq \frac{1}{2}$ are indicated by thin lines. The Rb atoms coincide with the centres of the molecules in the present projection and are not shown.

distances are not much different from the sum of the relevant van der Waals radii $[r(Rb^+)=1.5, r(N)=1.5 \text{ Å};$ Pauling, 1960].

Comparison of the surroundings of the positive ions in Rb-TCNQ and in $Cs_2(TCNQ)_3$ shows that there are noticeable differences. Fig. 3 illustrates that in Rb-TCNQ four rows, each with two molecules, are involved in the coordination of the Rb⁺ ion, so that each nitrogen atom of the coordination cube belongs to a different TCNQ molecule. According to the preliminary model of Anderson & Fritchie (1963) the same holds for K-TCNQ. In $Cs_2(TCNQ)_3$, on the other hand, only four TCNQ molecules are involved in the cube surrounding the Cs⁺ ion (Fritchie & Arthur, 1966); in this case the two cyano groups at the same



Fig. 5 Surroundings of the metal cations in Rb-TCNQ and K-TCNQ, and in Cs₂(TCNQ)₃.

end of a TCNQ molecule are coordinated to the same Cs^+ ion, as is seen from Fig. 5. Moreover Fig. 5 shows that in Rb-TCNQ and in K-TCNQ the cubes share sides, whereas in $Cs_2(TCNQ)_3$ successive cubes have edges in common. No explanation has been given yet for these differences.

The TCNQ rows

The arrangement of the TCNQ groups within a row is schematically shown in Fig. 6; some interesting distances have been added. The TCNQ units are stacked in a plane-to-plane manner. A very interesting feature of the row is that a very short interplanar distance (distance between neighbouring 'best benzene planes') of 3.159 Å alternates with a larger distance of 3.484 Å. These interplanar distances may be compared with distances in similar compounds. Both in TCNQ itself (Long, Sparks & Trueblood, 1965) and in Nmethylphenazinium-TCNQ (Fritchie, 1966) the groups in a row are equally spaced, with observed distances of 3.45 Å for TCNQ and of 3.26 Å for the phenazinium salt. A recent structure determination of triethylammonium-(TCNQ), has shown that the TCNQ row in this compound contains the distance-sequence 3.32, 3.30, 3.24 Å (Kobayashi, Ohashi, Marumo & Saito, 1970).

The above values show that the distance of 3.159 Å in Rb-TCNQ is the shortest interplanar TCNQ distance observed so far, whereas it is also considerably shorter than the distance of 3.4 Å which is often found between neighbouring aromatic rings. It must thus be concluded that there is a strong interaction between the groups A_1 and B_1 in Fig. 6. A spectroscopical study by Boyd & Phillips (1965) has shown that also in solution strong interaction between TCNQ groups can be present. The authors assume a dimerization of



(a) Rigid body motion of TCNQ in Rb-TCNQ at -160 °C.

The direction cosines, cos A, cos B and cos C (in units 10^{-4}) of the principle axes of T and ω refer to the molecular axes A, B and C respectively (Fig. 2). The point of intersection of the libration axes lies at A = -1.004, B = -0.058, C = -0.074 Å

	Value	cos A	$\cos B$	$\cos C$		Value	$\cos A$	$\cos B$	$\cos C$
T_{11}	128	2467	- 3575	9007	ω_{11}	8.7	9990	228	- 366
T_{22}^{11}	112	-9510	- 896	- 2961	ω_{22}	1.1	-330	-1422	9893
$T_{33}^{}$	84	-1683	9351	2771	ω_{33}	0	- 278	9896	-1413

(b) Comparison of the thermal motion in different TCNQ compounds

$\omega^{\downarrow} = \omega \text{ along } A, \langle \omega^{\perp} \rangle = [\omega(B) + \omega(C)]/2, D = \langle [U_{ij}(\text{obs}) - U_{ij}(\text{rigid body})]^2 \rangle^{1/2}$
Average values of the standard deviations in $U_{ij}(obs)$ are given in parentheses.

Compound	$\langle T_{ij} \rangle$	ω"	$\langle \omega^{\perp} \rangle$	D	
TPP-(TCNQ) ₂	_		_	}30 (9)	Goldstein et al., (1968)
Anthracene-TCNQ	610	34.8	7.7	40 (?)	Williams & Wallwork (1968)
Cu-complex-TCNQ [†]	339	25.3	3.1	29 (33)	Williams & Wallwork (1967)
TCNO	392	29.7	3.4	21 (10)	Long et al. (1965)
TMPD-(TCNQ) ₂	314	31.5	4.7	31 (7)	Hanson, (1968)
Rb-TCNQ $(-160^{\circ}C)$	108	8.7	0.2	18 (12)	Present study

* Tetraphenylphosphonium-(TCNQ)₂

† Copper-(8-hydroxyquinolinato)2-TCNQ

TCNQ groups in water and report a change in free energy (ΔF°) of -4.64 kcal per mole dimer.

It is noticeable that the groups A_1 and B_1 (or A_2) and B_2) in the present compound do not coincide looking along the normal to the 'benzene' planes. Fig. 7 shows that there is a shift of 0.84 Å of A_1 relative to B_1 such that the centre of A_1 approximately lies below the centre of the quinodimethane double bond of B_1 . According to some authors (Fritchie, 1966) the observed configuration is a stable one for a TCNQ self-complex, but recent SCMO calculations performed by Jonkman (1970) in Groningen have failed to confirm this conclusion. From Figs. 6 and 7 is it seen that the intermolecular distances between B_1 and A_2 are longer than between B_1 and A_1 , and that also the shift of the groups relative to each other is larger, viz. 2.2 Å. In this case the shift is such that six atoms lie approximately on top of each other.

Shifts as reported for Rb-TCNQ have also been observed in $[(C_6H_5CH_3)_2Cr]^+(TCNQ)^-$ (Shibaeva, Atovmyan & Rozenberg, 1969) and in $Cs_2(TCNQ)_3$ (Fritchie & Arthur, 1966). In the former compound all TCNQ groups in a row lie at approximately equal interplanar distances; the shift is as observed for A_1 and B_1 . In $Cs_2(TCNQ)_3$ the rows consist of $TCNQ^-(P)$ and $TCNQ^{\circ}(Q)$ units in the sequence -P-P-Q-P-P-Q etc. The shift between two P units resembles that between A_1 and B_1 in Rb-TCNQ, whereas the shift between P and Q is similar to that between B_1 and A_2 . It is noteworthy that the interplanar distance between the two P groups, 3.26 Å, is larger than the corresponding distance between A_1 and B_1 , whereas the distance between P and Q, 3.22 Å, is shorter.

In many TCNQ compounds shifts are observed which are different from those discussed above. Very often a longitudinal slipping (displacement along the axis A in Fig. 2) of one fourth the molecular length is found. This is, for instance, the case in N-methylphenazinium-TCNQ (Fritchie, 1966), TMPD-(TCNQ)₂ (Hanson, 1968) and in triethylammonium-(TCNQ)₂ (Kobayashi *et al.*, 1970). According to Fritchie (1966) it is not impossible that intercolumnar interaction dictates the kind of shift in a compound, but no proof is available yet for this assumption.

Individual TCNQ groups within a row

The molecular geometry is summarized in Fig. 8. The standard deviations in the bond lengths and bond angles were obtained from the standard deviations in the coordinates calculated by the least-squares program (Table 4). They amount to 0.004 Å and 0.27° respectively. Differences between chemically equivalent bonds are not significant, which suggests that the standard deviations calculated by the least-squares program are realistic. The deviations from the best plane through the quinodimethane group are given in the lower part of Fig. 8; it is clearly seen that the molecule is not planar. Both $-C(CN)_2$ groups lie entirely on the same side of the quinoid skeleton of the TCNQ molecule, so that the molecule has the shape of a shallow boat as has been indicated in Fig. 6. The same effect has been recognized in tetraphenylphosphonium- $(TCNQ)_2$ (Goldstein, Seff & Trueblood, 1968).

Results of theoretical SCMO-CI calculations by Jonkman & Kommandeur (1971) are given in Table 8. These calculations, as well as the earlier SCF-LCAO-MO calculations by Lowitz (1967), show that the length of the bond c adjacent to the 'benzene' ring is especially sensitive to the amount of charge on the molecule.



Fig. 6. Row of TCNQ groups in Rb-TCNQ. Interesting distances have been added; the two numbers between the nitrogen atoms represent two independent distances present between nitrogen atoms of adjacent molecules (see Fig. 7). The individual TCNQ groups show slight deviations from planarity (see Fig. 8).



Fig. 7. TCNQ groups projected along the normal to the benzene planes. For numbering of groups see Fig. 6.

whereas the length of the CN bonds depends only slightly on this charge. In Table 9 the bond lengths in the TCNQ group of Rb-TCNQ are compared with the observed bond lengths in eleven other TCNQ compounds. It appears that the lengths of the bonds in Rb-TCNQ agree reasonably well with the bond lengths observed for the other TCNQ groups with an assumed negative charge. Significant differences only occur with bond a of compound IV and with the bonds a and c of VI. Moreover Tables 8 and 9 show that the agreement with the observed values is generally better than with the theoretical values for TCNQ⁻. This may



Fig. 8. Molecular geometry of TCNQ⁻ in Rb-TCNQ at -160 °C. The bond lengths (Å) and angles (°), given above, have not been corrected for libration (see text). The deviations (Å) from the best plane through the quinodimethane skeleton are given below. The equation of the plane referred to the axes X, Y, Z parallel to a^* , b and c is: 0.9072X + 0.3798Y - 0.1808Z = 1.7421.



Fig.9. Temperature dependence of the molar paramagnetic susceptibility χ_p of Rb-TCNQ as measured by Vegter & Kommandeur (1971)

indicate that either the parameters used in the theoretical work are not fit for bond length calculations (they were chosen such as to get the best possible agreement with the UV-VIS spectrum and with the spin densities of the TCNQ⁻ ion) or that the bond lengths are influenced significantly by the relatively strong intermolecular interaction. Until more detailed studies have been done, it cannot be decided whether or not the bond lengths in the TCNQ groups of Rb-TCNQ show significant differences from the bond lengths expected for free TCNQ⁻.

Table 8. Calculated values for charges, bond orders and bond lengths for free TCNQ, TCNQ⁻ and TCNQ²⁻ groups

To obtain the C-C bond lengths the relation R(C-C) = 1.506 - 0.17p was used (de Boer & Vos, 1971). For TCNQ⁻ both the charges and the spin densities are given.



Charge	C (1)	C(2)	C(3)	C(4)	N
TCNQ	0.99	0.95	1.03	0.80	1.22
TCNQ-1	1.04	0.95	1.28	0 ∙74	1.36
Spin density	0.06	0.11	0.17	0.01	0.04
TCNQ ⁻²	1.09	0.98	1.42	0.73	1.48
Bond order P	а	Ь	с	d	е
TCNQ	0.92	0.29	0.82	0.25	0.94
TCNQ ⁻¹	0.83	0.43	0.62	0 ∙34	0.89
TCNQ ⁻²	0.73	0.57	0.42	0.47	0 ∙81
Bond length R	а	Ь	с	d	
TCNQ	1.350	1.457	1.361	1.464	
TCNQ ⁻¹	1.365	1.433	1.395	1.448	
TCNQ ⁻²	1.382	1.409	1.435	1.426	

The spin densities and charges listed in Table 8 appear to offer a possible explanation for the shallow boat shape of the TCNQ⁻ ions. In view of these results one does expect that the quinoid groups of A_1 and B_1 (Fig. 6) attract each other because of their relatively high spin densities, whereas the $C \equiv N$ groups are pushed apart because of their high electrical charges.

The magnetic susceptibilities of organic radical comnounds

As mentioned in the introduction the theories proposed so far to describe the magnetic behaviour of organic radical compounds assume the organic radicals to be arranged in rows. In these rows the distances between the radicals can be either equal (regular rows) or alternately different (irregular rows). The present

structure determination shows that in Rb-TCNO (see Fig. 9) and other organic radical compounds at low temperature, some type of spin-coupling between the radicals has to be assumed. At the moment there are two different views concerning this spin-coupling. Fedders & Kommandeur (1970) neglect exchange interaction between the electrons and have developed a narrow band model for the electronic energies on the basis of a one-electron theory. Spin-coupling occurs owing to the fact that many of the electrons have to be placed in the same band(s). McConnell and coworkers (Thomas, Keller & McConnell, 1963) state that 'exchange interaction' plays an essential part [according to Soos & Hughes (1967) the exchange integral J is phenomenologically defined and includes important charge-transfer and phonon effects]. Their many-electron theory, which is based on the Hamiltonian for the linear Heissenberg antiferromagnet, again gives a band model, which in this case describes the different spin states (Soos, 1965).

Although the dependence of the magnetic susceptibility on the temperature is not the same for both theories, it will be difficult to judge from $\chi(T)$ curves alone which theory is right for a particular compound as both theories work with one (for regular rows) or two (for irregular rows) parameters which can be

adjusted to the experimental $\chi(T)$ values. Therefore in addition to their magnetic behaviour, other physical properties of the organic radical compounds have to be studied, and the structures of a number of these compounds have to be determined accurately. Further work is in progress in the laboratories of Physical Chemistry and Structural Chemistry in Groningen. Vegter & Kommandeur (1971) have added another adjustable parameter to the narrow band model by extending this theory to cases where the distances between the organic radicals change with temperature. Starting from our structural parameters this extended theory has given a good description of the paramagnetic behaviour of Rb-TCNQ. It seems not impossible. however, to obtain equally good agreement between theory and experiment with the Heissenberg antiferromagnet, if in this case also variations in the intermolecular distances with temperature are taken into account.

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Table 9. Observed bond lengths in twelve TCNQ compounds*

The numbering is given in Table 8. Average values for chemically equivalent bonds are listed with, in parentheses, the largest deviation from this value. After the code number of each compound its standard deviation, referring to the individual bonds, is given in parentheses.

			given in paren	ineses.		
		I(4)	II(9)	III(6)	IV(4)	V(13)
	а	1.436 (-)	1.355 (-)	1.365(-)	1.341(-)	1.345 (8)
	Ь	1.448 (2)	1.460 (-)	1.443 (5)	1.445 (5)	1.444(14)
TCNQ⁰	С	1.374 (-)	1.370 (-)	1.377(-)	1.371(-)	1.387 (5)
	d	1.441 (1)	1.425 (-)	1.438 (1)	1.429 (2)	1.422(34)
	е	1.140 (1)	1·130 (—)	1·142 (1)	1.140 (11)	1.152 (35)
		IV(4)	V(13)	VI(6)	VII(6)	VIII(4)
TCNQ-1	а	1.355 (2)	1.377 (2)	1.341(-)	1.373(-)	1.373 (1)
	Ь	1.427 (4)	1.433 (35)	1.434 (6)	1.414(-)	1.423(3)
	С	1.410 (9)	1.409 (4)	1.388 (-)	1·406 (–)	1.420(0)
	d	1.419 (3)	1.408 (24)	1.420 (1)	1·412 (–)	1.416 (8)
	е	1.152 (3)	1.159 (31)	1.155 (1)	1.160 (-)	1.153 (7)
		IX(4)	X(4)	XI(13)	XII ^A (5)	XII ^B (5)
TCNQ ^{-1/2}	а	1.355(1)	1.353 (3)	1.360 (14)	1,358 (6)	1.252 (2)
	Ь	1.435 (2)	1.434(3)	1.300(14) 1.443(14)	1.430 (6)	1.332(2) 1.434(7)
	с	1.395 (3)	1.396 (1)	1.380(3)	1.400(1)	1.388 (5)
	d	1.427 (5)	1.430 (5)	1.430(10)	1.424(2)	1.424(9)
	е	1.171 (5)	(1.17)	1.150 (11)	1.148 (7)	$1 \cdot 148 (8)$
		* I=TCNQ (Lo II=Anthracent III=Cu-compl IV=Cs2(TCNC V=TEA(TCNV VI=N-methylp VII=TMPD-T VIII=Rb-TCN IX=TMPD-(TCN XI=Ouinolini	ng & Sparks, 196. e-TCNQ (William lex-TCNQ (William Q) ₃ (Fritchie & An Q) ₂ (Kobayashi <i>et</i> henazinium TCN fCNQ (Hanson, 1 IQ (Present study) fNCQ) ₂ (Hanson, IQ) ₂ (Goldstein, S um-(TCNQ) ₃	5), is & Wallwork, 1 ims & Wallwork, thur, 1966), <i>al.</i> , 1970), Q (Fritchie, 1966) 956), 1968), eff & Trueblood,	968), 1967),), 1968).	

 $XII = Methyltriphenylphosphonium-(TCNQ)_2$

during the experimental work. The calculations were done at the Computing Centre of the University of Groningen.

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Structure de l'o-Cresol

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Crystals of o-cresol are trigonal, with nine molecules in a unit cell of dimensions a = 16.43, c = 5.94 Å, space group either $P3_1$ or $P3_2$ (enantiomorphic). The structure has been determined from three dimensional single crystal X-ray data, registered at -50 °C. The positions of molecules approximately given by Patterson methods and steric considerations were refined by least-squares analysis. All hydrogen atoms were located in a difference map. Least-squares anisotropic refinement was carried out, giving the final R value of 0.08. The molecules are linked by hydrogen bonds to form three chains parallel to the c direction.

Introduction

Notre travail s'intègre dans l'étude des xylénols et des crésols entreprise au laboratoire. La structure cristal-

line des diméthyl-2,3, -2,5 et -2,6 phénols a été élucidée (Gillier-Pandraud, 1965, 1966; Brusset, Gillier-Pandraud & Viossat, 1967), celle des diméthyl-3,5 et -3,4 phénols est actuellement en cours de détermination.