

## Tridentate C–I···O<sup>–</sup>–N<sup>+</sup> Halogen Bonds

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## I General information

All the solvents used for syntheses and crystal growth were of reagent grade and were used as received. Trimethylamine-*N*-oxide (**1**), N,N-dimethylbenzylamine, 4-methylpyridine-*N*-oxide (**3**) and 3,4-dimethylpyridine were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, while the tetrafluoro-1,2-diidoethane (**DI2**) and octafluoro-1,4-diiodobutane (**DI4**) were purchased from Apollo Scientific Chemicals Ltd. *N,N*-Dimethylbenzylamine-*N*-oxide (**2**) and 3,4-dimethylpyridine-*N*-oxide (**4**) were synthesized according to a reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

## II Preparation of halogen bond co-crystals

- 1) 1·DI4** Solid trimethylamine-*N*-oxide dihydrate (**1**, 11.91 mg, 0.11 mmol) and liquid octafluoro-1,4-diiodobutane (**DI4**, 55.1 µL, 0.30 mmol) were dissolved in 0.250 ml of acetonitrile with heating. The sample was left to slowly evaporate at room temperature for two days, yielding colourless crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography.
- 2) 2·DI4** Solid *N,N*-dimethylbenzylamine-*N*-oxide (**2**, 8.68 mg, 0.0574 mmol) was suspended in liquid octafluoro-1,4-diiodobutane (**DI4**, 50.0 µL, 0.273 mmol) and briefly sonicated. The closed sample was left at room temperature for two days, yielding colourless crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography.
- 3) 3·DI2** Solid 4-methylpyridine-*N*-oxide (**3**, 7.54 mg, 0.0691 mmol) was suspended in liquid tetrafluoro-1,2-diidoethane (**DI2**, 27.2 µL, 0.202 mmol) and briefly sonicated. The closed sample was left at room temperature for four days, yielding colourless crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography.
- 3) 4·DI2** Solid 3,4-dimethylpyridine-*N*-oxide (**4**, 6.37 mg, 0.0517 mmol) was suspended in liquid tetrafluoro-1,2-diidoethane (**DI2**, 27.2 µL, 0.202 mmol) and briefly sonicated. The closed sample was left at room temperature for four days, yielding colourless crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography.

## III X-Ray Experimental details

Single crystal X-ray data for **2·DI4** and **3** were measured on a Bruker-Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer with an APEX-II CCD detector using graphite-monochromated Mo-Kα ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) radiation. The data for **3·DI2** and **4·DI2**, were measured on a Rigaku Oxford diffractometer equipped with an Eos CCD detector using mirror-monochromated Mo-Kα ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) radiation. Single crystal X-ray data for **1·DI4** were collected on a dual source Rigaku Oxford diffractometer with an Atlas detector using mirror-monochromated Mo-Kα ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The crystal data and experimental details for the data collections are given in Table S1. Data collection and reduction for Rigaku Oxford diffractometers were performed using the program *CrysAlisPro*,<sup>2</sup> while for Bruker-Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer using the program *COLLECT*<sup>3</sup> and *HKL DENZO AND SCALEPACK*<sup>4</sup>. Gaussian face indexing-based absorption correction method through *CrysAlisPro*<sup>2</sup> was used for **1·DI4**, **3·DI2** and **4·DI2**, while the multi-scan absorption correction through *SADABS*<sup>5</sup> was used for **2·DI4** and **3**. The structures were solved by direct methods with *SHELXS*<sup>6</sup>, and refined by full-matrix least squares on  $F^2$  using the *OLEX2*<sup>7</sup> and/or *WinGX*<sup>8</sup> which utilize the *SHELXL-2016*<sup>6</sup> module. No attempt was made to locate the hydrogens from difference electron density Fourier maps, and appropriate constraints and restraints were used when necessary for disordered molecules.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and X-Ray experimental details for **1·DI4 - 4·DI2** and **3**

Complex	<b>1·DI4</b>	<b>2·DI4</b>	<b>3·DI2</b>	<b>4·DI2</b>	<b>3</b>
CCDC Number	1557841	1557842	1557843	1557848	1557847
Empirical formula	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>27</sub> F <sub>40</sub> I <sub>10</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>32.4</sub> H <sub>26</sub> F <sub>28.8</sub> I <sub>7.2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> F <sub>8</sub> I <sub>4</sub> NO	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>9</sub> F <sub>8</sub> I <sub>4</sub> NO	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO
Formula weight	2494.53	1936.23	816.77	830.79	109.13
Temperature (K)	123.0(1)	170.0(1)	123.0(1)	123.0(1)	170.0(1)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Tetragonal
Space group	P <sub>2</sub> <sub>1</sub> /c	P <sub>2</sub> <sub>1</sub> /c	P <sub>2</sub> <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> <sub>1</sub> /c	I <sub>4</sub> <sub>1</sub> /amd
Unit cell dimensions: <i>a</i> (Å)	20.8752(5)	12.6238(3)	16.0396(5)	15.8260(10)	7.920(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.2667(2)	11.3737(3)	18.4264(4)	19.3955(8)	7.920(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	28.8275(7)	21.9526(4)	20.1968(6)	13.3936(6)	19.588(4)
$\alpha$ (°)	90	90	90	90	90
$\beta$ (°)	108.327(3)	105.4035(15)	90	90.345(5)	90
$\gamma$ (°)	90	90	90	90	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	6436.2(3)	3038.72(12)	5969.2(3)	4111.1(4)	1228.7(10)
Z	4	2	12	8	8
Density (calculated) (mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	2.574	2.116	2.727	2.685	1.180
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	4.964	3.793	6.332	6.108	0.082
<i>F</i> (000)	4544	1782	4392	2992	464
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.376×0.342×0.229	0.350×0.279×0.047	0.183×0.157×0.093	0.272×0.157×0.133	0.13×0.09×0.05
$\vartheta$ range for data collection (°)	2.873 to 29.363	2.033 to 26.851	2.948 to 28.931	2.998 to 28.946	2.774 to 25.245
Reflections collected	26621	22249	38462	26758	4574
[ <i>R</i> (int)]	[0.0165]	[0.0453]	[0.0381]	[0.0460]	[0.1126]
Reflections [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	13227	5185	10898	8589	189
Data completeness (%)	99.3 to $\vartheta$ = 25.25°	99.4 to $\vartheta$ = 25.25°	99.7 to $\vartheta$ = 25.25°	99.8 to $\vartheta$ = 25.25°	99.7 to $\vartheta$ = 25.24°
Data/restraints/parameters	14844/3920/1014	6428/2839/643	13577/4425/927	9592/2355/657	454/0/29
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.123	1.045	1.168	1.085	1.007
Final <i>R</i> indices	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0274, [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0581, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0503	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0576, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1622	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0394, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1068	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0571, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1579
Final <i>R</i> indices	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0336, [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0711, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0522	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0795, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1726	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0478, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1187	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1212, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1644
Largest diff. peak/hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.082/-1.195	1.679/-0.988	1.738/-1.431	0.952/-1.499	0.166/-0.147

#### IV Solid-state analysis

**Table S2.** Bond parameters in halogen bonded co-crystals

Code	<i>ca.</i> , Å		<i>ca.</i> , Å		<i>ca.</i> , Å	
	a	A	b	B	c	C
<b>1·DI4</b>	2.745(2)	4.1081(16), 4.340(8)*	2.874(3), 2.872(8)*	4.0175(16), 3.998(8)*	2.810(3)	4.5207(6)
	2.836(3)	4.165(2), 4.029(11)*	2.885(3), 2.860(11)*	4.054(3), 4.326(12),* 3.938(15),* 4.194**	2.786(3), 2.741(10)*	4.6755(7), 4.374(11)*
	2.805(2)	4.1585(6)	2.825(2)	3.9946(7)	2.703(2)	4.1366(6)
<b>2·DI4</b>	2.808(5)	4.387(3), 4.312(6)*	2.788(5), 2.835(6)*	4.256(3), 3.967(6)*	2.832(5)	3.8839(8)
<b>3·DI2</b>	2.892(12)	4.030(2)	2.875(11)	4.008(6), 4.164(16)*	2.775(13), 2.864(19)*	4.224(5), 4.555(15)*
	2.856(11)	3.937(12), 4.056(14)*	2.875(16), 2.843(17)*	4.453(15), 4.234(15),* 4.273(16),* 4.045(16)*	2.777(15), 2.790(15)*	3.998(11), 3.978(11)*
	2.769(12)	4.351(8), 4.45(2)*	2.980(15), 2.90(3)*	3.971(9), 3.97(3)*	2.944(11)	4.023(2)
<b>4·DI2</b>	2.804(6)	4.371(3), 4.316(10)*	2.853(7), 2.926(11)*	4.208(4), 4.090(10)*	2.879(4)	4.4694(7)
	2.862(6)	4.162(4), 4.385(5)*	2.768(7), 2.816(7)*	4.368(5), 4.111(5),* 4.250(9),* 4.006(9)*	2.833(7), 2.763(10)*	4.544(3), 4.291(8)*

\*Corresponding to minor disorder components.

\*\*Could not be measured reliably because of a very low occupancy of the minor disorder component.

## V Computational Studies

Adduct formation enthalpies of halogen ( $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$ ), hydrogen ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ) and coordination ( $\text{AgCl}$ ) bonded ligand **3** adducts were calculated to show stability trends of optimized structures. The reaction enthalpies in Table S5 show there is energy gain in adding more molecules around *N*-oxide oxygen of **3**, although the gain diminishes with each added donor molecule except for structures with four added molecules. In **3**.4AgCl the Ag(I) bonding changes from two-coordinate found in **3**.3AgCl to chlorine-bridged three-coordinate bonding. In **3**.4 $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$  and **3**.4 $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  the added fourth  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  molecules form halogen-halogen and hydrogen bond interactions, respectively, with donor molecules actively participated in  $\mu_3\text{-O},\text{O},\text{O}$  coordination around *N*-oxide oxygen. These halogen-halogen and hydrogen bond interactions between donor molecules are stronger than the alternative interactions with the *N*-oxide oxygen giving added stability to the overall optimized structures.

**Table S3.** Reaction enthalpies for adduct formation of **3** with one to four model halogen ( $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$ ), hydrogen ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ) and coordination ( $\text{AgCl}$ ) bond donors.

	Number of donors			
	monodentate	$\mu_2\text{-O},\text{O}$	$\mu_3\text{-O},\text{O},\text{O}$	$\mu_4\text{-O},\text{O},\text{O}$
$\text{CF}_3\text{I}$	−26.7	−52.6	−68.0	−95.9
$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	−52.2	−100.9	−131.2	−192.2
$\text{AgCl}$	−113.3	−191.5	−242.3	−685.5

## COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS

Gaussian 09 program package was used for all theoretical calculations.<sup>9</sup> Optimized geometries and harmonic vibrational frequencies of all structures were obtained from DFT calculations performed with PBE0 hybrid functional<sup>10</sup> and def2-TZVP basis<sup>11</sup> set employing Grimme's empirical correction D3 with Becke-Johnson dampening<sup>12</sup> for treating dispersion interactions. Basis set superposition error corrections were treated by counterpoise method.<sup>13</sup>

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