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Polymorphism, Halogen Bonding, and Chalcogen Bonding in the Diiodine Adducts of 1,3- and 1,4-Dithiane

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Abstract: Through variations in reaction solvent and stoichiometry, a series of S-diiodine adducts of 1,3- and 1,4-dithiane were isolated by direct reaction of the dithianes with molecular diiodine in solution. In the case of 1,3-dithiane, variations in reaction solvent yielded both the equatorial and the axial isomers of S-diiodo-1,3-dithiane, and their solution thermodynamics were further studied via DFT. Additionally, S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,3-dithiane was also isolated. The 1:1 cocrystal, (1,4-dithiane)·(I₂) was further isolated, as well as a new polymorph of S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,4-dithiane. Each structure showed significant S···I halogen and chalcogen bonding interactions. Further, the product of the diiodine-promoted oxidative addition of acetone to 1,4-dithiane, as well as two new cocrystals of 1,4-dithiane-1,4-dioxide involving hydronium, bromide, and tribromide ions, was isolated.

Keywords: crystal engineering; chalcogen bonding; halogen bonding; polymorphism; X-ray diffraction



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1. Introduction

Halogen bonding, and the related chalcogen bonding, interactions occur due to an interaction between the electrophilic region on a halogen or chalcogen atom within a molecule and a nucleophilic region on a different atom [1–4]. Due to their strength [5] and directionality [6], these interactions have emerged as useful tools in crystal engineering [7,8], pharmaceutical design [9–11], and in the understanding of synthetic transformations [12–14].

The reaction of diiodine, one of the simplest halogen bond donors, with thioethers allows the concomitant study of halogen and chalcogen bonding, as well as the competition between the two. Several notable examples of reaction products from diiodine with cyclic polythioethers exist in the literature, ranging from simple examples such as 1,4-dithiane [15] and 1,3,5-trithiane [16] to larger macrocycles [17–19]. A common structural motif that emerges is the presence of an S···I halogen bond of varying strength, with a combination of halogen and chalcogen bonding to consolidate packing in the crystalline state. The charge transfer component of these interactions has also been extensively characterized, with the interaction primarily attributed to an n→σ type interaction that increases in strength in the order of O < S < Se [20–22].

Herein, we report the isolation of a variety of crystalline polymorphs from the reaction of 1,3- and 1,4-dithiane with diiodine. In the case of 1,3-dithiane, two geometric isomers of S-diiodo-1,3-dithiane were isolated, with their solution behavior further studied via DFT computations, as well as S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,3-dithiane. For 1,4-dithiane, the previously reported 1:1 cocrystal with I₂ was isolated [15,23], as well as a new polymorph of S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,4-dithiane. Each of these structures reveals an interplay between S···I halogen and chalcogen bonding. In the course of our investigations, we found that diiodine promoted oxidative addition of acetone to 1,4-dithiane, and we isolated two structures from the direct oxidation of the compound to dioxides, revealing alternative reaction pathways in these halogen-containing systems.

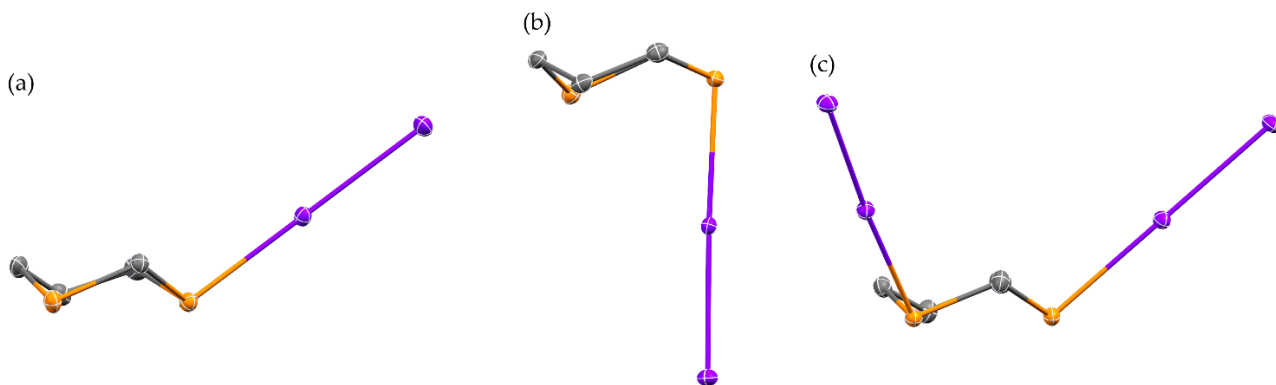


Figure 2. Single molecules of **d**(1), **(2)**, **(b)**, **(b)**, and **(3)**, a (c) and (d) show phosphorescence of **d**(1) and **d**(2) in a thin layer. The phosphorescence has been limited to a single, for example, displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

Table 1. S...I-I interaction distances (Å) and angles (°).

Crystal	ds_{-1}	d_{1-1}	θ_{S-I-I}	$\theta_{ring-I-I}^a$
1	2.7124(4)	2.85193(18)	179.438(9)	52.29(3)
1	2.7124(4)	2.85193(18)	179.438(9)	52.29(3)
2	2.7465(6)	2.8364(2)	176.579(12)	85.45(4)
2	2.7465(6)	2.8364(2)	176.579(12)	85.45(4)
3	2.8135(9)	2.8072(4)	177.140(16)	49.70(6)
3	2.8135(9)	2.8072(4)	177.140(16)	49.70(6)
3	2.8389(9)	2.7874(4)	176.229(18)	49.70(7)
3	2.8389(9)	2.7874(4)	176.229(18)	49.70(7)
4	3.0813(7)	2.7827(4)	179.074(12)	38.25(5)
4	3.0813(7)	2.7827(4)	179.074(12)	38.25(5)
5	2.7891(6)	2.8117(3)	178.576(11)	42.78(5)
5	2.7891(6)	2.8117(3)	178.576(11)	42.78(5)
6	2.8036(7)	2.8031(3)	177.426(16)	47.40(5)
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~~a: angle calculated between I-I bond and RMS plane of dithiane ring~~

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When the 1:1 reaction of I_2 and 1,3-dithiane was conducted in ethyl acetate, the axial isomer of 6-iodo-1,3-dithiane (2) was obtained. When the same reaction was conducted in diethyl carbonate, the typical isomer of 6-iodo-1,3-dithiane (2) was obtained. In that case, the S16-S14 plane is perpendicular to the C1-C2 bond, and the resulting angle of 85.45(4)° affects the packing of the molecule in the solid state. Changes in the resulting angle of 85.45(4)° affect the packing of the molecule in the solid state. Changes in the resulting angle of 85.45(4)° affect the packing of the molecule in the solid state. Changes in the resulting angle of 85.45(4)° affect the packing of the molecule in the solid state.

The product of the 1,2-addition to both sulfur atoms, *S,S'*-bis(hydroxy-1,2-dithiane) (3a) was obtained by reaction of 1,2-dithiane with two equivalents of 1-iodo-2-methyl-2-butanol. Both *S* and *S'* moieties are in paratodal equatorial positions, with θ angles of 40.70(6)° and 49.07(7)° between each bond and the RMS ring plane. Double-stranded chain propagation in the *xy* direction, formed by a cooperative series of *S*...*S'* halogen bonds ($d_{S...S'} = 3.844(8)$ Å and $3.8612(8)$ Å, $R = 0.98$ and 0.99).

2.2. Computational Investigation of S-Diiodo-1,3-Dithiane Ring Flip

The electrostatic potential map of 1,3-dithiane, generated by DFT calculations, shows distinct regions of negative electrostatic potential around sulfur, as would be expected from a sp^3 hybridized atom. These are localized both above and below the ring plane (Figure 3a). Either region could potentially serve as a hydrogen or halogen bond acceptor. This is seen in structures 1–3, with 1 having a pseudo equatorial halogen bond to diiodine, while 2 and 3 have axial halogen bonds.

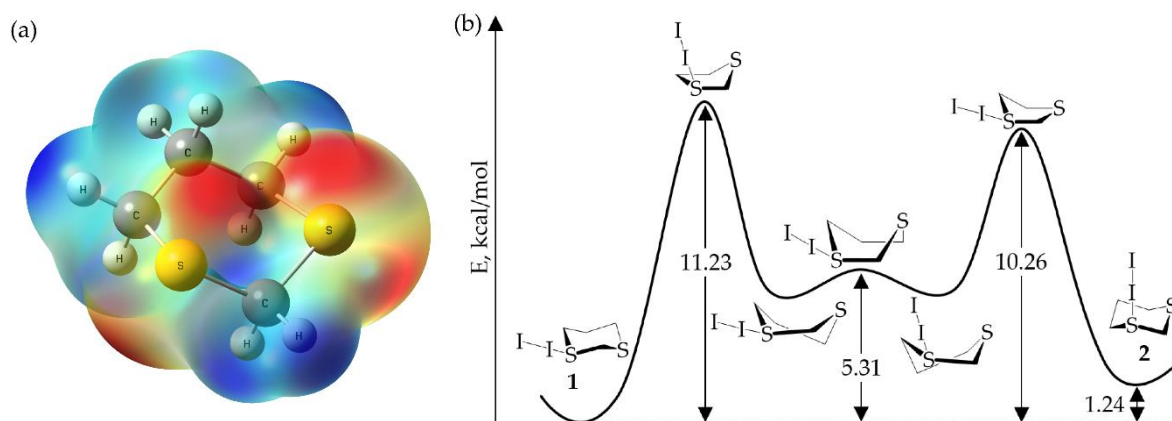


Figure 33. Electrostatic potential (ESP) map of 1,3-dithiane (a) and reaction coordinate of the ring flip from 1 to 2 (b). The electrostatic potential is calculated at the 0.005 au isodensity surface and ranges from −25 kcal/mol (red) to 38 kcal/mol (blue). The electrostatic potential is calculated at the 0.005 au isodensity surface and ranges from −25 kcal/mol (red) to 38 kcal/mol (blue).

The conformations and inversion pathways of 1,3- and 1,4-dithiane have previously been examined by gas-phase DFT calculations [24–26]. In general, the energetics of these processes were found to be similar to those of cyclohexane, which has been thoroughly studied both experimentally and computationally. The inversion of the th-1,3-dithiane rings was reported to proceed through a transition state at 4.72 kcal/mol above the chair conformation (slightly lower than the equivalent cyclohexane intermediate). The calculated transition state for this process was found to be 9.87 kcal/mol above the chair state, while the transition state between the two chair intermediates was only 0.80 kcal/mol higher in energy. The energy barrier for the conversion of the equatorial and axial isomers of 1,3-dithiane through the chair conformation was found to be 1.24 kcal/mol. The addition of sulfur at only one sulfur breaks the symmetry of the system. Gas-phase calculations of one of the inversion pathways of the S-diiodo substituted system indicate a $\Delta E^\ddagger$ of 11.23 kcal/mol between 1 and 2, respectively, and its respective half-chair conformer. Conformer 2 lies only slightly higher in energy (2.4 kcal/mol), with a $\Delta E^\ddagger$ of 9.02 kcal/mol between 2 and its respective half-chair conformation. The S-I binding energy remains relatively consistent throughout the ring inversion in approximately 11 kcal/mol. The calculated energy differences remain consistent relative to the gas-phase when solvation in methanol or ethyl acetate was included via SMD. These results indicate the preferential formation of 1 or 2 is not driven by conformational equilibrium in solution.

2.3. Reaction of 1,4-Dithiane with I_2

Through variations in solvent and stoichiometry, three new structures resulting from the reaction of 1,4-dithiane were obtained. The first (1,4-dithiane)(I_2) (4), is a 1:1 co-crystal obtained when the reaction is conducted in perfluoropyridine, and it possesses a significantly longer S...I distance than any of the other products observed in this study (Figure 4a and Supplementary Figure S13), such that the S...I interactions in 4 distinguish themselves from the more covalently bonded adducts of the other structures (1–3, 5, 6). Each iodine atom is involved in both a strong halogen bond ($d_{S...I} = 3.0813(7)$ Å, $R = 0.78$) and a much weaker chalcogen bond ($d_{S...I} = 3.8728(7)$ Å, $R = 0.99$). The two types of interactions can be easily distinguished by the orientation of the interaction relative to the C-I bond. For the halogen bond, the S...I angle of 179.07(12)° indicates involvement of the σ hole of the iodine atom [27,29]. The chalcogen bond shows a distinctly different orientation, with an S...I angle of 77.07(14)°, as well as a C-S-I angle of 177.7(7)°. These two angles taken together demonstrate an interaction between the iodine atom, located on the sulfur atom, and the sulfur atom, located along the elongation of the C-S bond.

While increasing the iodine available for reaction to 2:1 diiodine:dithiane, variations in reaction solvent again produced polymorphic structures with 1,4-dithiane (Figure 4b,c); however, in this case, the polymorphic structures are of S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,4-dithiane. When

3.6692(7) Å, $R = 0.93$, $\theta_{C-S...I} = 166.55(9)^\circ$) promotes the formation of sheets within the (1 0 1) plane. This distance is again reduced from the room temperature structure (3.78 Å). Neighboring sheets stack by weak S...I halogen bonds ($d_{S...I} = 3.9907(7)$ Å, $R = 1.02$). The arrangement of S-I-I moiety is pseudo in both **5** and **6**, with an angle from the dithiane RMS ring plane of $47.22(5)^\circ$ and $42.60(5)^\circ$ respectively. Surprisingly, despite significant differences in the primary halogen bonding interactions between **4**, **5**, and **6**, the decomposition temperatures are within 7 °C of one another.

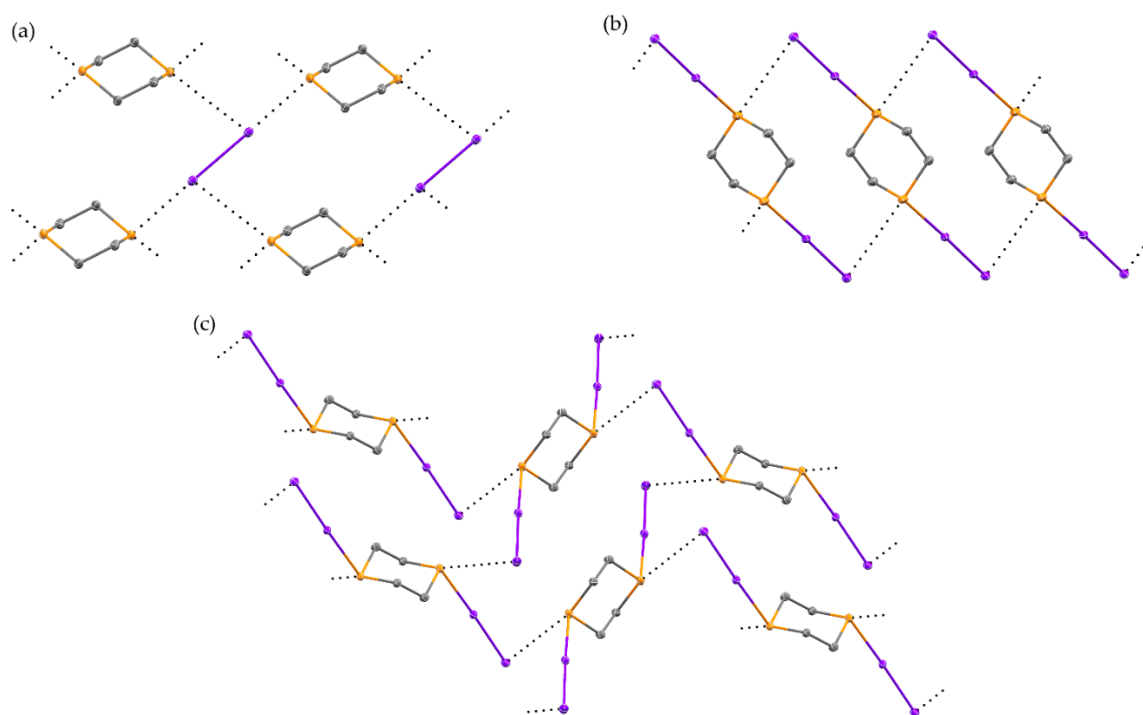


Figure 4. The solid-state structure of **4** (a), **5** (b), and **6** (c). Intermolecular interactions are shown as black dotted lines. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

2.4. Other Dihalogen Promoted Reactions of 1,4-Dithiane

While increasing the iodine available for reaction to 2:1 diiodine:dithiane, variations in reaction solvent again produced polymorphic structures with 1,4-dithiane (Figure 4b,c and Figure S14 and S15). In the case of this reaction, the polymorphic structures are of 1,3,5-triiodo-1,4-dithiane (**5**). When the reaction was conducted in methanol, structure **5** formed. This is isostructural to the triiodide anion with an elongation of the S-I bond from 2.687(2) Å in the triiodide anion to 2.7891(6) Å in **5** [30]. This packing is dominated by S...I halogen bonds (present between the disubstituted sulfur atom and the central atom of the triiodide anion in the 0.8586(7) Å, $R = 0.98$, $\theta_{C-S...I} = 177.55(10)^\circ$). The bromide salt type compound has been prepared previously by the reaction of bromoacetic acid with 1,4-dithiane in ethanol [31]. First reported in 1927, the reaction of 1,4-dithiane with Br₂ provides 1,4-dithiane 5,5-dioxyde [32]. The crystalline structure of this molecule in isolation has been further reported [15]. While the overall packing arrangement remains consistent, the reduction in data collection temperature causes a noticeable reduction in intermolecular contact distances. The S...I distance is 2.8036(7) in **6**, reduced from 2.87 Å in the room temperature structure. A network of chalcogen bonds ($d_{S...I} = 3.6692(7)$ Å, $R = 0.93$, $\theta_{C-S...I} = 166.55(9)^\circ$) promotes the formation of sheets within the (1 0 1) plane. This distance is again reduced from the room temperature structure (3.78 Å). Neighboring sheets stack by weak S...I halogen bonds ($d_{S...I} = 3.9907(7)$ Å, $R = 1.02$). The arrangement of S-I-I moiety is pseudo in both **5** and **6**, with an angle from the dithiane RMS ring plane of $47.22(5)^\circ$ and $42.60(5)^\circ$ respectively. Surprisingly, despite significant differences in the primary halogen bonding interactions between **4**, **5**, and **6**, the decomposition temperatures are within 7 °C of one another (Figures S4–S6).

2.4. Other Dihalogen Promoted Reactions of 1,4-Dithiane

Throughout this investigation, several other interesting products that involve the formation of new covalent bonds to sulfur were obtained by the reaction of 1,4-dithiane with both I₂ and Br₂. If the 2:1 I₂:1,4-dithiane reaction is conducted in acetone, a sulfonium cation is formed from the addition of acetone to one of the sulfur atoms of the dithiane ring (**7**) (Figure 5a and Figure S16). A triiodide anion is also present to balance the charge. A chalcogen bond is present between the disubstituted sulfur atom and the central atom of the triiodide anion ($d_{S...I} = 3.8586(7)$ Å, $R = 0.98$, $\theta_{C-S...I} = 177.55(10)^\circ$). The bromide

solubilize the dioxide which immediately precipitates from the solution upon Br₂ addition. The resulting crystalline material showcases chains formed by hydrogen bonding between oxygen atoms on two separate 1,4-dithiane-S,S'-dioxide molecules and two hydrogen atoms of a hydronium ion. The third hydronium hydrogen atom participates in a hydrogen bond to a bromide anion. In contrast to **8**, the reaction of 1,4-dithiane with Br₂ in acetonitrile produced crystalline (O=S(CH₂CH₂)₂S=O-H)(Br₃) (**9**). Resulting from the single protonation of a S=O oxygen atom, likely from HBr formed from water contamination of Br₂, the mixed sulfoxide/sulfoxonium cations form 1-D chains along the *b* axis (Figure 5c). The single –OH hydrogen atom is equally shared between two oxygen atoms. Four neighboring chains are consolidated through a series of C-H⋯Br hydrogen bonds to the tribromide anion.

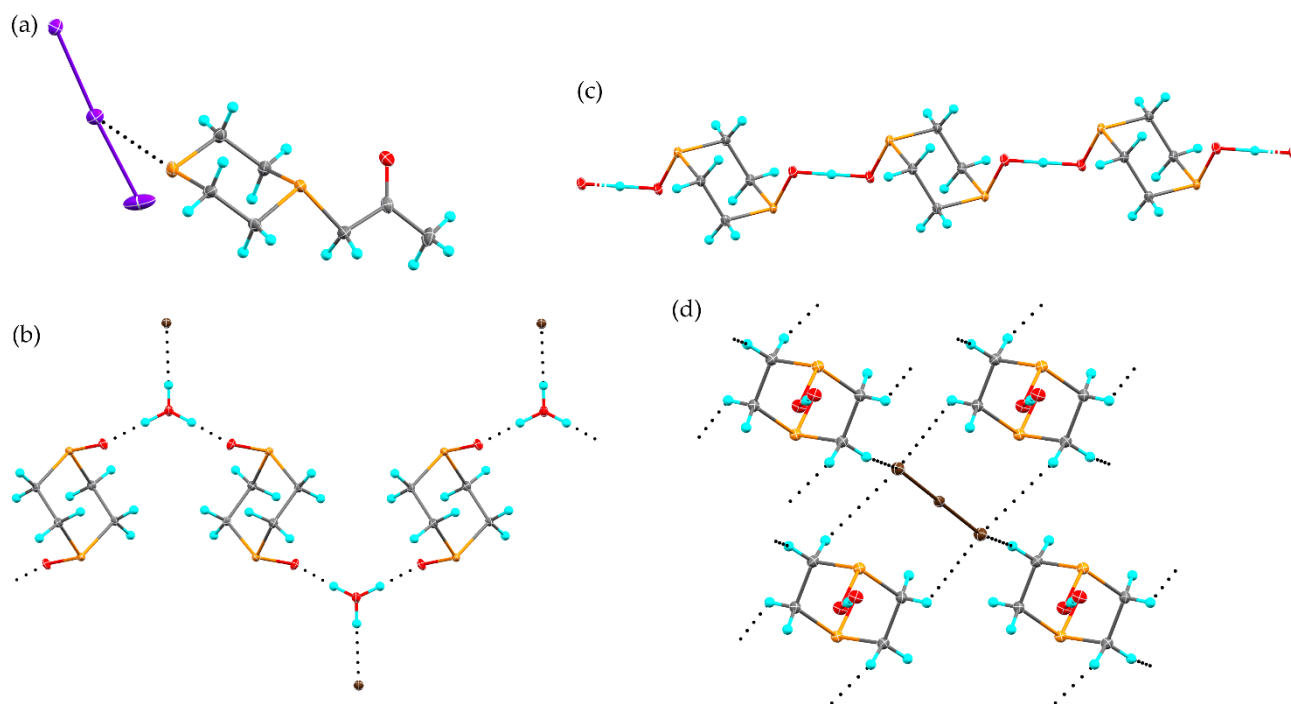


Figure 5. The solid-state structures of **7** (a), **8** (b), and **9** (c and d). Both the O-H⋯O hydrogen-bonded chains (c) and connection of neighboring chains by C-H⋯Br hydrogen bonding (d) are shown. Bromine atoms are brown. Oxygen atoms are red. Intermolecular interactions are shown as black dotted lines. Atomic displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

3. Materials and Methods

First reported in 1927, the reaction of 1,4-dithiane with Br₂ provides 1,4-dithiane-S,S'-dioxide [32]. The crystalline structure of this molecule in isolation has been further reported twice in the literature [33,34]. While our attempts to investigate the halogen bonding of Br₂ with 1,4-dithiane were unsuccessful, resulting in the dioxide due to the increased oxidizing power of Br₂ relative to I₂, two new structures containing 1,4-dithiane-S,S'-dioxide were obtained. The first (O=S(CH₂CH₂)₂S=O)(H₃O⁺)(Br₃[−]) (**8**) was obtained by the reaction of 1,4-dithiane with Br₂ in 1:1 mixture of methanol/acetone (Figure 5b). Acetone is required to resublimize the dioxide, which immediately precipitates from the solution upon Br₂ addition. The resulting crystalline material showcases chains formed by hydrogen bonding between oxygen atoms on two separate 1,4-dithiane-S,S'-dioxide molecules and two hydrogen atoms of a hydronium ion. The third hydronium hydrogen atom participates in a hydrogen bond to a bromide anion. In contrast to **8**, the reaction of 1,4-dithiane with Br₂ in acetonitrile produced crystalline (O=S(CH₂CH₂)₂S=O-H)(Br₃) (**9**). Resulting from the single protonation of a S=O oxygen atom, likely from HBr formed from water contamination of Br₂, the mixed sulfoxide/sulfoxonium cations form 1-D chains along the *b* axis (Figure 5c and Figure S18). The single –OH hydrogen atom is equally shared between two oxygen atoms. Four neighboring chains are consolidated through a series of C-H⋯Br hydrogen bonds to the tribromide anion.

3.2. Thermal Analysis

3. Materials and Methods

3.1. Materials

1,3-dithiane (>97%, CAS registry no. 505-23-7) was obtained from Oakwood Chemical (Estill, SC, USA). 1,4-dithiane (>97%, CAS registry no. 505-29-3) was obtained from Millipore Sigma (St. Louis, MO, USA). Iodine (>99.8%, resublimed, CAS registry number 7553-56-2), bromine (>99.8%, CAS registry no. 7726-93-6), methanol (100%, CAS registry no. 64-56-1), and acetic acid (>99.5%, CAS registry no. 64-19-7) were obtained from Fisher Scientific (Waltham, MA, USA). Pentafluoropyridine (99%, CAS registry no. 700-103-3) was obtained from Synquest Laboratories (Alachua, FL, USA). All materials were used as received.

and ethyl acetate (>99.5%, CAS registry no. 141-78-6) were obtained from Fisher Scientific (Waltham, MA, USA). Pentafluoropyridine (99%, CAS registry no. 700-16-3) was obtained from Synquest Laboratoires (Alachua, FL, USA). All materials were used as received.

3.2. Thermal Analysis

Simultaneous thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements were made using a TA Instruments Q600 or Discovery 650 (New Castle, DE, USA). Samples were heated from room temperature to 500 °C in air (100 mL/min) at a rate of 10 °C/min.

3.3. Single-Crystal X-ray Analysis

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected using a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer (Madison, WI, USA) equipped with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) and a Photon 100 detector. Data were collected in 0.5° oscillations of phi and/or omega at a temperature of 100 K. Data were processed and corrected for absorption using the SAINT and SADABS routines in the Apex 3 software suite (v2017.3, Madison, WI, USA, 2017) [35]. The structures were solved by intrinsic phasing (SHELXT) [36] and subsequently refined within Olex2 [37,38]. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms attached to carbon atoms were refined in calculated positions using riding models. Hydrogen atoms attached to oxygen atoms in **8** and **9** were located in the electron difference map and freely refined. Appropriate DFIX constraints were used in **9**. Crystallographic data are reported in Table S1.

3.4. Computational Study of **1** and **2**

All DFT calculations were conducted using the Gaussian 09 package (B.01, Wallingford, CT, USA, 2010) [39]. Structures **1**, **2**, and their respective twisted boat conformations were optimized using the M06-2X functional and cc-pVTZ basis set with the LANL2DZ pseudopotential [40–43]. These optimized structures were used as starting points in the qst3 method to find the transition states. Frequency calculations were performed using M06-2X/cc-pVTZ with LANL2DZ pseudopotential at 298.15 K and 1 atm of pressure. Each optimized transition state structure had one imaginary frequency and was used in intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations to examine the reaction path of the transition state.

3.5. Synthesis of Cocrystals

The synthesis of all cocrystals was scaled for a maximum yield of 100 to 200 mg of the desired product. Reagents were dissolved at the indicated ratios in a minimum amount of solvent and allowed to evaporate slowly at room temperature. Vials were sealed to halt evaporation as soon as crystals were observed to ensure sample purity.

S-diiodo-1,3-dithiane (equatorial) (1). 1,3-dithiane (44 mg, 0.37 mmol) and diiodine (93 mg, 0.37 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (10 mL) and the solvent was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 148 °C. Anal Calcd for C₄H₈I₂S₂ (374.0): C, 12.84; H, 2.16; S, 17.15; Found: C, 12.65; H, 2.13; S, 16.88.

S-diiodo-1,3-dithiane (axial) (2). 1,3-dithiane (37 mg, 0.31 mmol) and diiodine (78 mg, 0.31 mmol) were dissolved in ethyl acetate (10 mL) and the solvent was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 107 °C. Anal Calcd for C₄H₈I₂S₂ (374.0): C, 12.84; H, 2.16; S, 17.15; Found: C, 13.10; H, 2.36; S, 17.12.

S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,3-dithiane (3). 1,3-dithiane (26 mg, 0.22 mmol) and diiodine (110 mg, 0.44 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (10 mL) and the solvent was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 115 °C. Anal Calcd for C₄H₈I₄S₂ (627.9): C, 7.65; H, 1.28; S, 10.21; Found: C, 7.80; H, 1.04; S, 10.40.

1,4-dithiane·I₂ (4). 1,4-dithiane (34 mg, 0.28 mmol) and diiodine (72 mg, 0.28 mmol) were dissolved in perfluoropyridine (10 mL) and the solvent was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 126 °C. Anal Calcd for C₄H₈I₂S₂ (374.0): C, 12.84; H, 2.16; S, 17.15; Found: C, 12.65; H, 2.46; S, 16.81.

S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,4-dithiane (5). 1,4-dithiane (28 mg, 0.23 mmol) and diiodine (118 mg, 0.27 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (10 mL) and the solvent was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 129 °C. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{I}_4\text{S}_2$ (627.9): C, 7.65; H, 1.28; S, 10.21; Found: C, 7.71; H, 1.14; S, 10.46.

S,S'-bis(diiodo)-1,4-dithiane (6). 1,4-dithiane (31 mg, 0.26 mmol) and diiodine (131 mg, 0.52 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (10 mL) and the solvent was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{melt} 62 °C. T_{decomp} 122 °C. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{I}_4\text{S}_2$ (627.9): C, 7.65; H, 1.28; S, 10.21; Found: C, 7.77; H, 1.29; S, 10.45.

1-(2-oxopropyl)-1,4-dithianium triiodide (7). 1,4-dithiane (34 mg, 0.28 mmol) and diiodine (144 mg, 0.57 mmol) were dissolved in acetone (10 mL) and the solvent was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 126 °C. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{13}\text{I}_3\text{OS}_2$ (558.0): C, 15.07; H, 2.35; S, 11.49; Found: C, 14.72; H, 2.05; S, 11.34.

1,4-dithiane-*S,S'*-dioxide hydronium bromide (8). 1,4-dithiane (112 mg, 0.93 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (10 mL) and bromine was added (0.25 mL, 4.6 mmol), resulting in immediate precipitation of a white solid. Acetone (5 mL) was added to resolubilize the precipitate and the resulting solvent mixture was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 96 °C. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}_3\text{S}_2$ (251.2): C, 19.13; H, 4.41; S, 25.53; Found: C, 19.26; H, 4.40; S, 25.92.

1,4-dithiane-*S*-oxide-*S'*-oxonium tribromide (9). 1,4-dithiane (141 mg, 0.17 mmol) was dissolved in acetonitrile (10 mL) and bromine was added (0.31 mL, 5.9 mmol). The solvent was then allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature. T_{decomp} 98 °C. Anal Calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ (393.0): C, 12.23; H, 2.31; S, 16.32; Found: C, 11.99; H, 1.98; S, 16.37.

Supplementary Materials: The following are available online. Figures S1–S9, Simultaneous differential scanning calorimetry and thermal gravimetric analysis (SDT) of 1–9, Figures S10–S18, Unit cell packing diagrams of 1–9, Table S1, Crystallographic data and selected data collection parameters.

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