# Halogen Bonding Driven Crystal Engineering of Iodophthalonitrile Derivatives 

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## Experimental Procedure:

All chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.


4-Aminophthalonitrile: 4-Nitrophthalonitrile ( $0.44 \mathrm{~g}, 2.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to a mixture of methanol ( 10 mL ) and concentrated hydrochloric acid ( 3 mL ) and stirred at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Iron powder ( 0.6 g ) was added in small portions over 45 min . After 1 h , the mixture was poured into cold water and the precipitate filtered off. Yellowish solid ( $0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 82 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=4.31(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H})$.

4-lodophthalonitrile (2a): 4-Aminophthalonitrile ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 1.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to mixture of concentrated hydrochloric acid ( 6 mL ), ice ( 20 g ) and sodium nitrite ( $0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 2.15 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in water ( 3 mL ) in one portion at $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 2 hours, the solution was filtered. The diazonium salt solution was added dropwise to a stirred cool solution of potassium iodide in 5 mL water. The resulting dark brown mixture was stirred for 1 hour. Compound was extracted with toluene from mixture solution. Then organic phase was washed with cold water and cold $5 \% \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$, then saturated $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ (sat). The toluene solution was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. White solid ( $0.25 \mathrm{~g}, 70 \%{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $d_{6}$-DMSO): $\delta=7.86$ (d, 1H), 8.25 (dd, 1H), 8.59 (d,1H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $d_{6}$-DMSO): $\delta=102.56,110.01,114.28,115.36,116.14$, 135.01, 142.30, 143.38.


3-Aminophthalonitrile: 3-Nitrophthalonitrile ( $0.44 \mathrm{~g}, 2.5 \mathrm{mmoles}$ ) was added to a mixture of methanol $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and concentrated hydrochloric acid ( 3 mL ) and stirred at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Iron powder $(0.6 \mathrm{~g})$ was added in small portions over 45 min . After 1 h , the mixture was poured into cold water and the precipitate filtered off. Yellow solid ( $0.25 \mathrm{~g}, 70 \%$ ). ${ }^{1 \mathrm{H}}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=4.73(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H})$.

3-lodophthalonitrile (2b): 3-Aminophthalonitrile ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 1.4 \mathrm{mmoles}$ ) was added to mixture of concentrated hydrochloric acid ( 6 mL ), ice ( 20 g ) and sodium nitrite ( $0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 2.15 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in water ( 3 mL ) in one portion at $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 2 hours, the solution was filtered. The diazonium salt solution was added
dropwise to a stirred cool solution of potassium iodide in 5 mL water. The resulting dark brown mixture was stirred for 1 hour. Compound was extracted with toluene from mixture solution. Then organic phase was washed with cold water and cold $5 \% \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$, then saturated $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ (sat). The toluene solution was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. White solid ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 56 \%)^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=7.41$ ( t , $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.18(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=144.25,136.43,132.81,125.74,118.65,116.80$, 116.40, 102.82.



4,5-Diiodophthalimide and 3,4-Diiodophthalimide: A mixture of oleum ( $15 \mathrm{ml}, 30 \%$ ), phthalimide ( 10 g , $0.07 \mathrm{~mol})$ and $\mathrm{I}_{2}(17.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.07 \mathrm{~mol})$ was stirred and heated at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . The resulting suspension was poured over ice, the precipitate was filtered, washed with water ( 50 ml ), 4\% aq. $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO} 3(50 \mathrm{ml}$ ) and aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}(50 \mathrm{ml})$. The crude product was recrystallized from acetone/water to give $18.1 \mathrm{~g}(65 \%)$ mixture of 4,5-diiodophthalimide and 3,4-diiodophthalimide as an off-white solid. The mixture compounds were used without further purifications.

4,5-Diiodophthaldiamide and 3,4-Diiodophthaldiamide: A mixture of 4,5 diiodophthalimide and 3,4diiodophthalimide ( $5.3 \mathrm{~g}, 13.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{OH}(60 \mathrm{ml}, 25 \%)$ was stirred and heated at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1.5 h . The resulting suspension was filtered, the precipitate was washed with cold water ( 50 ml ), methanol $(50 \mathrm{ml})$ and air-dried to give $3.8 \mathrm{~g}(70 \%)$ mixture of 4,5-Diiodophthaldiamide and 3,4Diiodophthaldiamide as a white solid. The mixture compounds were used without further purifications.

4,5-Diiodophthalonitrile (2c) and 3,4-Diiodophthalonitrile (2d): Trifluoroacetic anhydride (10.6 ml, 75 mmol ) was added dropwise to a mixture of 4,5-Diiodophthaldiamide and 3,4-Diiodophthaldiamide ( 5.5 g , $13 \mathrm{mmol})$, dioxane ( 100 ml ) and pyridine ( 15 ml ) at $0-5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The resulting suspension was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h , poured over ice and extracted with ethyl acetate ( 100 ml ). The combined organic extracts were washed with water ( 50 ml ), $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}(55 \mathrm{ml})$, aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(150 \mathrm{ml})$, water ( 50 ml ) and dried ( $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ ). The solvents were evaporated in vacuum and the residue was crystallized from acetone/water to give mixture of 4,5-diiodophthalonitrile (2c) and 3,4-diiodophthalonitrile (2d). These compounds were separated using silica gel chromatography with ethyl acetate-hexane (1:9) as eluent. 4,5diiodophthalonitrile (2c) ( $2.96 \mathrm{~g}, 60 \%$ yield) and 3,4-diiodophthalonitrile (2d) ( $0.5 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \%$ yield):

4,5-Diiodophthalonitrile (2c): IR: 2231 (CN) cm ${ }^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{HNMR}\left(d_{1}-\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=8.24 \mathrm{ppm}(\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ (CDCl3): 142.68, 115.32, 114.95, 113.38 ppm. MALDI-MS (DHB) m/z: $416.8607\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$

3,4-Diiodophthalonitrile(2d): IR: $2236(\mathrm{CN}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{HNMR}\left(d_{1}-\mathrm{CDCl} 3\right): \delta=8.22(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-$ NMR (CDCl3): $\delta=144.54,133.63,126.72,116.52,115.83,115.91,113.14,110.64$. MALDI-MS (DHB) m/z: $416.6\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$



Figure S1. The orientation of monomers' dipole moments in 1a-1c. 2a-2d.


Figure S2. Band structures of the titled compounds. The reciprocal coordinates of highsymmetry points are (1a) $\mathrm{X}=(0.5,0,0), \Gamma=(0,0,0), \mathrm{Y}=(0,0.5,0), \mathrm{V}=(0.5,0.5,0), \mathrm{R}=(0.5,0$, $0.5), \mathrm{Z}=(0,0,0.5) ;(\mathbf{1 b}) \mathrm{X}=(0.5,0,0), \Gamma=(0,0,0), Y=(0,0.5,0), \mathrm{D}=(0,0.5,0.5), \mathrm{Z}=(0,0$, $0.5) ;(\mathbf{1 c}) \mathrm{X}=(0.5,0,0), \Gamma=(0,0,0), \mathrm{Y}=(0,0.5,0), \mathrm{T}=(0,0.5,0.5), \mathrm{Z}=(0,0,0.5) ;(2 \mathbf{a}) \mathrm{X}=$
$(0.5,0,0), \Gamma=(0,0,0), Y=(0,0.5,0), V=(0.5,0.5,0), T=(0.5,0,0.5), Z=(0,0,0.5),(\mathbf{2 b}) \mathrm{X}=$ $(0.5,0,0), \Gamma=(0,0,0), Y=(0,0.5,0), \mathrm{E}=(0.5,0.5,0.5), \mathrm{A}=(0.5,0,0.5), \mathrm{Z}=(0,0,0.5),(2 \mathrm{c}) \mathrm{X}=$ $(0.5,0,0), \Gamma=(0,0,0), \mathrm{Z}=(0,0,0.5), \mathrm{T}=(0.5,0,0.5), \mathrm{V}=(0.5,0.5,0.5), \mathrm{R}=(0,0.5,0.5), \mathrm{Y}=$ $(0,0.5,0),(2 d) X=(0.5,0,0), \Gamma=(0,0,0), Y=(0,0.5,0), D=(0,0.5,0.5), Z=(0,0,0.5)$.

Table S1. Comparison of the selected bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) for compounds 2a-2d.

| 2a |  | 2b |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C7-N1 | $1.159(7)$ | C7-N1 | $1.138(7)$ |
| C8-N2 | $1.147(6)$ | C8-N2 | $1.148(7)$ |
| C4-I1 | $2.083(5)$ | C3-I1 | $2.085(5)$ |


| 2c |  | 2d |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C7-N1 | $1.150(3)$ | C8-N2 | $1.133(19)$ |
| C8-N2 | $1.170(2)$ | C7-N1 | $1.128(17)$ |
| C4-I1 | $2.087(17)$ | C8a-N2a | $1.121(15)$ |
| C3-I2 | $2.085(17)$ | C7a-N1a | $1.132(18)$ |
|  |  | C5-I1 | $2.092(11)$ |
|  |  | C4-I2 | $2.087(13)$ |
|  |  | C5a-I1a | $2.064(12)$ |
|  |  | C4a-I2a | $2.097(13)$ |

Table S2. Geometric parameters used for the determination of the $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions between phenyl cycles. For compound 2c the distances between centroids are presented for phenyl rings of $\mathbf{2 c} \mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2 c} \mathbf{2}$ respectively.

| d(CgI $\cdots{ }^{\text {CgI' }}$ ) |  | $\alpha$ | $\beta$ | Symmetry transformation for CgI'. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | 3.99 | 0 | 26.5 | 1/2-X, 1/2-Y,-1/2-Z |
| 1b | 4.16 | 0 | 32.9 | $X,-1+Y, Z$ |
| 1c | 4.204 | 0 | 30.3 | X,Y,-1+Z |
| 2a | 4.493 | 0 | 40.3 | $-X, 1-Y,-Z$ |
|  | 4.356 | 0 | 37.6 | 1-X,2-Y,1-Z |
| 2b | 3.845 | 1.3 | 24.6 | X, 1/2-Y,-1/2+Z |
|  | 3.846 | 1.3 | 23.9 | $X, 1 / 2-Y, 1 / 2+Z$ |
| 2c | 5.399(10) | 0 | 48.4 | 1-X,-Y,1-Z |
|  | 5.158(10) | 0 | 46.7 | 1-X,1-Y,1-Z |
| 2d | 4.155(8) | 0 | 25.7 | X,-1+Y,Z |
|  | 4.155(7) | 0 | 28.5 | X,-1+Y,Z |

Table S3. Calculated parameters for C-(N, I)...Cg ( $\pi$-ring) interactions analysis.

| C-N...CgI' |  | N...CgI' | $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ | Symmetry transformation for CgI'. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1 \ldots \mathrm{Cg}(1)$ | 3.8595 | 25.1 | $X, 1+Y, Z$ |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1 \ldots \mathrm{Cg}(1)$ | 3.657 | 21.42 | $1-X, 2-Y, 1-Z$ |
| $\mathbf{2 c} \mathbf{c}$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{I} 1 \ldots \mathrm{Cg}(1)$ | 3.754 | 11.86 | $1-X, 1-Y, 1-Z$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{I} 2 \ldots \mathrm{Cg}(1)$ | 3.757 | 10.64 |

Table S4. Donor-acceptor interaction energies $\mathrm{E}^{2}\left(\mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right)$ and charge differences (e) for halogen bonding.

| Compounds | $\Delta \mathbf{q}_{\text {I }}$ | $\Delta \mathbf{q}_{\text {N }}$ | Delocalization | $\mathrm{E}^{(2)}$ [ $\left.\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}\right]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | -0.04 | 0.034 | $\mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{N} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}$ (I1-C4) | 3.58 |
| 1b | -0.009 | - | $\mathrm{LP}(3) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{I} 1)$ | 2.15 |
| 1c | 0.004 | - | $\mathrm{LP}(3) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}$ ( $\left.\mathrm{I} 1-\mathrm{C} 2\right)$ | 2.5 |
| 2 a | -0.025 | 0.031 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 2) \\ & \sigma(\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{I} 1) \rightarrow \mathrm{RY} Y^{*}(4) \mathrm{N} 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.76 \\ & 1.49 \end{aligned}$ |
| 2b | -0.035 | 0.006 | $\sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{I} 1) \rightarrow \mathrm{RY}^{*}(5) \mathrm{N} 2$ $\mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \mathrm{RY} Y^{*}(2) \mathrm{N} 2$ $\mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 1)$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.12 \\ & 1.96 \\ & 1.84 \end{aligned}$ |
| 2 c | 0.024 | -0.023 | $\begin{aligned} & \sigma(\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{I} 2) \rightarrow \mathrm{RY}^{*}(2) \mathrm{N} 1 \\ & \mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{I} 2 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.88 \\ & 1.78 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 0.018 | -0.027 | $\begin{aligned} & \sigma(\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{I} 1) \rightarrow \mathrm{RY}^{*}(2) \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & \mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.14 \\ & 1.75 \end{aligned}$ |
| 2d1S | -0.024 | 0.012 | LP(1)N2 $\rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{I} 1)$ | 2.48 |
| 2d1L | -0.004 | -0,027 | LP(1)N2a $\rightarrow \sigma^{*}$ (C4-I2) | 1.35 |
| 2d1I | -0.009 | - | $\mathrm{LP}(3) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Ila})$ | 0.24 |
| 2d1T | 0.011 | 0.044 | $\begin{aligned} & \sigma(\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{I} 1) \rightarrow \mathrm{RY}^{*}(1) \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & \sigma(\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{I} 1) \rightarrow \mathrm{RY}^{*}(2) \mathrm{N} 2 \\ & \sigma(\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{I} 1) \rightarrow \mathrm{RY}^{*}(4) \mathrm{N} 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.08 \\ & 1.61 \\ & 1.36 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | -0.028 | - | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \mathrm{RY}^{*}(4) \mathrm{I} 1 \mathrm{a} \\ & \mathrm{LP}(1) \mathrm{I} 1 \rightarrow \sigma^{*}(\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Ila}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.32 \\ & 0.92 \end{aligned}$ |

Table S5. Electron Density, $\boldsymbol{\rho}$, Laplacian, $\boldsymbol{\nabla}^{2} \boldsymbol{\rho}$ (a.u.) at the halogen bonds' critical points and interaction energies ( $\Delta \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) in 1a-1c, 2a-2c, 2d1S, 2d1L, 2d1I. For 2b and 2c the interaction energy in brackets denotes $\Delta \mathrm{E}$ per one XB while in 2d1S and 2d1I the two values for $\Delta \mathrm{E}$ refer to dimer and trimer respectively.

| Compounds | $\mathbf{X B}$ | $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ | $\nabla^{2} \boldsymbol{\rho}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | $\mathrm{I} \cdots \mathrm{N} 1$ | 0.013 | 0.041 |
| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | $\mathrm{I} 1 \cdots \mathrm{I} 1$ | 0.009 | 0.02 |
| $\mathbf{1 c}$ | $\mathrm{I} 1 \cdots \mathrm{I} 1$ | 0.009 | 0.02 |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | $\mathrm{I} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2$ | 0.011 | 0.034 |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | $\mathrm{I} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2$ | 0.011 | 0.034 |
| $\mathbf{2 c}$ | $\mathrm{I} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2$ | 0.01 | 0.031 |
|  | $\mathrm{I} 2 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 1$ | 0.009 | 0.028 |
| $\mathbf{2 d 1 S}$ | $\mathrm{I} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2$ | 0.012 | 0.038 |
| $\mathbf{2 d 1 L}$ | $\mathrm{I} 2 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2 \mathrm{a}$ | 0.009 | 0.028 |
| $\mathbf{2 d 1 I}$ | $\mathrm{I} 1 \cdots \mathrm{I} 1 \mathrm{a}$ | 0.011 | 0.027 |

Table S6. Natural charges and their differences (e) for halogen bonding.

|  | Atoms | q(monomer) | q(dimer) | $\Delta \mathbf{q}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | I1 | 0.209 | 0.249 | -0.04 |
|  | N1 | -0.306 | -0.34 | 0.034 |
| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | I1 | 0.245 | 0.254 | -0.009 |
| $\mathbf{1 c}$ | I1 | 0.211 | 0.207 | 0.004 |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | I1 | 0.244 | 0.269 | -0.025 |
|  | N2 | -0.261 | -0.292 | 0.031 |
|  | N1 | -0.271 | -0.275 | 0.004 |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | I1 | 0.272 | 0.307 | -0.035 |
|  | N2 | -0.254 | -0.302 | 0.048 |
|  | N1 | -0.262 | -0.269 | 0.006 |
|  | I1 | 0.276 | 0.293 | 0.018 |
|  | N1 | -0.266 | -0.289 | -0.022 |
|  | 2c | I2 | 0.271 | 0.295 |
|  | N2 | -0.265 | -0.292 | -0.024 |
| $\mathbf{2 d - 1 S}$ | I1 | 0.294 | 0.318 | -0.024 |
|  | N2 | -0.25 | -0.262 | 0.012 |
|  | 2d-1L | I2 | 0.294 | 0.298 |
| $\mathbf{2 d - 1 I}$ | N2a | -0.26 | -0.287 | $-0,004$ |
|  | I1a | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.06 |
|  | I1 | 0.275 | 0.266 | -0.009 |
| 2d-1T | I1a | 0.294 | 0.322 | -0.028 |
|  | I1 | 0.31 | 0.32 | 0.011 |
|  | N2 | -0.25 | -0.294 | 0.044 |

