

NEW CONDUCTING SOLIDS BASED ON SOME SYMMETRICAL AND UNSYMMETRICAL π -DONORS

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INTRODUCTION

Recently, conducting and superconducting crystals based on unsymmetrical π -donor molecules have been described [1]-[9]. In this paper we describe the preparation and preliminary studies of new conducting salts based on some unsymmetrical π -donors (1)-(13) (Table 1) [10]-[16] as well as on the following symmetrical π -donors: TTF (14), TMTSF (15), (BMDTTTF) (16), (BEDTTTF) (17), (BVDTTTF) (18) [17], (BPDTTF) (19) [18], (BDMETTF) (20) [19], (BMDSTTF) (21) [20], (BEDSTTFR) (22) [20] and (BTMDSTTF) (23) [20].

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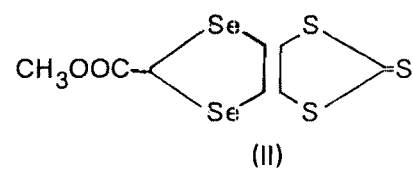
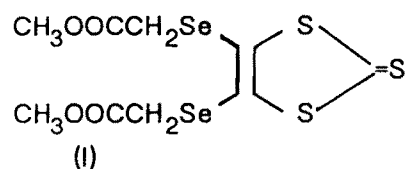
The preparation of 1,3-dithiole-2-ones and selenium-analogs, precursors of unsymmetrical π -donors, is described in refs [10]-[16] and in the following paragraphs.

Preparation of 4,5-bis(methylacetate) diseleno-1,3-dithiole-2-thione (I)

This compound was prepared by a method similar to that reported for the preparation of its sulfur analog [13]: Treatment of bis(tetrabutylammonium) bis(1,3-dithiole-2-thione-4,5-diselenolato)-zincate [12] with methyl bromoacetate in boiling acetone, followed by cooling at -10°C and recrystallization of the resulting precipitate from boiling cyclohexane, gave a yellow crystalline solid; mp= 45°C ; UV (CH_3CN): 377, 280, 227 nm.

Preparation of 4,5-(methylacetatediseleno)-1,3-dithiole-2-thione (II)

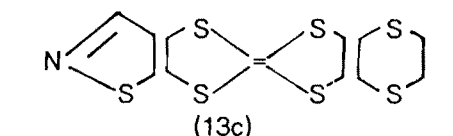
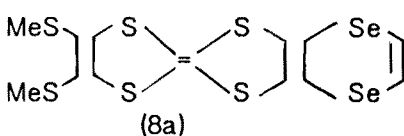
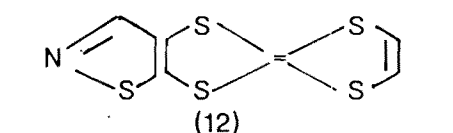
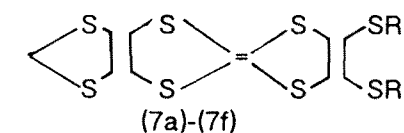
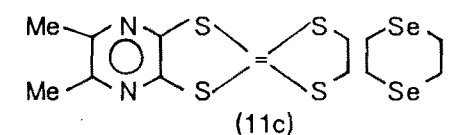
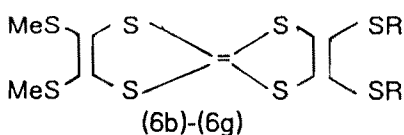
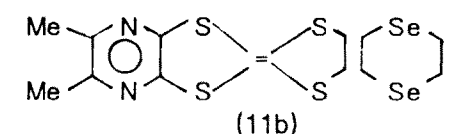
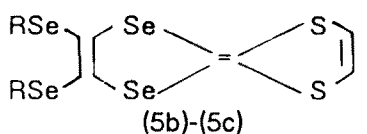
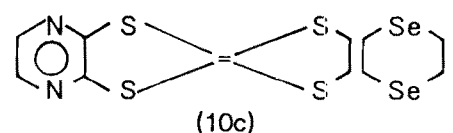
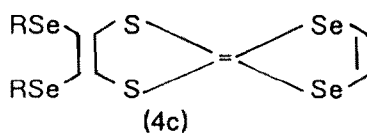
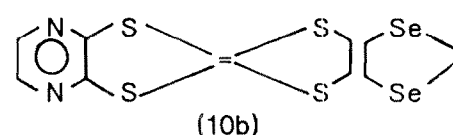
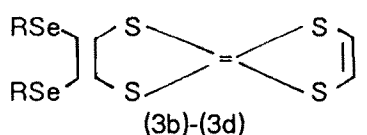
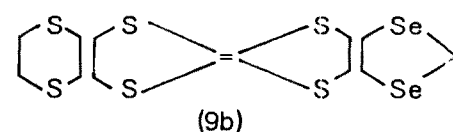
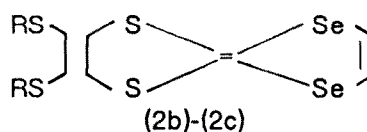
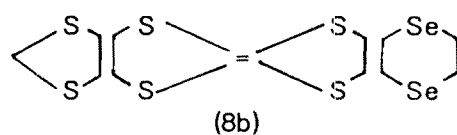
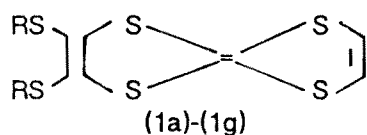
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Preparation of 4,5-bis(methylacetate)diseleno-1,3-dithiole-2-one and 4,5-(methylacetatediseleno)-1,3-dithiole-2-one.

These compounds were prepared by treating the corresponding -2-thiones (I) or (II) with mercury acetate in a mixture of dichloromethane-acetic acid at refluxing temperature (see [12]-[14]). 4,5-Bis(methylacetate)diseleno-1,3-dithiole-2-one is a white solid; mp=18-20°C; UV(CH₃CN) 264 nm, and 4,5-(methylacetatediseleno)-1,3-dithiole-2 one is a white-yellow solid; mp=97 °C; UV(CH₃CN): 307 nm.

Table 1. Molecular formulas of unsymmetrical π-donors

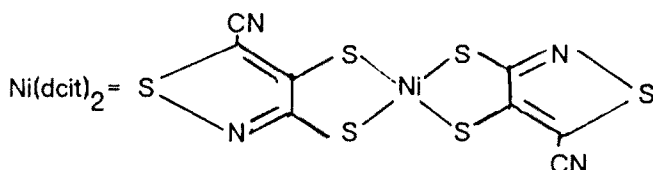


(a):R=CH₃, (b):2R=CH₂, (c):2R=CH₂CH₂, (d):2R=CH₂CH₂CH₂, (e):2R=CH(CH₃)CH₂,
(f):2R=CH(CH₃)CH(CH₃), (g):2R=CH=CH

Table 2. Salts, their method of preparation and their appearance.

(1b) ₂ AuBr ₂	EL	black plates	(6f) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black needles
(1b) _x Ni(dcit) ₂	EL	black μ-crystals	(6f) _x TCNQ	CH	black needles
(1c) ₂ AuBr ₂	EL	black plates	(6d) _x I ₃	CH	golden μ-crystals
(1c) ₂ Ag(CN) ₂	EL	black needles	(6d) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black plates
(1c) _x Ni(dcit) ₂	EL	black μ-crystals	(7c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	EL	bronze plates
(1g) _x AuI ₂	EL	black needles	(7c) _x I ₃	EL	bronze-blackplates
(1g) _x I ₃ Br ₂	EL	black needles, plates	(8a) _x I ₃	CH	black μ-crystals
(1g) _x Ni(dcit) ₂	EL	black μ-crystals	(8a) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black μ-crystals
(2b) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	bronze needles, plates	(9b) _x TCNQ	CH	black μ-crystals
(2c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	EL	black needles, plates	(9b) _x I ₃	CH	needles
(3b) _x TCNQ	CH	black needles	(10b) _x I ₃	CH	dark-copper
(3b) _x I ₃	CH	copper plates	(10b) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	dark-copper
(3b) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	bronze needles	(10b) _x Br ₃	CH	brown chips
(3b) _x AuI ₂	CH	black plates	(10c) _x I ₃	CH	golden needles
(3c) _x TCNQ	CH	black μ-crystals	(10c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	brown μ-crystals
(3c) _x I ₃	CH	black μ-crystals	(10c) _x Br ₃	CH	golden brown
(3c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	golden μ-crystals	(11b) _x I ₃ Br ₂	EL	black plates
(3c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	EL	black, golden plates	(11b) _x I ₃	CH	golden chips
(3d) _x TCNQ	CH	black μ-crystals	(11b) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	copper chips
(3d) _x I ₃	CH	needles, μ-crystals	(11b) _x I ₃	EL	bronze plates
(3d) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black μ-crystals	(11c) ₂ TCNQ	CH	dark blue plates
(3d) _x I ₃	EL	black needles, μ-crystals	(11c) _x I ₃	CH	dark bronze
(4c) _x I ₃	CH	bronze needles	(11c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black plates
(5c) _x TCNQ	CH	black μ-crystals	(11c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	EL	black plates
(5c) _x I ₃	CH	golden needles	(11c) _x AuI ₂	EL	black plates
(5c) _x I ₃	EL	black needles, plates	(12) _x TCNQ	CH	brown μ-crystals
(5c) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black needles	(13c) _x Br ₃	CH	black μ-crystals
(5c) _x AuI ₂	EL	black μ-crystals	(14) _x -(15) _x Ni(dcit) ₂	EL	black μ-crystals
(6e) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black μ-crystals	(16) _x Ni(dcit) ₂	EL	red-black chips
(6g) _x I ₃ Br ₂	CH	black μ-crystals	(17) _x -(23) _x Ni(dcit) ₂	EL	black μ-crystals

CH= chemical method, EL= electrochemical method



The unsymmetrical π -donors (1)-(13) were prepared from the corresponding precursors by methods reported in refs. [10]-[16]. A number of salts based on the π -cations (1)-(23) was prepared by chemical or electrochemical procedures. Their method of preparation, and their appearance are summarized in Table 2.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Conductivity measurements on polycrystalline compressed pellets or on single crystals performed at room temperature in the salts of Table 2 showed that these are conducting salts. Some of them, such as $(1b)_2AuBr_2$, $(1b)_xNi(dcit)_2$, $(1c)_2AuBr$, $(1g)_xI_2$, were found to be metallic down to low temperatures. These preliminary results indicate that the compounds are worthy of further studies.

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