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# A binaphthol-substituted tetrathiafulvalene with axial chirality and its enantiopure TCNQF<sub>4</sub> charge-transfer salts†

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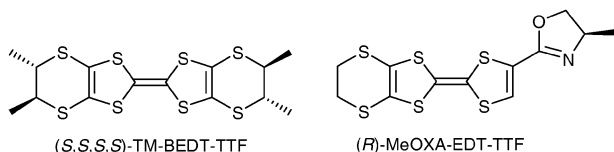
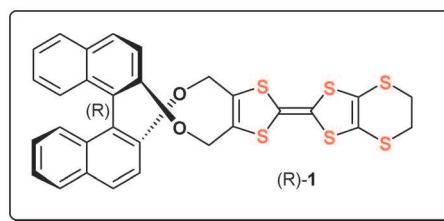
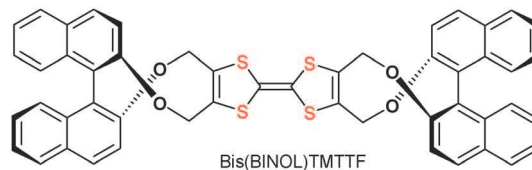
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A chiral tetrathiafulvalene (**1**) bearing a binaphtholdimethylene moiety on one side, an ethylenedithio substituent on the other side, is prepared from atropisomeric (*R*)-, (*S*)- and racemic (*R,S*)-binaphthol. Its oxidation potential (0.49 V vs. SCE) allows for its oxidation with TCNQF<sub>4</sub>. Crystal structures of the neutral racemic (*R,S*)-**1** and enantiopure (*R*)-**1** were determined together with those of the enantiopure charge-transfer salts formulated as [(*R*)-**1**][TCNQF<sub>4</sub>].CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and [(*S*)-**1**][TCNQF<sub>4</sub>].CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, the first enantiomeric salts of chiral TTFs with axial chirality. Despite the peculiar geometry adopted by the binaphthyl moieties in the constrained ten-membered ring in **1**, stacking of the donor molecules is observed, both in the neutral state and in the TCNQF<sub>4</sub> charge transfer salts where the (**1**)<sup>+</sup>• and (TCNQF<sub>4</sub>)<sup>−</sup>• radical species are associated, respectively, into [(**1**)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> and [(TCNQF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2−</sup> homodyads, both in their singlet state.

## Introduction

In the search for hybrid organic conductors associating, eventually in a synergistic way, two different properties,<sup>1</sup> the combination of metallic conductivity with chirality has recently raised a strong interest,<sup>2,3</sup> based on the expected observation of the so-called electrical magneto-chiral anisotropy effect.<sup>4</sup> For tetrathiafulvalene-based (TTF) cation radical salts, chirality can be introduced, either on the counter anion,<sup>5,6</sup> on an embedded chiral solvent molecule,<sup>7</sup> or on the donor molecule. Taking advantage of the flexibility offered by organic chemistry of chiral species and availability of molecules from chiral pool, different series of chiral tetrathiafulvalenes have been already synthesised, from the initial (S,S,S,S)-tetramethyl BEDT-TTF<sup>8</sup> and analogs<sup>9,10</sup> to more recent oxazoline derivatives such as MeOXA-EDT-TTF.<sup>11</sup> Only a few of all these donor molecules were successfully engaged in a variety of chiral cation radical salts,<sup>10–13</sup> and in most cases, the partially oxidized conducting stacks or slabs adopt a pseudo-centrosymmetric structure and the chiral centre does not play a crucial role in the solid state organisation.

In order to induce stronger chiral effects in the solid state, we considered the introduction of axial chirality such as that found in atropisomers of binaphthol derivatives, since binaphthol itself is easily available, as a racemic mixture and in the two enantiomeric forms. Highly flexible binaphthol derivatives bearing two TTF moieties have been reported recently by Martin *et al.*<sup>14</sup> and Zhu *et al.*<sup>15</sup> with the aim of controlling their circular dichroism response through electron transfer processes. Our approach toward more rigid molecules led us recently to report the preparation of the symmetrical bis-(BINOL)TMTTF molecule, as the diastereomeric mixture, or as pure (*R,R*), (*S,S*) or *meso* forms.<sup>16</sup>



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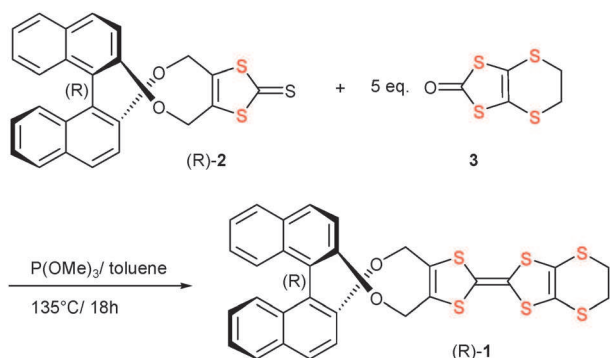
The peculiar geometry adopted by bis(BINOL)TMTTF allowed for an unprecedented self-recognition effect of the (*R,R*) and (*S,S*) enantiomers into mixed-valence dyads, not observed with the *meso* form.<sup>16</sup> However, the strong geometric and steric constraints associated with the presence of *two* binaphthol

moieties did not allow us to isolate any crystalline cation radical salts. Unsymmetrically substituted TTFs bearing only one binaphthol moiety, together with amide or ester functionalities, were also investigated without success for that purpose.<sup>17</sup> We turn here our attention to the unsymmetrically substituted ethylenedithio derivative **1**, since this EDT substitution pattern, present in BEDT-TTF itself but also for example in the chiral (*R*)-MeOXA-EDT-TTF mentioned above,<sup>11</sup> appears to strongly favour the crystallisation of cation radical salts, as demonstrated indeed here in the TCNQF<sub>4</sub> salts, we have isolated in a crystalline state with enantiopure (*R*)-**1** and (*S*)-**1**, affording the very first salts of chiral atropisomeric TTFs.

## Results and discussion

### Syntheses

The preparation of unsymmetrically-substituted tetrathiafulvalenes,<sup>18</sup> with different substituents on the dithiole rings, can be performed in two different ways. Route (a) involves a selective cross coupling based on the Wittig<sup>19,20</sup> or Horner–Wadsworth–Emmons<sup>21</sup> reaction with dithiolium triphenylphosphonium ylide or dithiole phosphonate as nucleophiles. This selective route affords asymmetrically-substituted TTFs in moderate yields, but in a pure form particularly with the phosphonate precursors.<sup>22,23</sup> Route (b) is based on the statistical cross coupling reaction of two dithiole halves, either dithiolium cations in the presence of NEt<sub>3</sub>, or dithiole-2-one or dithiole-2-thione derivatives in the presence of phosphites. This route provides a mixture—to be separated—of three possible TTFs, the two symmetrical ones and the desired unsymmetrical donor molecule. The donor **1** was prepared following this statistical route (b) starting from the chiral 1,3-dithiole-2-thione **2** which is itself prepared from binaphthol and 4,5-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-dithiole-2-thione.<sup>16</sup> An excess of the 1,3-dithiole-2-one **3** (5 equiv.) was used to favour the formation of the unsymmetrical TTF **1** (Scheme 1). The less soluble symmetrical BEDT-TTF was separated by filtration and the unsymmetrical TTF **1** purified by chromatography and isolated after recrystallisation in 35–45% yield, for the two pure (*R*)-**1** and (*S*)-**1** enantiomers as well as for the racemic mixture (*R,S*)-**1**, starting from (*R*)-**2**, (*S*)-**2** or (*R,S*)-**2** respectively. The purity of the two enantiomers was also assessed from the circular dichroism spectra (Fig. 1). Redox potentials determined by cyclic voltammetry experiments are given in Table 1,



Scheme 1 Preparation of (*R*)-**1**.

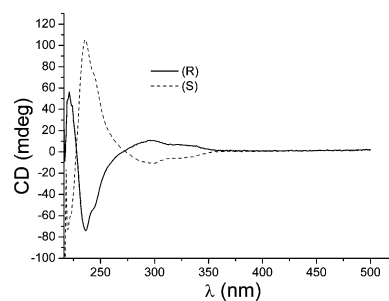


Fig. 1 CD spectra of (*R*)-**1** and (*S*)-**1** in solution in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 5 × 10<sup>−5</sup> M.

Table 1 Electrochemical data (in V vs. SCE, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> 0.2 M, scan rate 100 mV s<sup>−1</sup>)

Compound	$E^1_{1/2}$	$E^2_{1/2}$	Reference
Bis(BINOL)TMTTF	0.42	0.97	16
( <i>R,S</i> )- <b>1</b>	0.484	0.955	This work
( <i>R</i> )- <b>1</b>	0.487	0.955	This work
( <i>S</i> )- <b>1</b>	0.488	0.955	This work
EDT-TTF	0.44	0.75	24
BEDT-TTF	0.56	0.80	24

together with reference compounds. The enantiomers and racemic compounds behave similarly, with two reversible redox processes usually observed with TTFs, with the first oxidation potential around 0.49 V vs. SCE.

### Molecular and solid state structures

X-Ray crystal structures were obtained for the neutral donor molecule **1**, as racemic mixture (*R,S*)-**1** as well as with the (*R*) enantiomer in a solvate formulated as [(*R*)-**1**]<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>CN. Racemic (*R,S*)-**1** crystallises in the monoclinic system, space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c* with one molecule in general position in the unit cell (Fig. 2). As already observed in the structure of the symmetrical bis(BINOL)TMTTF<sup>16</sup> and other ester or amide derivatives,<sup>17</sup> the ten-membered constrained ring incorporating the binaphthol moiety gives the molecule a very special geometry, with one naphthyl ring perpendicular to the TTF plane.

As shown in Fig. 2, the molecules are associated into inversion-centred dyads, further stabilized with a remarkably short C–H···O interaction. Indeed, while the –CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>–ethylene bridge present in EDT-TTF or BEDT-TTF molecules is often disordered on several conformations, it appears here fully fixed in a precise geometry which allows for a defined C–H···O hydrogen bond with the following characteristics, a H···O distance at 2.58 Å, C···O distance at 3.550(3) Å

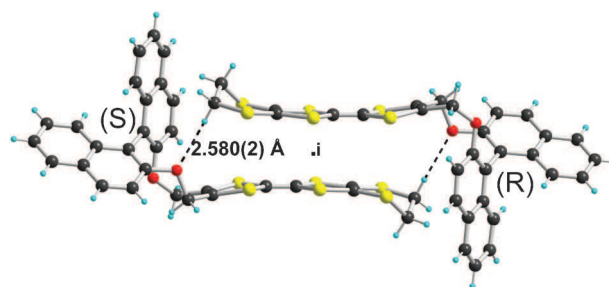


Fig. 2 View of the inversion-centred dyad in neutral (*R,S*)-**1**.

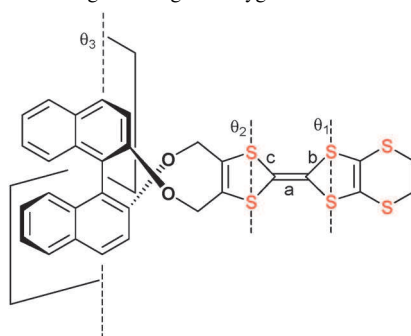
and C–H···O angle at 177°. Intramolecular bond distances and angles are collected in Table 2. Note that within the dyads, the six sulfur atoms of each molecule essentially face each other, but the shortest S···S intermolecular distances exceed 4.16 Å, above twice the sulfur van der Waals radius. In the solid state, the racemic dyads organise into chains running along *b*, as shown in Fig. 3a.

The enantiopure (*R*)-**1** crystallises in the triclinic system, space group *P*1, with two crystallographically independent

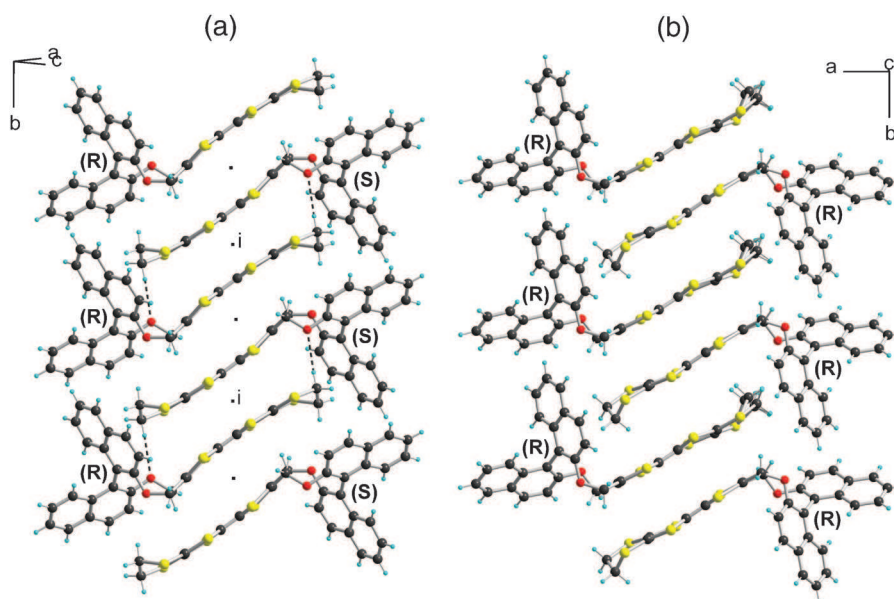
molecules in the unit cell, together with one CH<sub>3</sub>CN molecule, hence the formulation [(*R*)-**1**]<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>CN. Intramolecular bond distances and angles (Table 2) are comparable with those described for the racemic mixture. In the solid state (Fig. 3b), the molecules organise into homo-chiral chains of head-to-tail molecules.

The similarity of both structures shown in Fig. 3a and b, for (*R*)-**1** and racemic (*R,S*)-**1**, is only apparent. Indeed, as illustrated in Scheme 2a, the solid state association of the two

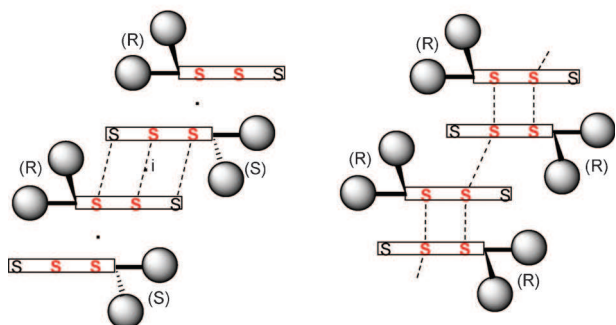
**Table 2** Bond distances and folding angles in **1** in its various structures.  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the folding angles of the dithiole ring along the S–S hinge while  $\theta_3$  is the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings bearing the oxygen atoms of the binaphthyl moiety



Compound		<i>a</i> /Å	<i>b</i> /Å	<i>c</i> /Å	$\theta_1$ /°	$\theta_2$ /°	$\theta_3$ /°
( <i>R,S</i> )- <b>1</b>		1.341(4)	1.761(3)	1.765(3)	4.0(1)	11.0(1)	63.46(8)
( <i>R</i> )- <b>1</b>	Mol. A	1.34(1)	1.768(10)	1.779(9)	14.1(5)	1.2(5)	71.1(2)
	Mol. B	1.35(1)	1.774(9)	1.764(10)	14.9(5)	4.5(5)	64.2(3)
[( <i>R</i> )- <b>1</b> ] <sup>+</sup> •	Mol. A	1.391(7)	1.715(5)	1.730(6)	5.9(3)	2.1(3)	65.0(2)
	Mol. B	1.412(7)	1.712(6)	1.713(5)	3.5(3)	4.1(3)	67.2(2)
[( <i>S</i> )- <b>1</b> ] <sup>+</sup> •	Mol. A	1.396(5)	1.716(4)	1.726(4)	5.8(2)	4.2(2)	65.2(2)
	Mol. B	1.404(5)	1.723(4)	1.717(4)	1.3(2)	3.9(2)	67.6(1)
			1.718(4)	1.729(4)			



**Fig. 3** The solid state organisation of **1**: (a) in the racemic mixture, (b) as (*R*) enantiomer.

(a) in the racemic (*R,S*)-**1** (b) in the enantiopure (*R*)-**1**

**Scheme 2** Schematic organisation of the molecules in (*R,S*)-**1** and (*R*)-**1**. The sulfur atoms of the TTF core are highlighted in red, the naphthyl rings are represented by grey balls, the shortest  $S \cdots S$  intermolecular contacts with dotted lines.

enantiomers in (*R,S*)-**1** is based on (i) inversion-centred dyads stabilised with the  $C-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2) and (ii) a maximum number of sulfur atoms facing each other with long  $S \cdots S$  van der Waals interactions within these dyads. In the enantiopure compound (Scheme 2b) on the other hand, shorter  $S \cdots S$  van der Waals interactions (3.85 Å and above) take place within homochiral dyads where only the four sulfur atoms of the central TTF moiety are now facing each other. These two structures also demonstrate that molecule **1** is, already in the neutral state, able to associate in the solid state into stacks, a prerequisite for the formation of mixed-valence salts.

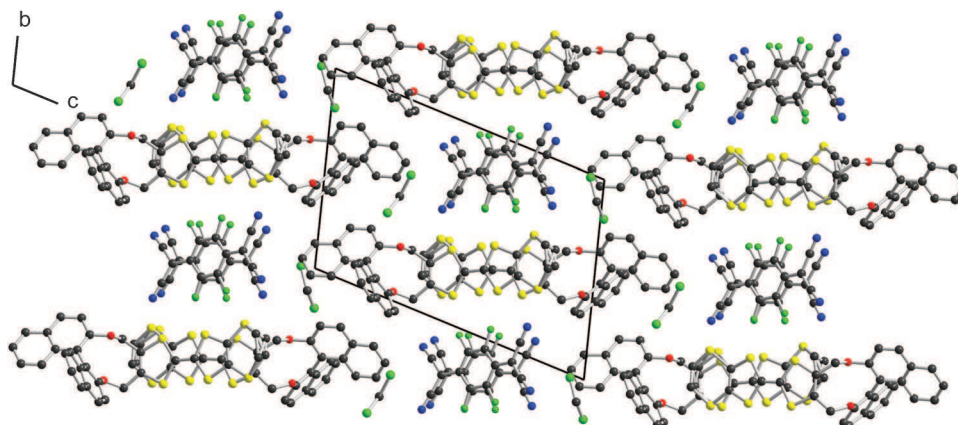
### Charge-transfer salts

The oxidation potential of **1** (0.49 V vs. SCE) can be compared with the reduction potential of TCNQ (0.17 V) or TCNQF<sub>4</sub> (0.53 V) indicating that the latter acceptor molecule is able to oxidise **1**, while the former is not. Reaction of the three compounds (*R*)-**1**, (*S*)-**1** and (*R,S*)-**1** with TCNQF<sub>4</sub> was performed by diffusion. Crystals could be obtained only with the two enantiomers while the racemic mixture invariably gave very soluble salts which could not be properly crystallised. The two enantiomeric salts crystallise in the triclinic system, space group *P1*, as CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solvate. The (*R*) enantiomer will be discussed in the following. It crystallises with two

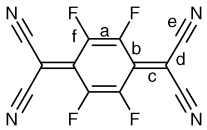
crystallographically independent [(*R*)-**1**][TCNQF<sub>4</sub>]-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> entities in the unit cell. A projection view of the unit cell of [(*R*)-**1**][TCNQF<sub>4</sub>]-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> along *a* shows that the (*R*)-**1** and TCNQF<sub>4</sub> molecules form segregated stacks and adopt a chessboard organisation reminiscent of that observed in the prototypical TTF-TCNQ charge transfer salt (Fig. 4).

Before investigating in detail the supramolecular solid state characteristics of the compound, we shall first determine the exact redox state of the two components, as the reduction potential of TCNQF<sub>4</sub> is only slightly superior (by 0.05 V) to the oxidation potential of (*R*)-**1** or (*S*)-**1** (see above). As reported in Table 2, a notable lengthening of the central C=C with associated shortening of the internal C-S bond (noted b and c) is observed when going from the neutral (*R*)-**1** to its TCNQF<sub>4</sub> salt, indicating that a charge transfer has indeed occurred. The same geometrical features are found with (*S*)-**1**. The geometrical evolutions within TCNQF<sub>4</sub> (Table 3) also clearly indicate that the latter is in the radical anion form, in both crystallographically independent molecules. This is further substantiated by the  $\nu_{C \equiv N}$  vibration observed at 2178 and 2192 cm<sup>-1</sup> in both [(*R*)-**1**][TCNQF<sub>4</sub>]-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and [(*S*)-**1**][TCNQF<sub>4</sub>]-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, in accordance with earlier reports for the radical anion species.<sup>26,27</sup> Therefore, the salts can be confidently formulated as [(*R*)-**1**<sup>+</sup>][TCNQF<sub>4</sub><sup>-•</sup>]-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and [(*S*)-**1**<sup>+</sup>][TCNQF<sub>4</sub><sup>-•</sup>]-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, that is, with a full charge transfer.

The solid state organisation of the radical molecules within the stacks is shown in Fig. 5. An interesting comparison can be made with the structure of the chains identified in the neutral donor molecules in (*R*)-**1**, since, as shown in Scheme 3, they are closely related, reflecting the robustness of the stacking organization of the donor molecules. We note that the chains of, respectively, radical cations and radical anions are not uniform as in TTF-TCNQ but strongly dimerised. Overlap interactions (Fig. 6) correspond to an essentially eclipsed conformation for TTF dyads, with very short intra-dyad  $S \cdots S$  intermolecular contacts at 3.353(3), 3.452(3), 3.346(3) and 3.428(3) Å while the inter-dyad ones exceed 3.8 Å. A bond-over-ring conformation is observed for the TCNQF<sub>4</sub> dyads. Both overlap geometries are well known to lead to a strong antiferromagnetic pairing of the radical species in the bonding combination of the HOMO of the TTFs and

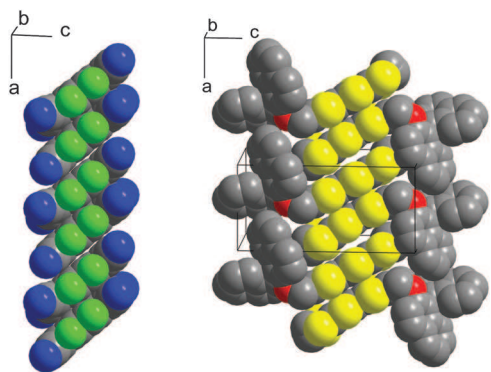
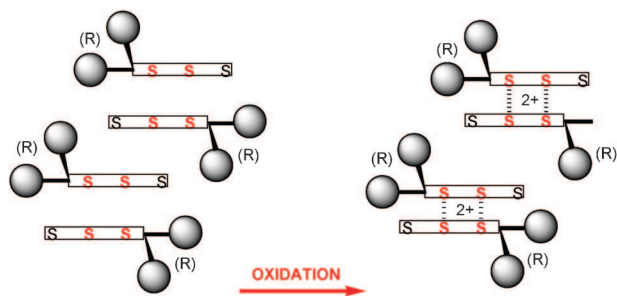
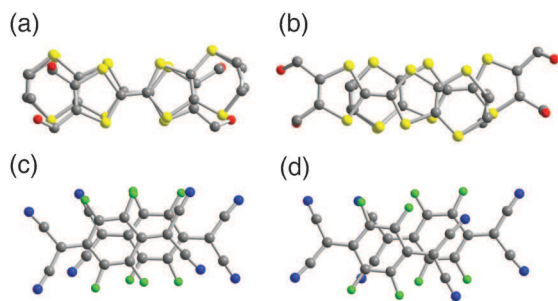


**Fig. 4** Projection view along the stacking axis *a* of [(*R*)-**1**][TCNQF<sub>4</sub>]-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

**Table 3** Intramolecular bond distances within TCNQF<sub>4</sub> in various compounds


		<i>a</i> /Å	<i>b</i> /Å	<i>c</i> /Å	<i>d</i> /Å	<i>e</i> /Å	<i>f</i> /Å	Ref.
TCNQF <sub>4</sub> <sup>0</sup>		1.334	1.437	1.372	1.437	1.140	1.336	24
TCNQF <sub>4</sub> with ( <i>R</i> )- <b>1</b>	Mol. 1	1.369(7)	1.417(7)	1.423(7)	1.423(7)	1.143(7)	1.345(7)	This work
	Mol. 2	1.373(7)	1.415(7)	1.412(7)	1.425(7)	1.149(7)	1.342(7)	
TCNQF <sub>4</sub> <sup>-•a</sup>		1.360	1.420	1.429	1.435	1.140	1.349	25
TCNQF <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-•a</sup>		1.373	1.398	1.457	1.403	1.154	1.359	26

<sup>a</sup> As ferricinium salt.

**Fig. 5** Side view of the stacks of TCNQF<sub>4</sub><sup>•-</sup> (left) and (**1**)<sup>•+</sup> (right) running along *a*, showing the strongly dimerised character of the chains.**Scheme 3** Evolution of the donor stacks within the structures of (left) the neutral donor molecules, (right) the oxidised molecules in the TCNQF<sub>4</sub> salt.**Fig. 6** Stronger (a, c) and weaker (b, d) overlap interactions within the association of the (**1**)<sup>•+</sup> and (TCNQF<sub>4</sub>)<sup>•-</sup> radical species into the stacks. Binaphthyl moieties and hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

the LUMO of the TCNQF<sub>4</sub> respectively. This analysis is confirmed by the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility for both salts, which exhibit a very weak paramagnetism with a Curie-type behaviour attributable to 1.5% paramagnetic defects (Curie tail) and an insulating behaviour.

## Conclusions

We have prepared and structurally characterised a novel chiral TTF derivative, in its racemic and enantiopure forms, based on the atropoisomers of a binaphthol moiety. Despite the strong steric requirements of the bulky binaphthol moiety, both racemic and enantiopure donor molecules are able to organise into stacks in the solid state. The oxidation of the two (*R*) and (*S*) enantiomers with TCNQF<sub>4</sub> allowed for the isolation of 1 : 1 enantiopure salts with the formation of segregated columns of donor and acceptor moieties, both in their radical state. Strong dimerisation within the chains leads here to a singlet ground state. This very first result demonstrates that despite the steric hindrance of the binaphthol moiety, the chiral donor molecule **1** is able to oxidise to cation radical salts with formation of stacks in the solid state. Counter ions other than TCNQF<sub>4</sub><sup>•-</sup> are being investigated now, particularly by electrocrystallisation with a variety of counter ions.

## Experimental

### Syntheses

The 1,3-dithiole-2-thiones (*R*)-**2**, (*S*)-**2** and (*R,S*)-**2** were prepared as previously described from the reaction of the corresponding commercially available binaphthol derivatives, as (*R*), (*S*) or racemic mixture, with 4,5-bis(bromomethyl)-1,3-dithiole-2-thione.<sup>28</sup> The dithiole-2-one<sup>29</sup> **3** and the acceptor<sup>30</sup> TCNQF<sub>4</sub> were prepared as previously reported.

### (*R,S*)-**1**

A solution of the racemic dithiole-2-thione (*R,S*)-**2** (0.4 g, 0.89 mmol) and the dithiole-2-one **3** (0.96 g, 5 equiv., 4.6 mmol) in freshly distilled P(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) is warmed to 130 °C overnight under Ar. After cooling to room temperature, the precipitate (essentially BEDT-TTF) is filtered and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrates are concentrated and purified by chromatography over silica gel (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/petrol ether 1/1). Recrystallisation from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ethanol affords (*R,S*)-**1** as

orange crystals (180 mg, 34%). Mp: 210–212 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.24 (m,  $J = 9.4, 8.1, 5.2$  Hz, 4H), 7.20–7.04 (m, 4H), 4.91–4.58 (m, 4H), 3.16 (s, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.94, 133.63, 130.25, 129.82, 128.16, 126.61, 126.06, 124.43, 122.30, 117.46, 30.20. Elem. Anal.: Calcd for  $(\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}_6)_2(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$  (MW = 1294.67): C, 56.59; H, 3.27. Found: C, 56.46; H, 2.85%. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

### (R)-1

A solution of the enantiopure dithiole-2-thione (*R*)-2 (0.22 g, 0.49 mmol) and the dithiole-2-one **3** (0.5 g, 5 equiv., 2.39 mmol) in freshly distilled  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  (10 mL) is warmed to 130 °C overnight under Ar. Treatment as above and recrystallisation from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /ethanol affords (*R*)-1 as yellow crystals (120 mg, 42%). Mp: 198 °C.  $[\alpha]_{\text{Na}}^{20} = +300$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.05 (m, 4H), 5.02–4.50 (m, 4H), 3.16 (s, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.94, 133.63, 130.25, 129.82, 128.16, 126.61, 126.06, 124.43, 122.30, 117.46, 30.22. Elem. Anal.: Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}_6$  (MW = 604.87): C, 59.57; H, 3.33. Found: C, 58.87; H, 3.20%. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

### (S)-1

A solution of the enantiopure dithiole-2-thione (*S*)-2 (0.15 g, 0.33 mmol) and the dithiole-2-one **3** (0.36 g, 5 equiv., 1.72 mmol) in freshly distilled  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  (10 mL) is warmed to 130 °C overnight under Ar. Treatment as above affords (*S*)-1 as yellow microcrystals (90 mg, 45%). Mp: 200 °C.  $[\alpha]_{\text{Na}}^{20} = -290$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.24 (m,  $J = 9.4, 8.1, 5.2$  Hz, 4H),

7.20–7.04 (m, 4H), 4.91–4.58 (m, 4H), 3.16 (s, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.94, 133.63, 130.25, 129.81, 128.16, 126.61, 126.06, 124.43, 122.30, 117.46, 30.20. Elem. Anal.: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}_6$  (MW = 604.87): C, 59.57; H, 3.33. Found: C, 59.40; H, 3.27%.

### Charge transfer salts [(R)-1]·TCNQF<sub>4</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

A solution of the donor (*R*)-1 (5 mg, 1 equiv., 0.0082 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3 mL) in a U tube is layered with a solution of TCNQF<sub>4</sub> (4 mg, 1.7 equiv., 0.0144 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (3 mL). Black crystals precipitate on the sides and at the bottom of the tube. After four days, the crystals are collected, washed with little  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and air-dried (5 mg, 62%). [(*S*)-1]·TCNQF<sub>4</sub>· $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was obtained in the same way from (*S*)-1.

### X-Ray diffraction studies

Single crystals were mounted on the top of a thin glass fiber. Data were collected on a Nonius KappaCCD Diffractometer at room temperature with graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). Structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97) and refined (SHELXL-97)<sup>31</sup> by full-matrix least-squares methods, as implemented in the WinGX software package.<sup>32</sup> Absorption corrections were applied. Hydrogen atoms were introduced at calculated positions (riding model), included in structure factor calculations, and not refined. Crystallographic data of both salts are summarized in Table 4.

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**Table 4** Crystallographic data

Compound	( <i>R,S</i> )-1	[( <i>R</i> )-1] <sub>2</sub> ·CH <sub>3</sub> CN	[( <i>R</i> )-1][TCNQF <sub>4</sub> ]·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	[( <i>S</i> )-1][TCNQF <sub>4</sub> ]·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Formula	$\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}_6$	$\text{C}_{62}\text{H}_{43}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_{12}$	$\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}_6$	$\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}_6$
FW (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	604.82	1250.69	965.91	965.91
Crystal color	Orange	Orange	Black	Black
Crystal size/mm	0.34 × 0.15 × 0.12	0.09 × 0.05 × 0.02	0.23 × 0.14 × 0.05	0.2 × 0.15 × 0.05
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$C2$	$P1$	$P1$
$T/\text{K}$	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
$a/\text{Å}$	16.0832(6)	46.597(4)	8.5380(2)	8.5594(3)
$b/\text{Å}$	9.0468(3)	8.8358(7)	12.9927(3)	13.0019(3)
$c/\text{Å}$	18.4128(6)	13.4499(9)	18.7805(5)	18.8153(5)
$\alpha^\circ$	90.0	90.0	106.570(1)	106.5560(1)
$\beta^\circ$	99.842(2)	93.600(3)	90.837(1)	90.8750(1)
$\gamma^\circ$	90.0	90.0	92.743(1)	92.7280(1)
$V/\text{Å}^3$	2639.66(16)	5526.7(7)	1993.68(8)	2003.93(10)
$Z$	4	4	2	2
$D_{\text{calc}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.522	1.503	1.609	1.601
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.548	0.526	0.542	0.540
Total reffs.	14 697	16 538	26 784	32 054
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	Multi-scan	Multi-scan	Multi-scan
$T_{\text{min}}, T_{\text{max}}$	0.906, 0.936	0.969, 0.990	0.913, 0.973	0.907, 0.973
Unique reffs. ( $R_{\text{int}}$ )	5944 (0.0447)	9752 (0.0737)	13 579 (0.0360)	15 364 (0.0344)
Refl ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	4398	5150	11 819	14 332
Refined param.	343	707	1137	1137
$R_1$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0441	0.0746	0.0576	0.0409
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1401	0.2228	0.1760	0.1325
Flack param.	—	0.11(14)	0.06(7)	0.02(4)
Goodness-of-fit	1.102	1.001	1.052	1.098
Res. Dens./e <sup>-</sup> Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.596, -0.583	0.720, -0.591	0.868, -0.926	0.746, -0.658

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