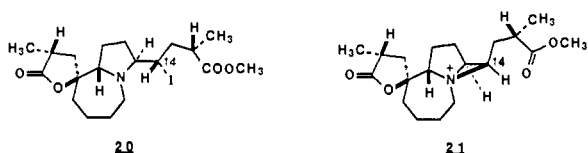


immediately submitted for Wittig olefination with the chiral phosphorane **15**,¹² producing exclusively the (Z)-alkene **16**.

Our results, featuring sequential construction of the saturated heterocyclic system of croomine, are illustrated in Scheme II. Acid hydrolysis of the dioxepine acetal **16** (aqueous HBF₄; CH₃OH; 30 min, 72%) and basic saponification (LiOH; THF; CH₃OH; H₂O (3:1:1 by volume) at 22 °C; 86% yield) led to the expected triol ($[\alpha]^{26.0}_D +10.0^\circ$ (c 2.17, CHCl₃)). Slow addition of excess Jones' reagent to a tetrahydrofuran solution of triol at 0 °C with a Celite suspension (2-propanol quench) allowed for a convenient filtration to remove chromium salts. Further concentration of solvents followed by esterification with ethereal diazomethane gave a 78% yield of the butyrolactone methyl ester **17**.

Our strategy for formation of the central perhydroazepine ring has demonstrated the utility of the Staudinger reaction as a viable approach to these complex nitrogen heterocycles.¹³ Removal of the benzyl ether and subsequent oxidation gave the requisite azido aldehyde **18**. Treatment of **18** with triphenylphosphine in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran led to in situ formation of an aza ylide. Subsequent intramolecular Wittig condensation afforded a seven-membered imine, which was reduced upon addition of sodium borohydride in methanol, producing a 90% yield of the perhydroazepine **19** ($[\alpha]^{25.2}_D +15.0^\circ$ (c 1.54, CH₃OH)). The Staudinger methodology was particularly noteworthy in light of the degree of functionalization in these molecules.¹⁴

The final cyclizations of the C and D rings of the vicinal pyrrolidino butyrolactone segment of croomine were accomplished in a single step. Our preliminary studies of iodine-induced intramolecular cyclizations of bishomoallylic N-alkoxy amines were found to favor formation of trans-2,5-disubstituted pyrrolidino iodides, particularly for cases of (Z)-alkenes.¹⁵ Furthermore, Harding had previously shown that cases of pyrrolidine formation by amidomercuration proceed with 2,5-trans stereoselectivity.¹⁶ Treatment of our secondary amine **19** with iodide (1.1 equiv), 0 → 22 °C afforded direct conversion to (+)-croomine (**1**).¹⁷ This double cyclization involved formation of the initial iodoamination product **20** followed by nucleophilic anchimeric assistance by the



vicinal tertiary amine. Intramolecular capture of the intermediate aziridinium salt **21** by participation of the proximate ester resulted in net retention of carbon configuration (C₁₄). Synthetic (+)-croomine was compared with spectral data for the natural product.¹⁸ An unambiguous assignment of our synthetic material was provided by X-ray crystallographic analysis of the corresponding methiodide salt of **1**.¹⁹

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In conclusion, our route to (+)-croomine has demonstrated the utility of the Staudinger reaction for preparation of 1-azabicyclo[5.3.0]decanes. An iodine-induced cyclization of our bis-homoallylic amine occurred with a stereocontrolled intramolecular nucleophilic capture of the intermediate aziridinium salt by the proximate methyl ester, providing a vicinal pyrrolidino butyrolactone. Further efforts toward the *Stemona* alkaloids are in progress.

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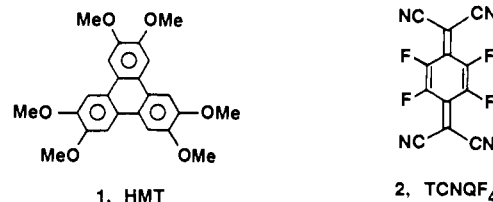
Synthesis of an Ambient Temperature Stable, High Spin Density Organic Solid with an Anomalously Small Interspin Coupling

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To date, ambient temperature stable organic ferromagnets still remain as challenging compounds to be synthesized.¹ There are two important prerequisites for the generation of room temperature magnets: ambient temperature stable high spin density in the bulk of the material and a significant ferromagnetic interaction between spins. Unfortunately, most organic solids are either diamagnetic or weakly paramagnetic with a low spin density. Recently, several ground-state triplet molecules, such as dicationic 2,3,6,7,10,11-hexamethoxytriphenylene² (**1** (HMT)), its derivatives, and oc-



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tadecahydrohexaazacoronene³ (HOC), have been synthesized for use as precursors in the preparation of high-spin solid-state organic materials. However, these dicationic triplet organics are not thermally stable. For example, the triplet state of dicationic HMT in solution was found to be stable only below the cryogenic temperature.^{2a}

Here we report that triplet dicationic HMT molecules, after a reaction of HMT with certain acceptors and a doping process, can be stabilized in the solid state at ambient temperature to form novel organic charge-transfer salts possessing a high spin density with an anomalously small interspin coupling. The optimum organic acceptor for this study was found to be 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-7,7,8,8-tetracyanoquinodimethane (**2** (TCNQF₄)). The resulting reddish purple crystalline complex possesses a molecular composition (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ (**3**).^{4,5}

Magnetic susceptibility and ESR⁶ studies were performed on chemically doped samples of (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄. The undoped (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ microcrystalline solid was studied first and proved to be only weakly paramagnetic according to ESR susceptibility measurements. In fact, the static susceptibility data indicated a spin density corresponding to only 0.1 mol % spins ¹/₂. The doping process was carried out at the solid state of the (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ complex with arsenic pentafluoride gas. From this process we found that the contents of arsenic fluorides varied from 27% by weight to 62% by weight, which corresponds to a molecular formula (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄-(AsF₅)_y (**4**, $y = 2.0$ –8.4). It was reported that the main fraction of arsenic fluorides incorporated in AsF₅-doped polyaromatics is a complex form of monoanionic AsF₅-AsF₆.⁷ This is supported by the magnetic data of **4** at the low doping level (complex **5**) showing a matched number of spins per complex unit between calculation and an experimental and IR spectroscopic study of our doped complex, which showed two strong distinguishing bands at 400 and 700 cm⁻¹. However, more complicated reactions leading to other types

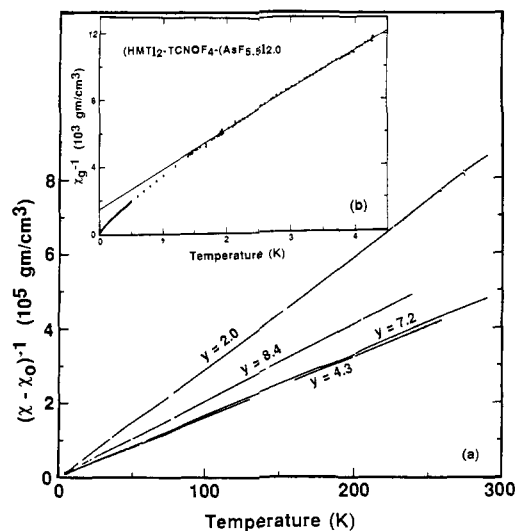


Figure 1. Temperature dependence of reciprocal magnetic susceptibility of (a) (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄-(AsF₅)_y complexes in the solid state, where $y = 2.0, 4.3, 7.2,$ and 8.4 and (b) the same complex with $y = 2.0$ at temperatures between 0.018 and 4 K.

of arsenic fluoride cannot be ruled out in this doping process.

The samples used in the magnetic susceptibility study were prepared by a 3-min doping, a 1-h doping, a 3-h doping, and a 9-h doping to give complexes **5** ($y = 2.0$ of **4**), **6** ($y = 4.3$ of **4**), **7** ($y = 7.2$ of **4**), and **8** ($y = 8.4$ of **4**), respectively. The inverse susceptibilities per gram of (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ are shown in Figure 1a, corrected for the ferromagnetic impurities and the temperature-independent diamagnetic susceptibilities (χ_0). These constants, as well as the Curie constants C and Weiss temperatures Θ were determined from least-squares fits of the data above ~ 4 K to the relation $\chi = \chi_0 + C/(T - \Theta)$. As seen in Figure 1a, the data follow this relation very well. The Curie constants C_M ((cm³ K)/mol) for complexes **5**, **6**, **7**, and **8** were found to be 0.366, 0.677, 0.661, and 0.534, respectively. They are large, corresponding to large spin densities (n) of 1.0, 1.55, 1.52, and 1.31 spins ¹/₂ per formula unit, respectively. The magnetic interactions between the spins, as indicated by the magnitudes of Θ , are anomalously small (only -0.6 K for complexes **5** and **6** and -0.7 K for complexes **7** and **8**) for an organic compound with such a high spin density, and the negative sign of Θ indicates that the interactions are antiferromagnetic in nature (but see below).

The fact that Θ is nonzero for these complexes and the presence of large spin densities suggest that cooperative magnetic transitions may occur below 1 K. The susceptibility measurements were, therefore, extended to 0.02 K using a dilution refrigerator. The results for complex **4** are shown in Figure 1b (0.02–1.6 K), along with data obtained with the vibrating-sampling magnetometer above 1.3 K. In contrast to the Curie-Weiss behavior above 3 K, the inverse susceptibility at lower temperatures tends toward a Curie law with $\Theta = 0$. This interesting behavior below 1 K could result from a number of mechanisms; e.g., the sample could contain different magnetic species with different Weiss temperatures, $\Theta_1 \sim 0$ and $\Theta_2 \sim -0.5$ K. At the lowest temperatures, the former species would dominate the susceptibility. Alternatively, the behavior in Figure 1b could be a "single-ion" effect, in which case the parameter Θ would not be viewed as reflecting an interaction between the spins.

For complex **5** with the lowest doping level, the spin density $n = 1$ spin per (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ complex. With increasing doping level, n reaches a maximum of 1.6 spins ¹/₂ per (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ complex at $y = 4.3$ but then decreases. These decreases in n with increasing doping level evidently indicate that nonmagnetic charged states are becoming occupied. Finally, for $n > 1$ it seems plausible that $S = 1$ triplet states might form and be occupied in the (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ complex, in view of the mixed-stack structure of the compound. Magnetization isotherms up to 65 kG at 1.3 and 4.2 K, coupled with the results of the above

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In conclusion, we describe for the first time a synthetic method to introduce low-spin TCNQF₄ as molecular spacers in the solid state of (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄-(AsF₅)_y to separate high-spin HMT molecules into molecular domains that avoids the spin pairing between adjacent HMT radicals. This synthetic manipulation results in stabilization of the triplet state of dicationic HMT and ambient temperature stable organic solids possessing a high spin density on the order of 1.0-1.6 spins $1/2$ per formula unit with an anomalously small interspin coupling. Since stable ground-state high-spin organics are thought to be essential components in the design of organic ferromagnetic solids, the results suggest that (HMT)₂-TCNQF₄ may be a good model complex for the study of organic ferromagnets. Also the observation encourages us to study further the conditions necessary to achieve ferromagnetism in this type of organic material system.⁸

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Calibration of the Bicyclo[2.1.0]pent-2-yl Radical Ring Opening and an Oxygen Rebound Rate Constant for Cytochrome P-450[†]

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Cytochrome P-450 catalyzed oxidation (hydroxylation) of hydrocarbons¹ is believed to occur by a mechanism involving hydrogen atom abstraction from the substrate (R-H) followed by rapid transfer of HO[•] to the resulting alkyl radical (R[•]). This so-called *oxygen rebound mechanism*¹ is consistent with reports of allylic and stereo- and regiochemical scrambling and of large *intrinsic* or *intramolecular* deuterium kinetic isotope effects in P-450 oxidations. *Oxygen rebound* has supplanted an earlier concerted mechanism² which was proposed to account for the (then) preponderance of regio- and stereoselectivity and for the small *intermolecular* deuterium kinetic isotope effect.¹

In an exciting and incisive investigation, Ortiz de Montellano and Stearns³ have used the *radical-clock* method⁴ to probe the mechanism and kinetics of the hydroxylation process at the in vivo temperature of 37 °C: methylcyclopropane, which would be hydroxylated via the cyclopropylmethyl (CPM) radical,^{5,6} afforded only the unrearranged alcohol, viz. cyclopropanemethanol; bicyclo[2.1.0]pentane, on the other hand, afforded a mixture of both the corresponding unrearranged and rearranged alcohols in ca. 7:1 molar ratio. The latter result indicates that ring-opening of the intermediate bicyclo[2.1.0]pent-2-yl radical (**1**[•]) competes with the hydroxyl radical transfer or *rebound* step, and, since these processes are in direct competition, the implication⁷⁻⁹ is that k_{OH}

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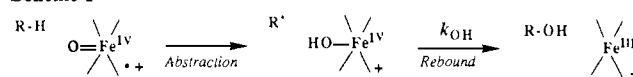
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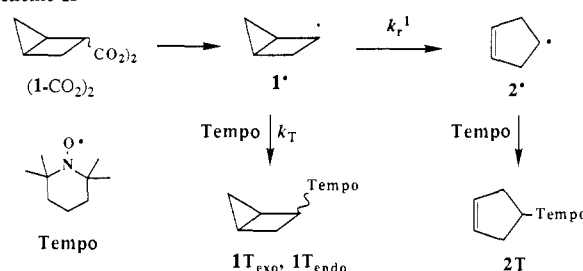
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Scheme I



Scheme II



Pseudo-first-order Kinetic Equation: $k_r^1/k_T = [\text{Tempo}] \cdot [\mathbf{2T}] / ([\mathbf{1T}_{\text{exo}}] + [\mathbf{1T}_{\text{endo}}])$

$\approx 7k_r^1 \gg k_r^{CPM}$. We report herein the first measurement of k_r^1 which, when combined with Ortiz de Montellano's P-450 data, provides the first estimate of k_{OH} for this species.

Both EPR spectroscopy¹⁰⁻¹² and Ortiz de Montellano's P-450 work³ show that the rearrangement of **1**[•] \rightarrow **2**[•] must be extremely rapid relative to the cyclopropylmethyl ring-opening, and only a chemical trapping procedure using a superbly efficient trap for carbon radicals seemed likely to provide a reliable value for k_r^1 . Various considerations, including in particular the fact that trapping rate constants have been reliably measured and been found to be almost diffusion controlled,^{13,14} do not depend significantly on alkyl radical structure,^{6,13,14} and the fact that at 37 °C the trapping agent could, if necessary, be used as the neat liquid (6 M) led us to choose Tempo as our trap. Typically, the neat diacyl peroxide^{15,16} (1-CO₂)₂ was added to a stirred, preheated (37 °C) solution of Tempo (30-fold excess) in chlorobenzene (for 1-5 M Tempo) or 2,2,4-trimethylpentane (<1 M Tempo). Nitroxide-induced decomposition¹⁸ of the peroxide afforded reaction

(7) A word of caution: in making use of the alcohol product ratios to calculate k_{OH} we have assumed that rearranged radicals are efficiently converted into alcohols. However, many species which rearrange during hydroxylation are known to destroy the P-450 catalyst, presumably without formation of the alcohol.⁸ The (kinetic) effect of this and of other possible non-alcohol-forming reactions⁹ of the rearranged substrate radical may need to be investigated.

(8) Catalyst turnover vs P-450 destruction data³ indicate that this would only have a minor effect on kinetic data for bicyclopentane since the rearranged alcohol is formed about six times more rapidly than P-450 destruction. On the other hand, if one assumes **1**[•] and CPM have the same *rebound* rate constant, viz. $2 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$, one may readily calculate that 3-buten-1-ol *should* be formed at about the same rate that P-450 is being destroyed by cyclopropylmethane!

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