## $(EDT-TTF-I_2)_2PbI_3\bullet H_2O$ : an ambient pressure metal with a $\beta'$ donor slab topology

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## [(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>N]PbI<sub>3</sub>

0.97 g (3.4 mmol) of  $[(C_2H_5)_4N]I$  in 5 mL of aqueous hydriodic acid solution (57%) is added under stirring to a solution of 1.52 g of PbI<sub>2</sub> (3.3 mmol) in 6 mL of aqueous hydriodic acid solution (57%). A white precipitate appears and is dissolved by heating under reflux. Slow cooling down to 5°C affords pale yellow needles. After filtration, the crystals are washed with diethylether and dried under vacuum (2.14 g, 3.0 mmol, 90%), mp > 315°C. Anal Calcd for  $C_8H_{20}NI_3Pb$ : C, 13.38; H, 2.81; N, 1.958. Found C, 13.15; H, 2.61; N, 1.93. EDX Calcd (normalised weight): I, 64.8; Pb, 35.2. Found: I, 65.7; Pb, 34.3.

Partial X-Ray structural elucidation confirms the face-sharing connection between the PbI<sub>6</sub> octahedra in the unidimensional polymeric anion [PbI<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>]. Crystal data. C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>60</sub>I<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Pb<sub>3</sub>, M = 2154.42, hexagonal, a = 18.954(2), c = 8.1838(8) Å, U = 2546.2(5) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 293(2) K, space group  $P6_3/m$  (no. 176), Z = 2,  $\mu$ (Mo-K<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>) = 15.4 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 3867 reflections measured, 1789 unique (R<sub>int</sub> = 0.1165) which were used in all calculations. The final wR( $F^2$ ) was 0.1928 (all data).

X Ray powder diffraction pattern :

