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**Abstract**

The charge transfer compounds  $(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$ ,  $(\text{TTF})_3\text{FeBr}_3$ ,  $(\text{TTF})\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $(\text{TTF})\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and  $(\text{TTF})\text{IrCl}_4 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  were prepared from reaction of solutions of TTF (tetrathiafulvalence) and the metal halide. Magnetic susceptibility and spectroscopic (electronic, vibrational, XPS, and EPR) evidence indicate that there is incomplete charge transfer from the TTF donor to iron, and that there is essentially complete charge transfer to ruthenium, rhodium, and iridium. The experimental evidence indicates that two electrons are transferred in the rhodium compound. The electrical conductivities of powdered samples of the iron compounds are five orders of magnitude greater than those of the ruthenium, rhodium, and iridium compounds, being  $6-10 \text{ S} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$  at room temperature. All of the compounds exhibit semiconducting behavior which may be described by a mobility

model having a temperature dependent preexponential term and relatively small activation energies.

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## Introduction

TTF (tetrathiafulvalene) is an excellent electron donor and forms charge transfer compounds which behave as organic metals [1]. The most famous of these compounds is TTF-TCNQ (TTF tetracyanoquinodimethane), a compound that exhibits high metallic conductivity which rises to almost  $10^4 \text{ S.cm}^{-1}$  around 55 K [2,3]. It has been concluded that compounds with high electrical conductivities should be formed from donor-acceptor molecules that are in partial oxidation (or mixed valence) states with uniform structures containing segregated stacks of the constituent molecules [1,4]. Recently, charge transfer compounds of BEDT-TTF [bis(ethylenedithio)tetrathiafulvalene] and its analogs have received much attention [5]. Some of these BEDT-TTF salts exhibit superconductivity above 10 K [6-8].

Less attention has been paid to charge transfer salts with metal halide anions [9,10]. In this study, TTF salts with iron, ruthenium, rhodium, and iridium halides were prepared and characterized. TTF molecules in TTF-Fe halides were found to be partially oxidized, while the TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chloride compounds were found to be fully oxidized yielding simple salts. The compounds were characterized by electrical conductivity and magnetic susceptibility measurements, and by EPR, electronic, vibrational, and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy. The partially oxidized TTF salts exhibited electrical conductivities at room temperature that were five orders of magnitude greater than the simple salts.

## Experimental

### Synthesis

$(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$  was prepared by the direct reaction of TTF and anhydrous  $\text{FeCl}_3$ . One mmole of anhydrous  $\text{FeCl}_3$  was dissolved in a mixture of absolute methanol (20 mL) and trimethylorthoformate (4 mL). A solution of TTF (ca. 3.5 mmol) in a mixture of methanol (20 mL) and trimethylorthoformate (4 mL) was added dropwise, and the solution changed to a dark purple color immediately. The mixture was refluxed ca. 1-2 hrs and then refrigerated overnight. Deep purple colored microcrystals precipitated. These were isolated by filtration and washed several times with absolute methanol. The microcrystalline precipitate was dried in vacuum at room temperature.  $(\text{TTF})_3\text{FeBr}_3$  was formed by an analogous method using anhydrous  $\text{FeBr}_3$ .  $(\text{TTF})\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was also obtained by direct mixing a solution of hydrated  $\text{RuCl}_3$  in methanol with an excess of TTF dissolved in methanol. The reaction mixture was refluxed ca. 1-2 hrs. The precipitate that formed upon refrigeration was collected by filtration and dried in vacuum at room temperature.  $(\text{TTF})\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{TTF})\text{IrCl}_4 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  were also formed by a similar method using hydrated  $\text{RhCl}_3$  and  $\text{IrCl}_4$ , respectively. All of the compounds were dark purple in color. Elemental analysis was performed by Galbraith Laboratories, Inc., Knoxville, Tenn.

$(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$  Calcd: C, 25.24; H, 1.40. Found: C, 25.29; H, 1.47.  $(\text{TTF})_3\text{FeBr}_3$  Calcd: C, 23.79; H, 1.33. Found C: 24.55 H, 1.40.  $(\text{TTF})\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  Calcd: C, 16.09; H, 1.80; Cl, 23.75.

Found: C, 15.10; H, 1.69; Cl, 23.88. (TTF)RhCl<sub>3</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O Calcd: C, 16.69; H, 1.40; Cl, 24.64. Found: C, 16.55; H, 1.45; Cl, 24.31. (TTF)IrCl<sub>4</sub>•CH<sub>3</sub>OH Calcd: C, 14.36; H, 1.14; Cl, 24.30. Found: C, 14.74; H, 1.41; Cl, 24.86.

### *Physical Measurements*

Electrical resistivities were determined on compressed pellets (1.3 cm diameter, nominally 1 mm thick) by the van der Pauw 4-probe method [11] in the temperature range 20-300 K. The sample pellets were mounted on a ceramic insulating material, and electrical connections to the sample pellet were made with four equally spaced (1.1 mm) spring-loaded electrodes. The sample pellet was spotted with conductive silver pasted to make a good contact. Low temperatures were obtained by using CTI-Cryogenics Model 21SC Cryodine Cryocooler. The temperature was measured with a DT-500k silicon diode connected to a Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc. Model DRC 80C temperature controller. Constant current was applied by using a Keithley Model 227 current source, and the voltage was measured with a Fluke 8502A multimeter.

EPR spectra of powdered samples were obtained with a Varian E-3 X-band spectrometer ( $\approx 9.5$  GHz). The magnetic field of the E-3 was calibrated by using an NMR gaussmeter (Magnion Model G-502) and a Hewlett-Packard precision frequency counter (Model 5340A). The free radical DPPH ( $g = 2.0036$ ) was used as a field marker in all cases. EPR data were collected at room temperature or at liquid-nitrogen temperature (77 K).



Magnetic susceptibilities were measured from 4.2 to 77 K by using a Princeton Applied Research Model 155 vibrating-sample magnetometer which was operated at 10 kOe. The magnetic susceptibility from 77 K to room temperature was collected with a Faraday Balance. The experimental methods have been described elsewhere [12]. The instruments were calibrated with  $\text{HgCo}(\text{SCN})_4$  [13]. The data were corrected for temperature independent paramagnetism and for the diamagnetism of the constituent atoms using Pascal's constants [14].

X-ray photoelectron spectra were taken on a Perkin Elmer Physical Electronics Model 5400 X-ray Photoelectron Spectrometer equipped with a magnesium anode X-ray source and a hemispherical analyzer, at a residual gas pressure  $5 \times 10^{-9}$  torr. The samples were mounted on the fresh surface of indium foil to make good contact with the spectrometer. The binding energies (B.E.) were calibrated using the Au  $4f_{7/2}$  peak at 84.9 eV and the Cu  $2p_{3/2}$  peak at 932.4 eV. The adventitious C 1s line at 284.6 eV was used for charge referencing.

Electronic spectra were recorded on a Hewlett-Packard 8451 A Spectrophotometer on solution or solid/Nujol mulls mounted between quartz plates. Infrared spectra ( $600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  -  $2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) were obtained using Nujol mulls on a sodium chloride plate or potassium bromide pellets with a Nicolet Model 20 DX FT-IR Spectrophotometer.

## Results and Discussion

### *The TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> (X = Cl and Br) System*

(TTF)<sub>2</sub>FeCl<sub>3</sub> and (TTF)<sub>3</sub>FeBr<sub>3</sub> were obtained by the reaction of excess TTF and anhydrous FeCl<sub>3</sub> and FeBr<sub>3</sub> in methanol, respectively. It will be shown that these compounds are charge transfer compounds with partially oxidized donors.

Electrical Properties of TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub>. Electrical resistivities ( $\rho$ ) of TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> were measured by the four-probe d.c. method where it was found that the resistivity increases as the temperature decreases. The temperature dependencies of the resistivities of the compounds is best described by the mobility model proposed by Epstein, et al [15]. The model incorporates a Boltzmann-like activation term and a temperature dependent preexponential term. The expression for the resistivity is

$$\rho(T) = A \cdot T^{-\alpha} \exp\left(\frac{E_a}{2kT}\right) \quad (1)$$

The Boltzmann factor describes the thermally activated generation of charge carriers in a narrow-bandgap semiconductor, and the preexponential term ( $T^{-\alpha}$ ) describes a temperature dependent mobility of charge carriers. The best-fit parameters calculated from Equation (1) and the electrical conductivities at room temperature ( $\sigma_{RT}$ ) are summarized in Table I. Martinsen, et al. have pointed out that the variation of A from crystal to crystal may be large, but that the  $\alpha$  value and the activation energy for charge transport ( $E_a$ ) are essentially constant in a related

series [16]. The activation energies of the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> compounds are comparable to those of several organic conductors [17,18].

The electrical conductivities ( $\sigma_{RT}$ ) of TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> at room temperature are on the order of  $10^0$  S·cm<sup>-1</sup>. These values are somewhat smaller than those of TTF [19] and BEDT-TTF [20] halide salts ( $10^1$ - $10^2$  S·cm<sup>-1</sup>) as single crystals, compounds which are known to have columnar structures of partially oxidized TTF and BEDT-TTF donor molecules. Schramm, et al [21] have reported that the conductivity of pelleted powder samples are smaller than single-crystal values along the molecular stacking direction by a factor of  $10^2$  -  $10^3$ , as a result of interparticle contact resistance effects. In view of this expected effect, the conductivities of the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> salts are comparable to those of the TTF and BEDT-TTF halide salts. Such high conductivities in the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> salts demonstrate the partially oxidized nature of the TTF donor, and signal that low-dimensional phenomena are to be expected in TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> compounds.

Magnetic Properties of TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub>. The EPR spectrum of a powdered sample of (TTF)<sub>3</sub>FeBr<sub>3</sub> at room temperature exhibits a broad singlet at  $g = 2.117$  with a peak-to-peak linewidth ( $\Delta H_{pp}$ ) of 732 G. A narrow absorption signal at  $g = 2.002$  is superimposed on the broader band. The  $g$  value of this narrow absorption ( $< 25$  G) is nearly equal to the  $g$ -value of the TTF free radical in solution ( $g = 2.0083$ ) [22]. This observation implies that the narrow band arises from the unpaired electron residing on TTF (or a TTF cluster) as a result of charge transfer

to iron(III) bromide. The broad singlet did not acquire structure at 77 K although the  $g$ -value shifted to 2.175 and the line width broadened somewhat yielding  $\Delta H_{pp} = 887$  G. The absorption is assigned to iron in  $(TTF)_3FeBr_3$ . The  $g$ -values and the linewidth of  $TTF-FeX_3$  compounds at 77 K are listed in Table II, and for purposes of comparison EPR parameters of some conducting TTF compounds are listed in Table III.

The observed linewidths of the TTF EPR signals in  $TTF-FeX_3$  are less than 25 G. These values are somewhat less than the EPR linewidths in  $TTF \cdot Br_{0.7}$  ( $\approx 40$ -52G) and in  $TTF \cdot I_{0.7}$  ( $\approx 180$ -200 G). Sugano, et. al. [23] have discussed the large linewidth in  $TTF \cdot I_{0.7}$  and have concluded that the large linewidth is due to a strong spin-orbit coupling arising from the interaction of TTF and iodine. Meanwhile, the small linewidth in  $TTF \cdot Cl_x$  (9 G) is caused by the considerable interaction along the one-dimensional TTF stacks rather than by the interaction between TTF and chlorine. Tomkiewicz [19] has also explained the variation of the linewidth in TTF-halides in terms of the variation of the inter-stack coupling, where it was concluded that the smaller the linewidth, the larger the coupling among the TTF stacks. The observed linewidths in the  $TTF-FeX_3$  compounds indicate that the interaction along the TTF stacks are significant and reflect the low-dimensional character of the materials. A similar result was also found in  $TTF-CuX_2$  compounds [24].

The room temperature magnetic moments of  $(TTF)_2FeCl_3$  and  $(TTF)_3FeBr_3$  were found to be 4.75 and 5.05 B.M., respectively.

These values are very close to the spin-only value of 4.90 B. M. for four unpaired electrons, and the observation could be interpreted to imply that the oxidation state of iron in TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> is +2 with a high-spin d<sup>6</sup> electronic configuration and that any contribution from paramagnetic TTF species is negligible as a result of band formation and Pauli temperature-independent paramagnetism only. However, the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibilities of the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> salts shown in Figure 1 signal a much more complicated magnetic arrangement. The magnetic susceptibility of (TTF)<sub>3</sub>FeBr<sub>3</sub> is almost temperature invariant while the magnetic susceptibility of (TTF)<sub>2</sub>FeCl<sub>3</sub> increases as the temperature decreases.

A general model for the magnetic susceptibility of the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> salts must include a contribution from the unpaired electrons on the iron ion, a contribution from the electrons on TTF radicals, and the model must reflect exchange interactions between the various paramagnetic species. An appropriate expression that contains terms representing contributions from these magnetic sites is given below:

$$\chi(T) = \chi_{Fe(T)} + \chi_{TTF} + \delta(T) = C/(T-\theta) + \chi_{TTF} + \delta(T) \quad (2)$$

This expression exhibits a Curie-Weiss term for the magnetic susceptibility from localized Fe spins,  $\chi_{Fe(T)}$ , a temperature independent term  $\chi_{TTF}$ , associated with the unpaired electrons on the TTF radical [27], and an unprescribed temperature dependent term that accounts for exchange interactions.

Since localized paramagnetism on the iron ion may be expected to dominate and determine the observed magnetic susceptibility, a Curie-Weiss fit was attempted. The magnetic behavior of  $(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$  over the temperature range 4.2 to 290 K could not be described by the Curie-Weiss law with one set of parameters. In the high temperature region (90 to 290 K), a good fit to the Curie-Weiss law is obtained with  $C = 3.20$ ,  $\theta = -42.6$  K, and  $g = 2.06$ , and a magnetic moment of 5.05 B. M. is obtained from  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 2.828C^{1/2}$ . A good fit to the data by the Curie-Weiss law in the temperature range 4.2 to 90 K is obtained with the parameters  $C = 2.22$  and  $\theta = -0.461$  K. A magnetic moment of 4.2 B. M. is obtained from  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 2.828C^{1/2}$ . Attempts to fit the data with the more complicated model in Equation (2) was not attempted because of the difficulty in choosing a  $\delta(T)$  term that would reflect exchange interactions which are extremely important as reflected from the nearly temperature invariant magnetic susceptibility of  $(\text{TTF})_3\text{FeBr}_3$ . The implications of the magnetic analysis for structural assignments are discussed in the *Conclusions* section below.

Spectral Properties of  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$ . The oxidation state of the iron ion was investigated by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), since XPS is well known to be an excellent physical method for the determination of oxidation states in complex systems. The method involves the ionization of inner, core electrons by X-radiation. The binding energy (B.E.) of Fe  $p_{3/2}$  core electrons for both  $(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$  and  $(\text{TTF})_3\text{FeBr}_3$  were measured to be 710.2 eV, a

value that is significantly smaller, by 1.3 eV, than that of  $\text{FeCl}_3$ , and as shown in Table IV, comparable to the binding energy in  $\text{FeCl}_2$  (and other iron(II) species [28]).

Electronic spectra of the  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$  complexes were recorded from 200 nm to 800 nm in both solution and the solid state. The results of the electronic spectra of the compounds are summarized in Table V. Wudl, et al. has reported the maximum absorbance ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ ) of the TTF radical in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at 340, 435 and 575 nm, with the TTF molecule exhibiting an absorption at 310 nm only [22]. The spectral data for the  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$  charge transfer salts are similar to those of the TTF radical, an observation that supports the conclusion that the TTF moiety in the  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$  salts are partially oxidized. The electronic spectrum of  $\text{TTF}^+\text{Cl}^-$  in ethanol have also been reported and assigned as follows [29]: 340 nm ( $b_{3g} \rightarrow b_{1u}$ ), 434 nm ( $b_{2g} \rightarrow b_{1u}$ ), and 581 nm ( $b_{2g} \rightarrow b_{1u}$ ). These electronic transitions are comparable to the results found for the  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$  salts. Such low-energy absorption bands are typical of the intramolecular spectra of conjugated  $\pi$ -molecular radicals [29].

The absorption maxima of the electronic transitions in the  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$  salts in the solid state are shifted to higher energy with respect to the values in solution. For example,  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  for  $(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$  at 578 nm, 434 nm, and 338 nm in solution are shifted to 552 nm, 404 nm, and 262 nm in the solid state. This energy shift reflects effects arising from increased interactions along

the TTF<sup>+</sup> stacks in the solid state. A comparable effect is also observed for TFF<sup>+</sup> dimers in solid state samples of TTF-Cl [29].

Infrared spectra of the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> salts were obtained by using Nujol mulls on sodium chloride plates. The spectra exhibited a very broad intense band extending from 1,000 to 4,000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. This intense absorption arises from the band structure of these semiconductors [30] and masks many of the vibrational modes of the compounds. Such effects are commonly observed in highly conductive charge transfer salts [31]. A limited number of vibrational bands of TTF in the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> salts were found in the absorption tail in the range of 600 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 1400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The vibrational modes from which these bands arise were tentatively assigned by comparing their positions and intensities with reported spectra of one-dimensional TTF compounds [32]. The spectral bands and their assignments are listed in Table V.

In (TTF)<sub>2</sub>FeCl<sub>3</sub>, the absorption bands at 1075 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 825 cm<sup>-1</sup> were assigned to the  $\nu_{15}$  (CCH bend in TTF ring) and  $\nu_{16}$  (CS stretch), respectively. The observed values are between those reported for the TTF molecule ( $\nu_{15}$  : 1090,  $\nu_{16}$  : 781 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and the TTF free radical ( $\nu_{15}$  : 1072,  $\nu_{16}$  : 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>) [32], thus providing further evidence of the partial oxidation of the TTF molecule in (TTF)<sub>2</sub>FeCl<sub>3</sub>. Similar results were observed for the (TTF)<sub>3</sub>FeBr<sub>3</sub> salt.

#### *TTF-Ru, -Rh, -Ir Chlorides*

TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides were prepared by the direct



reaction of TTF and hydrated  $\text{RuCl}_3$ ,  $\text{RhCl}_3$ , and  $\text{IrCl}_4$ , respectively. One electron transfer was observed from TTF to  $\text{Ru(III)}$  and  $\text{Ir(IV)}$  chlorides to produce  $(\text{TTF})\text{Ru(II)Cl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{TTF})\text{Ir(III)Cl}_4 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , respectively, with the metal ion in a stable  $d^6$  electronic configuration. Two electron transfer was observed in  $(\text{TTF})\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . It is known that  $\text{Rh(III)}$  is typically reduced to  $\text{Rh(I)}$  rather than to  $\text{Rh(II)}$  due to the large ligand field stabilization energy [33]. Furthermore, the standard reduction potential of Rh ( $\text{Rh(III)} \rightarrow \text{Rh(I)}$ ,  $E_{1/2} = 0.975$  V vs. SCE) is comparable with that of Ru ( $\text{Ru(III)} \rightarrow \text{Ru(II)}$ ,  $E_{1/2} = 0.86$  V) and Ir ( $\text{Ir(IV)} \rightarrow \text{Ir(III)}$ ,  $E_{1/2} = 0.867$  V) in acid solution [34]. As a result of electron transfer from TTF to the metal in the reaction, TTF is complete ionized to either  $\text{TTF}^+$  or  $\text{TTF}^{2+}$ .  $\text{TTF}^{2+}$  salts as well as  $\text{TTF}^+$  salts are well known [35].

Electrical Properties. The temperature-dependences of the electrical resistivities of pelleted powder samples of TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides were measured from 10 K to room temperature. The electrical resistivity of TTF-Ru chloride increases as the temperature decreases in the range of 300 K to 63 K. The resistivity reaches a maximum value ( $\rho_{\text{max}} = 2.8 \times 10^5$  ohms-cm) at 63 K and then decreases until it becomes nearly constant ( $\rho = 2.0 \times 10^5$  ohms-cm) at 38 K and below. TTF-Ir chloride exhibits similar behavior qualitatively, reaching a maximum resistivity ( $\rho_{\text{max}} = 4.6 \times 10^4$  ohms-cm) at 58 K.

The temperature responses of the resistivity of TTF-Rh chloride is somewhat different. As the temperature is lowered

from 300 K, the resistivity of TTF-Rh chloride decreases with a decrease in temperature with a minimum in resistivity ( $\rho_{\min} = 3.4 \times 10^4$  ohms-cm) occurring at 230 K. Below 230 K, the resistivity increases with a decrease in temperature reaching a maximum ( $\rho_{\max} = 4.9 \times 10^4$  ohms-cm) at 53 K. The resistivity then decreases with decreasing temperature and at 38 K reaches a constant value ( $\rho = 4.1 \times 10^4$  ohms-cm).

The electrical conductivities at room temperature of TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides are on the order of  $10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$  S.cm<sup>-1</sup>, values that are much smaller than those of TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> compounds. The difference in electrical properties arises from the fact that TTF in TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides are fully ionized, where TTF in TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> are only partially ionized to give complex charge transfer salts [4,36]. For example, the room-temperature conductivities of the simple and complex salts of N-methylquinolinium and N-methylacridinium TCNQ differ by more than four orders of magnitude [37,38]. The temperature dependent resistivities were described well by the mobility model, Equation 1, in the temperature range in which the compounds exhibited semiconducting behavior, that is, in the region in which the resistivity increased with a decrease in temperature. The best-fit parameters of the parameters in Equation 1 are listed in Table I. These parameters are comparable to those exhibited by other conducting systems with stacked organic radicals [39,40], and the room temperature conductivities are comparable to those of TTF-Pt and -Cu oxalate compounds [41] which are known to have

columnar structures of TTF radical cations. Additional evidence for stacks of TTF radicals is provided by the magnetic and spectroscopic investigations described in the following sections.

Magnetic Properties. The TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides were also examined by EPR spectroscopy. The EPR spectra of powdered samples of TTF-Rh and -Ir chlorides exhibited symmetric singlets at about  $\langle g \rangle = 2$  both at room temperature and at 77 K. TTF-Ru chloride gave an unsymmetrical shaped spectrum with  $g_{\parallel} = 2.011$  and  $g_{\perp} = 2.005$  at room temperature, but upon lowering the temperature to 77 K, three  $g$  values were observed at  $g_{xx} = 2.011$ ,  $g_{yy} = 2.008$ , and  $g_{zz} = 2.005$ . These three  $g$  values average to 2.008, a value that is nearly equal to the value of TTF radical in solution ( $g = 2.00838$ ) [22] and to the values observed for a selection of salts containing the TTF donor, those being  $g = 2.0073 - 2.0081$  [42]. EPR signals attributable to the metal ion in TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides were not detected. The absence of a metal ion signal implies that any unpaired electrons are distributed on TTF, and that the metal atoms in each compound are diamagnetic: low-spin octahedral Ru(II)  $d^6$ , square planar Rh(I)  $d^8$ , and octahedral low-spin Ir(III)  $d^6$ .

EPR spectral results for several TTF charge transfer salts are listed, for comparison, in Table III. The observed linewidths of TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides are 10-12 G, values which are comparable to those of  $(\text{TTF})_{11}(\text{SCN})_6$  and  $(\text{TTF})_{11}(\text{SeCN})_6$  [43]. These similarities of EPR spectral properties [44] indicate that there are significant interactions between TTF

radicals along the stacks in TTF-Ru and -Ir chlorides. The presence of an EPR signal in TTF-Rh chloride indicates that there are paramagnetic sites in the TTF stacks presumably from defects, or from incomplete charge transfer, although the latter contribution is not great.

The temperature-dependence of the magnetic susceptibilities of TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides are shown in Figure 2. The magnetic susceptibility increases slowly as the temperature decreases. The data can not be described by the Curie-Weiss law but do follow the power law  $\chi = C_0 T^{-\beta}$ , where  $\beta$  is less than 1. The magnetic susceptibility data for quinolinium-(TCNQ)<sub>2</sub> [45] and (tetramethyl-p-phenylenediamine)-TCNQF<sub>4</sub> [46] also behave according to this power law, with  $\beta$  ranging from 0.72 to 0.85.

Spectroscopic Properties. XPS spectra of the metal ion in TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides were collected and the data are summarized in Table IV. Although the binding energy is known to be affected by the different chemical circumstances such as stereochemistry, ligand electronegativity, and delocalization of the charge on the ligand, among other effects, the oxidation state plays an important role on the magnitude of the shift of the binding energy. In general it may be concluded that the larger the binding energy, the higher the oxidation state as a result of lower electron density on the atom or ion [47]. As shown in Table IV, the binding energies of the metal core electrons in TTF-Rh, -Ir, and -Ru chlorides are about one eV less than those of the hydrated Rh(III), -Ir(IV) and -Ru(III)

chlorides, respectively. These observations suggest lower oxidation states of the metal ion in the TTF-Rh, -Ir, and -Ru chloride charge transfer compounds. In the charge transfer reactions, the metal was reduced by the TTF donor to the lower oxidation state.

The binding energies of the chlorine 2p electrons also reflect the oxidation state of the metal ion. For example, the binding energy of Cl 2p in (TTF)-Rh chloride is 197.3 eV, a value that is less than the value of 198.8 eV in  $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . This observation indicates that there is more electron density on chloride in TTF-Rh chloride than in  $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as a result of the lower oxidation state of the metal ion.

A binding energy for Rh  $d_{5/2}$  in triphenylphosphine-Rh(I) chloride of 307.2-308.2 eV has been reported, whereas the similar Rh(III) compound exhibits a binding energy over 309 eV [48]. Rhodium(III)-glycine complexes also exhibit binding energies in the range of 310.5-310.8 eV [49]. The binding energy of Rh  $d_{5/2}$  in TTF-Rh chloride was found to be 308.7 eV. This observation provides evidence of oxidation state rhodium(I) in the TTF charge transfer salt, since the binding energy is in the range exhibited by Rh(I) compounds (307.6-309.6 eV) [50]. The binding energy of Ru  $d_{5/2}$  in TTF-Ru chloride (281.3 eV) is close to that of  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bipyridine})_3]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (281.6 eV) [51], but the value is larger than those exhibited by many ruthenocenes (279.6-280.8 eV) [52].

Efforts to distinguish the oxidation state of TTF by XPS were inconclusive. There was essentially little change in the sulfur 2p binding energies in the compounds examined. This observation was not unexpected in view of electron density calculations on TTF and related compounds [53], and examinations of spectral features of the compounds [54].

The oxygen 1s peak from the water molecules in each compound was observed in the range of 532.1-532.3 eV. The binding energy of oxygen 1s in coordinated water is known to be -534 eV, a value that is much higher than that of lattice water of hydration [55]. A strict interpretation of the binding energy of the oxygen 1s electrons in TTF-Rh, -Ir, and -Ru chlorides would suggest that the water molecules are not coordinated. This observation has important implications concerning structural assignments. If the water molecules are not coordinated, then in order to fulfil the coordination requirements of the metal ions, sulfur donor atoms from the TTF stacks must be involved. This conclusion is important with regard to the assignment of structures to the TTF-FeX<sub>3</sub> charge transfer compounds.

Electronic spectral data for TTF-Ru, -Rh, and Ir chlorides are listed in Table V. The electronic spectrum of TTF-Rh chloride in the solid state differs from that of TTF-Ru and -Ir chlorides in that the low energy band above 500 nm is not present in TTF-Rh chloride. It has been shown [35] that the TTF<sup>+</sup> cation in TTF-copper and gold chloride complexes exhibits  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  at 435 nm and 500-600 nm, whereas the TTF<sup>2+</sup> ion has a characteristic

absorption only at 445-460 nm in the solid state. The absence of the low energy band in TTF-Rh chloride is consistent with the formulation of the material as containing dicationic  $\text{TTF}^{2+}$ . Additional evidence for the presence of  $\text{TTF}^{2+}$  is provided by the infrared spectra described below.

The IR spectra in KBr pellets of TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides are summarized in Table VI. The assignments of the vibrational modes were made by comparing the data for the present compounds with the data reported by Bozio, et al. [32]. Of the C-C stretching bands in the five membered TTF ring, the  $\nu_{14}$  mode has been observed to undergo large shifts of approximately 50  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  per unit charge on oxidation of TTF [32]. A similar shift to a higher frequency of the C-C stretching bands as the negative charge increases has also been found in 1,2-dithiolato complexes [56]. The  $\nu_{14}$  bands in  $(\text{TTF})_1\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{TTF})_1\text{IrCl}_4 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  are shifted ca. 60  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with respect to the TTF molecule (1530  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), a shift that is comparable to that seen in  $\text{TTF}^+ \text{Br}^-$  (1478  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The value of  $\nu_{14}$  in  $(\text{TTF})_1\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is close to that in  $\text{TTF}^{2+}(\text{BF}_4)_2$  (1440  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). This observation as well as electronic spectra demonstrate that TTF exists as a dication in TTF-Rh chloride and as a monocation in TTF-Ru and -Ir chlorides.

### *Conclusions*

The relatively high electrical conductivities, and the similarities of the spectral properties to those of other compounds containing TTF stacks, lead to the conclusion that the charge transfer salts and compounds produced in this work also

have stacked TTF chains. The ruthenium and iridium chloride compounds have stacks of  $\text{TTF}^+$  monocations, while the rhodium compound has stacks of  $\text{TTF}^{2+}$  dications. The magnetic properties reveal charge transfer to the metal ions resulting in diamagnetic electronic configurations, and the magnetic properties also reflect significant interactions between the  $\text{TTF}^+$  radical cations in the stacks. The temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibilities and spectroscopic properties indicate that paramagnetic states are thermally accessible above the conduction band. Anomalies in the electrical properties for the Rh, Ir, and Ru compounds near 38 K for the Ru and Rh compounds and near 58 K for the Ir compound suggest phase transitions which are common in TTF compounds [1].

The metal ions are diamagnetic in the series of TTF-Ru, -Rh, and -Ir chlorides where the metal ions have  $d^6$  electronic configurations in the ruthenium(II) and iridium(III) compounds and  $d^8$  in rhodium(I) compound. In order to fulfil coordination number requirements, the metal ions are coordinated to the sulfur donor atoms in the TTF stacks. This latter conclusion has significance with regard to the structures and magnetic properties of the iron(II) compounds.

The spectral properties of the  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$  compounds are consistent with stacked  $\text{TTF}^{\delta+}$  radicals with the  $-\text{FeX}_3^{\delta-}$  entities bonded to the sulfur donor atoms of the  $\text{TTF}^{\delta+}$  stacks in order to fulfil the coordination number requirement of the iron(II) ions. The magnetic properties of the  $\text{TTF-FeX}_3$  compounds reflect magnetic interactions, and these interactions must arise from exchange



between the  $\text{TTF}^{\delta+}$  radicals in the stacks as well as between the high-spin iron(II) ions and the TTF radical electrons, with the interaction being much greater in  $\text{TTF-FeBr}_3$  than in  $\text{TTF-FeCl}_3$ . This interaction is reflected in the electrical conductivity properties with the resistivity of  $\text{TTF-FeBr}_3$  being significantly greater than that of  $\text{TTF-FeCl}_3$ . This observation may be useful in the design of molecular-based materials with prescribed electrical and magnetic properties.

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**Table I.** The Electrical Properties of TTF-Metal Halides

Compound	Conductivity <sup>*1</sup> (S.cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Best-fit Parameters <sup>*2</sup>		
		A	$\alpha$	E <sub>a</sub> (ev)
(TTF) <sub>2</sub> FeCl <sub>3</sub>	5.75x10 <sup>0</sup>	6.33x10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.03x10 <sup>-1</sup>	3.44x10 <sup>-1</sup>
(TTF) <sub>3</sub> FeBr <sub>3</sub>	9.65x10 <sup>0</sup>	2.59x10 <sup>0</sup>	5.65x19 <sup>-1</sup>	1.85x10 <sup>-2</sup>
(TTF)RuCl <sub>3</sub> •2H <sub>2</sub> O	8.03.10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.19x10 <sup>12</sup>	3.20x10 <sup>0</sup>	1.77x10 <sup>-2</sup>
(TTF)RhCl <sub>3</sub> •H <sub>2</sub> O	2.72x10 <sup>-5</sup>	5.99x10 <sup>5</sup>	5.10x10 <sup>-1</sup>	4.27x10 <sup>-3</sup>
(TTF)IrCl <sub>4</sub> •CH <sub>3</sub> OH	1.06x10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.13x10 <sup>8</sup>	1.90x10	2.12x10 <sup>-2</sup>

<sup>\*1</sup>Conductivity was measured at room temperature.

<sup>\*2</sup>The temperature dependence of resistivity may be described by the mobility model  $\rho = A T^{\alpha} \exp(E_a/2kT)$ .

Table II. EPR Parameters and Magnetic Properties of TTF-Metal Halides

Compound	EPR Parameters		Magnetic moment <sup>*3</sup> (B.M.)	Best-fit Parameters <sup>*4</sup>	
	g value <sup>*1</sup>	EPR linewidth <sup>*2</sup> (Gauss)		$\beta$	$C_0$
(THF) <sub>2</sub> FeCl <sub>3</sub>	$\langle g \rangle = 2.002$ (Fe)	175	4.75	-	-
	$\langle g \rangle = 1.988$ (TTF <sup>+</sup> )	<25			
(TTF) <sub>3</sub> FeBr <sub>3</sub>	$\langle g \rangle = 2.175$ (Fe)	887	5.05	-	-
	$\langle g \rangle = 1.965$ (TTF <sup>+</sup> )	<25			
(TTF)RuCl <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	$g_{zz} = 2.005$ , $g_{xx} = 2.011$				
	$g_y = 2.008$	10	1.03	$4.92 \times 10^{-2}$	0.83
(TTF)RhCl <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	$\langle g \rangle = 2.009$	12	0.69	$6.18 \times 10^{-3}$	0.61
(TTF)IrCl <sub>4</sub> ·CH <sub>3</sub> OH	$\langle g \rangle = 2.011$	10	0.66	$6.94 \times 10^{-3}$	0.66

<sup>\*1</sup>The listed g values were measured at 77 K.

<sup>\*2</sup>The values are peak-to-peak linewidth ( $\Delta H_{pp}$ ).

<sup>\*3</sup>The magnetic moments were measured at room temperature.

<sup>\*4</sup>The magnetic susceptibility was described by the power law,  $\chi = C_0 T^{-\beta}$

**Table III.** EPR Linewidth and g Values of Some TTF Complexes

Compound	EPR Linewidth	$g_1$	$g_2$	Remark
TTF•Cl <sub>x</sub>	9	2.0033	2.0097	Ref. 19
TTF•Br <sub>0.7</sub>	40-52	2.0032	2.0108	Ref. 23
TTF•I <sub>0.7</sub>	180-200	2.0050	2.0128	Ref. 23
(TTF) <sub>11</sub> (SCN) <sub>6</sub>	11	2.0020	2.0088	Ref. 25, 43
(TTF) <sub>11</sub> (SeCN) <sub>6</sub>	15	2.0022	2.0086	Ref. 25, 42
(TTF) <sub>3</sub> CuCl <sub>2</sub>	17	1.9989	2.0049	Ref. 24
(TTF) <sub>4</sub> CuBr <sub>2</sub>	12	2.0002	2.0074	Ref. 24



Table IV. Binding Energy (ev) of TTF-Metal Halides

Compound	Metal				Cl			S		O	
	$P_{3/2}$	$d_{3/2}$	$d_{5/2}$	$f_{5/2}$	$f_{7/2}$	(2p's)	(2p's)	(2p's)	(2p's)	(1s)	(1s)
$FeCl_3$	711.5										
$FeCl_2$	710.8										
$(TTF)_2FeCl_3$	710.2					197.9	163.8				
							(2.5)*1				
$(TTF)_3FeBr_3$	710.2						163.9				
							(2.7)				
$RhCl_3 \cdot xH_2O$	499.4 (3.15)	314.6 (2.01)	309.8 (1.70)			198.8				533.3	
$(TTF)RhCl_3$	497.8	313.4	308.7			197.3	163.8			532.2	
$\cdot H_2O$	(2.86)	(1.59)	(1.39)								
$IrCl_4 \cdot xH_2O$			297.5	64.9	62.0	198.7				532.6	
			(4.54)	(1.50)	(1.47)						
$(TTF)IrCl_4 \cdot CH_3OH$			297.0	64.4	61.4	197.3	163.9			532.1	

$\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$	286.4	(4.09)	(1.31)	(1.38)	(2.7)	532.2
	(1.89)	(1.70)				
$(\text{TTF})\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	285.6	281.3		198.2	164.3	532.2
	(1.80)	(1.65)			(2.7)	

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\*<sup>1</sup>FWHM (Full Width at Half Maximum) of the peak is given in parentheses.

**Table V.** Electronic and IR Spectra of TTF-Metal Halides

Compound	Electronic Spectra <sup>*1</sup>		IR Spectra (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	
	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$	nm	Solvent	
(TTF) <sub>2</sub> FeCl <sub>3</sub>	198(3.3x10 <sup>4</sup> )	338(1.0x10 <sup>4</sup> )	H <sub>2</sub> O	815( $\nu_{23}$ ), 825( $\nu_{16}$ ) 1075( $\nu_{15}$ )
	434(2.3x10 <sup>4</sup> )	578(6.2x10 <sup>3</sup> )		1237( $\nu_{23}$ )
	210, 262, 404, 552		Solid/nujol	
(TTF) <sub>3</sub> FeBr <sub>3</sub>	198(4.9x10 <sup>4</sup> )	338(8.7x10 <sup>3</sup> )	H <sub>2</sub> O	815( $\nu_{25}$ ) 827( $\nu_{16}$ ) 1233( $\nu_{23}$ )
	432(1.7x10 <sup>4</sup> )	578(4.4x10 <sup>3</sup> )		
	210, 264, 378, 560		Solid/nujol	
(TTF)RuCl <sub>3</sub>	306(5.3x10 <sup>3</sup> )	366(sh.3.0x10 <sup>3</sup> )	DMSO	696(m, $\nu_{34}$ ), 746(m, $\nu_{17}$ )
	422, 542		Solid/nujol	798(w, $\nu_{25}$ ) <sup>*2</sup> 829(m, $\nu_{16}$ )
				940(w) 1089(w, $\nu_{15}$ ) 1256(w, $\nu_{23}$ )
(TTF)RhCl <sub>3</sub>				1346(s) 1471(m, $\nu_{14}$ ) 1505( $\nu_2$ )
				1608(m, br)
	298(8.0x10 <sup>3</sup> )	375(sh, 2.3x10 <sup>3</sup> )	DMSO	690(m, $\nu_{34}$ ) 748(w, $\nu_{17}$ ) 770(w)
•H <sub>2</sub> O	488(sh.8.8x10 <sup>2</sup> )			798(w, $\nu_{25}$ ) 824(m, $\nu_{16}$ ) 862(w)

248, 407		Solid/nujol	938 1020(w) 1054(w)
			1089(m, $\nu_{15}$ ) 1255(m, $\nu_{23}$ ) 1350(s)
			1450(s, $\nu_{14}$ ) 1614(s) 1716(m)
(TTF)IrCl <sub>4</sub>	322(6.8x10 <sup>3</sup> ) 374(sh, 3.2x10 <sup>3</sup> )	DMSO	709(w) 732(w) 805(w, $\nu_{25}$ )
•CH <sub>3</sub> OH	433(sh. 1.0x10 <sup>2</sup> )	Solid/nujol	823(w, $\nu_{16}$ ) 1262(w, $\nu_{23}$ ) 1350(s)
430, 544			1465(m, $\nu_{14}$ ) 1623(m)

\*<sup>1</sup>Extinction coefficient( $\epsilon$ ) are listed in parentheses.

\*<sup>2</sup>s, strong; m, medium; w, weak; br, broad.

**Table VI.**  $\nu_{14}$  and  $\nu_{16}$  Vibrational Modes of Selected TTF Complexes

Compound	$\nu_{14}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\nu_{16}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Remarks
$(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$	-	825	This work
$(\text{TTF})_3\text{FeBr}_3$	-	827	This work
$(\text{TTF})\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1465	829	This work
$(\text{TTF})\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1450	824	This work
$(\text{TTF})\text{IrCl}_4 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	1471	823	This work
TTF	1530	781	Ref. 32
$(\text{TTF})^+\text{Br}^-$	1478	836	Ref. 32
$(\text{TTF})^+\text{HgCl}_3^-$	1490	-	Ref. 10
$(\text{TTF})^{2+}(\text{BF}_4^-)_2$	1440	-	Ref. 35
$(\text{TTF})^{2+}[\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-}$	1425	-	Ref. 35
$(\text{TTF})_2^+[\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-}$	1495	-	Ref. 35

**FIGURE CAPTIONS**

Figure 1. Magnetic susceptibility data for  $(\text{TTF})_3\text{FeBr}_3$  (+) and  $(\text{TTF})_2\text{FeCl}_3$  ( $\diamond$ ).

Figure 2. Magnetic susceptibility data for  $(\text{TTF})\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\square$ ),  $(\text{TTF})\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\diamond$ ), and  $(\text{TTF})\text{IrCl}_4 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (+).

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