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We report the first crystallographic analysis, as a function of temperature, of a TMTSF derivative. Both (TMTSF)₂-(FSO₃) and (TMTSF)₂(BrO₄) are isostructural (triclinic, with space group $P\bar{1}$) with superconducting (TMTSF)₂(ClO₄). (TMTSF)₂(FSO₃) undergoes a metal-to-insulator transition at 86-90K as observed by microwave conductivity, D.C. conductivity, and magnetic susceptibility. The crystal structure contains 2-dimensional sheets of short Se-Se contacts in the molecular stacking direction and perpendicular to the stacking direction. The temperature

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dependent variations in these contact distances appear to be of special importance in determining the conduction properties of these materials, and are observed to change in a surprising manner when $(\text{TMTSF})_2(\text{FSO}_3)$ is cooled ($298 \rightarrow 123\text{K}$). The homoatomic Se separations within each TMTSF molecule appear to increase slightly, but not significantly. At the same time the entire 2-dimensional sheet of intermolecular (*intra*- and *interstack*) Se-Se contacts between TMTSF molecules contract quite anisotropically, which results in an increase in "dimensionality" of the Se-Se network. Hence, an increase in electrical conduction, in the absence of insulating phenomena, over the temperature range $298 \rightarrow 123\text{K}$ is not surprising. The intermolecular Se-Se contact distances in $(\text{TMTSF})_2(\text{BrO}_4)$ are significantly longer than in $(\text{TMTSF})_2(\text{FSO}_3)$ which suggests that the room temperature electrical conductivity of the $(\text{BrO}_4)^-$ salt may be diminished compared to the $(\text{FSO}_3)^-$ analogue.

INTRODUCTION

The temperature dependence of the crystal structure of a TMTSF (bis-tetramethyltetraselenafulvalene) derivative, $(\text{TMTSF})_2(\text{FSO}_3)$, and the synthesis and crystal structure determination of a novel perbromate derivative, $(\text{TMTSF})_2(\text{BrO}_4)$, are reported. All $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{X}$ structures reported to date contain nearly planar TMTSF groups, which stack in columns extending along the high conductivity a axis of the unit cell of the triclinic space group PT .^{1,2} The TMTSF molecules also form infinite 2-dimensional molecular sheets, which lie perpendicular to a and extend in the a - b plane, thereby providing added

"dimensionality" to the system beyond that provided solely by the 1-D molecular stacking of TMTSF moieties. However, the TMTSF molecules do not themselves form a 3-dimensional network because the sheets are separated along *c* by anions (X) which always appear to be in crystallographic disorder.

EXPERIMENTAL

Single crystals of (TMTSF)₂(FSO₃) and (TMTSF)₂(BrO₄) were obtained by electrochemical oxidation of neutral TMTSF in Cl₂CHCH₂Cl⁶ using n-Bu₄N(FSO₃) and n-Bu₄N(BrO₄), respectively, as the supporting electrolytes. Perbromic acid, HBrO₄, the bromine analogue of HClO₄, was synthesized using a published procedure³ and then n-Bu₄N(BrO₄) salt was prepared by neutralization of the acid with a solution of n-Bu₄NOH.

The x-ray structural studies reported here were performed using MoK_α (λ = 0.71073 Å) radiation, and pertinent crystal data for (TMTSF)₂(FSO₃) and (TMTSF)₂(BrO₄), are given in Table 1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The most interesting result of our study of the crystal structure of a (TMTSF)₂X salt, as a function of reduced temperature, was the observation of a surprising anisotropic shortening of the intermolecular (inter- and intrachain) Se-Se contacts that (we believe) indicates an increase in the "dimensionality" in the Se-Se network at low temperature (*vide infra*). This could, for example, correspond to the "dimensionality crossover"⁴ (1-D to 2- or 3-D) observed in the variable-temperature polarized reflectance measurements of (TMTSF)₂PF₆. From Figure 1 we see no unusual structural changes upon cooling in the TMTSF molecule. The *intra*- and *inter*molecular Se-Se contacts are

TABLE 1 Crystal Data for (TMTSF)₂X Derivatives

(TMTSF) ₂ (FSO ₃)	
$a = 7.255(1), b = 7.680(1), c = 13.313(2), V_c = 695.3(2)$ $\alpha = 84.40(1), \beta = 86.68(1), \gamma = 70.42(1)$ at $T = 298\text{K}$	
2271 Independent data, 1747 with $F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)$ $4.0^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 50.0^\circ, u_c = 105.1\text{ cm}^{-1}, R(F^2 > \sigma F^2) = 0.056$	
$a = 7.150(1), b = 7.683(2), c = 13.227(2), V_c = 677.7(3)$ $\alpha = 84.75(2), \beta = 87.43(2), \gamma = 69.52(2)$ at $T = 123\text{K}$	
1600 Independent data, 988 with $F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)$ $4.0^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 35.0^\circ, u_c = 107.8\text{ cm}^{-1}, R(F^2 > \sigma F^2) = 0.083$	
(TMTSF) ₂ (BrO ₄)	
$a = 7.282(1), b = 7.714(2), c = 13.425(4), V_c = 707.2(3)$ $\alpha = 83.74(2), \beta = 86.18(2), \gamma = 70.71(2)$ at $T = 298\text{K}$	
1744 Independent data, 1309 with $F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)$ $4.0^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 45.0^\circ, u_c = 116.6\text{ cm}^{-1}, R(F^2 > \sigma F^2) = 0.049$	
$a = 7.180(1), b = 7.722(2), c = 13.341(3), V_c = 689.8(3)$ $\alpha = 84.08(2), \beta = 87.26(2), \gamma = 69.63(1)$ at $T = 125\text{K}$	

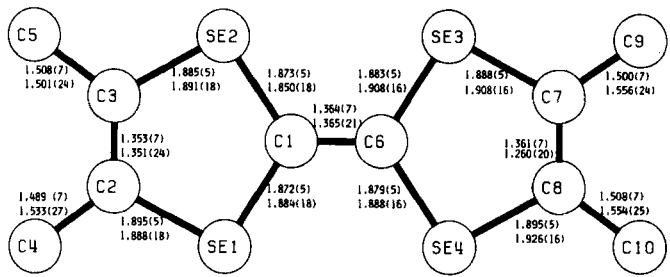


FIGURE 1 Bond distances in the TMTSF molecule at 298K (top) and 123K

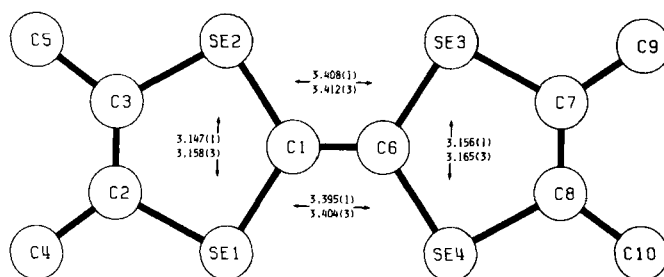


FIGURE 2 Intramolecular Se-Se distances in the TMTSF molecule at 298K (top) and 123K

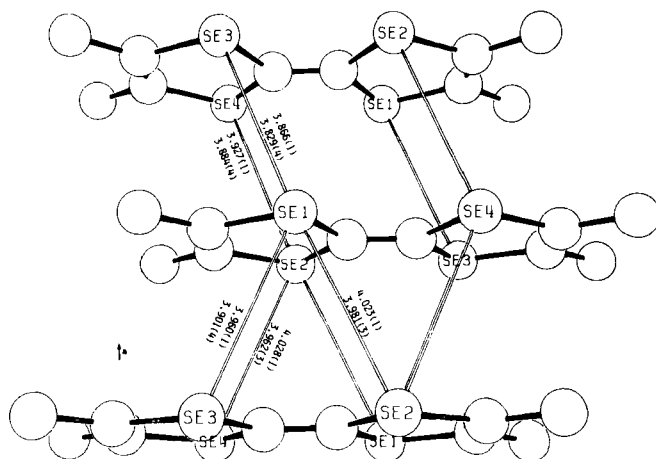


FIGURE 3 The intrastack Se-Se distances in (TMTSF)₂(FSO₃) at 298K (top) and 123K

presented in Figures 2 and 3, respectively. The 2-dimensional Se-Se "sheet network" (Se-Se distances to 4.05 Å) is shown in Figure 4. These homoatomic Se distances appear to be insignificantly larger within the TMTSF molecule (Figure 2) while a considerable shortening in the intrastack Se-Se distances upon cooling, which indicates the "dimerization" in the lattice stack, is obvious (Figure 3). A comparison of intermolecular intrastack homoatomic Se contact distances in

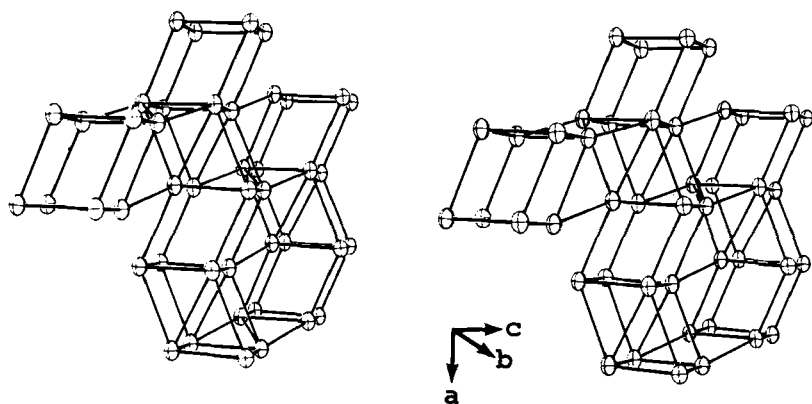


FIGURE 4 A stereoview of the Se-Se "sheet network" (Se-Se distances to 4.05 Å) in $(\text{TMTSF})_2(\text{FSO}_3)$

TABLE 2 Intramolecular Se-Se Contacts to 5.0 Å for $(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{X}$ Derivatives

Contact	Distance (Å)		$\Delta\text{Å}$	Δ/σ	Distance (Å)		Distance (Å)	
	$\text{X}=(\text{FSO}_3)^-$ T=298K	$\text{X}=(\text{FSO}_3)^-$ T=123K			$\text{X}=(\text{BrO}_4)^-$ T=298K	$\Delta\text{Å}^a$	$\text{X}=(\text{ClO}_4)^-$ T=298K	$\Delta\text{Å}^b$
Se1-Se2	3.147(1)	3.158(3)	0.011(3)	3.7	3.148(1)	0.001(1)	3.150(2)	0.003(2)
Se1-Se4	3.395(1)	3.404(3)	0.009(3)	3.0	3.392(1)	-0.003(1)	3.396(2)	0.001(2)
Se1-Se3	4.638(1)	4.650(2)	0.012(2)	6.0	4.635(1)	-0.003(1)	4.638(2)	0.000(2)
Se2-Se3	3.408(1)	3.412(3)	0.004(3)	1.3	3.412(1)	0.004(1)	3.405(2)	-0.003(2)
Se2-Se4	4.636(1)	4.647(2)	0.011(2)	5.5	4.638(1)	0.002(1)	4.638(2)	0.002(2)
Se3-Se4	3.156(1)	3.165(3)	0.009(3)	3.0	3.152(1)	-0.004(1)	3.158(2)	0.002(2)

$^a\Delta$ = distance of $(\text{BrO}_4)^- - (\text{FSO}_3)^-(298\text{K})$

$^b\Delta$ = distance of $(\text{ClO}_4)^- - (\text{FSO}_3)^-(298\text{K})$

$(\text{TMTSF})_2\text{X}$ [$\text{X} = (\text{FSO}_3)^- (298\text{K} \text{ and } 123\text{K}), (\text{BrO}_4)^- \text{ and } (\text{ClO}_4)^-$] is presented in Table 2. The largest changes upon cooling involve the intermolecular interstack Se-Se separations (see Table 3). Detailed consideration of Table 3 reveals that the three intermolecular interstack Se-Se distances decrease by

TABLE 3 Intermolecular Se-Se Contacts to 5.0 Å for (TMTSF)₂X Derivatives

Contact	Symmetry Operation	Distance (Å)		Δ Å	Δ/σ	Distance (Å)		Δ Å ^a	Δ/σ	Distance (Å)	
		X=(FSO ₃) ⁻ (298K)	X=(FSO ₃) ⁻ (123K)			X=(BrO ₄) ⁻ (298K)	X=(ClO ₄) ⁻ (298K)			X=(FSO ₃) ⁻ (298K)	X=(ClO ₄) ⁻ (298K)
Se1-Se3	i	3.866(1)	3.829(4)	-0.037(4)	- 9 ^b	3.875(1)	0.009(1)	9		3.871(1)	
Se1-Se4	ii	3.868(1)	3.782(2)	-0.086(2)	-43 ^c	3.912(1)	0.044(1)	44		3.865(1)	
Se1-Se2	iii	4.023(1)	3.981(3)	-0.042(3)	-14 ^b	4.032(1)	0.009(1)	9		4.031(1)	
Se1-Se3	iii	4.028(1)	3.962(3)	-0.066(3)	-22 ^b	4.051(1)	0.023(1)	23		4.033(1)	
Se1-Se2	i	4.120(1)	4.083(3)	-0.037(3)	-12	4.131(1)	0.011(1)	11		4.121(1)	
Se2-Se2	iv	3.782(1)	3.684(4)	-0.098(4)	-25 ^c	3.841(1)	0.059(1)	59		3.778(2)	
Se2-Se4	i	3.927(1)	3.884(4)	-0.043(4)	-11 ^b	3.931(1)	0.004(1)	4		3.934(1)	
Se2-Se4	iii	3.960(1)	3.901(4)	-0.059(4)	-15 ^b	3.981(1)	0.019(1)	19		3.964(1)	
Se2-Se4	v	4.188(1)	4.225(2)	+0.037(2)	+19	4.178(1)	-0.010(1)	-10		4.192(2)	
Se2-Se3	i	4.982(1)	4.962(3)	-0.020(3)	- 7	4.978(1)	-0.004(1)	- 4		4.985(2)	
Se4-Se4	ii	3.952(1)	3.871(4)	-0.081(4)	-20 ^c	3.946(1)	-0.006(1)	- 6		3.955(2)	

^aΔ = distance of (BrO₄)⁻ - (FSO₃)⁻ (298K)

^bIntermolecular intrastack Se-Se contact

^cIntermolecular interstack Se-Se contact

Symmetry Operations

(i) 2-x 1-y 1-z

(ii) 1-x 2-y 1-z

(iii) 1-x 1-y 1-z

(iv) 2-x -y 1-z

(v) x y-1 z

20-43 Δ/σ while the five similar intrastack contacts contract by 9-22 Δ/σ .⁷ We have eliminated from consideration the Se-Se distances of 4.255 Å and 4.962 Å, respectively, which greatly exceed both the van der Waals radius sum of 4.0 Å given by Pauling and 3.8 Å (Bondi). Obviously, short Se-Se separations do not necessarily require increased orbital overlap⁵ and calculations of the total effect of the contractions in homoatomic Se separations in the sheet network in (TMTSF)₂(FSO₃), shown in Figure 4, would be invaluable. Clearly, the various isostructural (TMTSF)₂X derivatives which have been reported to date, some of which are superconducting, semiconducting, and insulating, provide a fertile field for low temperature structure-conductivity investigations.

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