

# Supporting Information

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## "Sulflower": a new form of carbon sulfide

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Stable at usual conditions:



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Quantum chemical calculations:

Density-functional calculations were performed within Perdew–Burke–Ernzerhof generalized gradient approximation<sup>[14]</sup> using scalar-relativistic<sup>[15]</sup> one-electron Hamiltonian and extended basis sets of Gaussian functions as implemented in a recent version of the original computer code.<sup>[16]</sup> We have used a preliminary version of scalar-relativistic basis sets of TZ2p, finite nucleus model was used. Fast riMP2 method<sup>[17]</sup> was used with cc-pVDZm basis set.

We have calculated energy of unstrained  $C_2S$  fragment from linear dependence of full energies of 2,3-*b*-annulated oligothiophenes  $C_{2+2n}S_nH_4$  (n=1...5) – starting from thiophene to helical pentathiophene:



n	Full energies, Hartree		
	PBE	riMP2	
1	-553.91315	-552.03413	
2	-1029.26725	-1025.7063	
3	-1504.62259	-1499.38155	
4	-1979.97749	-1973.05662	
5	-2455.33167	-2446.73137	



Graph linearizations give the energy of unstrained C<sub>2</sub>S unit in 2,3-*b* annulated oligothiophenes:

E= -78.55825 - 475.35473·n (SD=3.72905E-4), PBE

E= -78.35856 - 473.67448 n (SD=1.01E-3), riMP2

A good correlation between two methods has been achieved.

Then full energies for circulenes  $(C_2S)_n$  containing from 5 to 12 fused thiophenic rings have been calculated. Strain energies have been calculated as difference between circulenes full energies and corresponding number of energies of unstrained C<sub>2</sub>S fragments.

n	Full energy of	Full energy of	Strain energy,	Full energy of	Full energy of	Strain energy,
	n C <sub>2</sub> S	circulene,	PBE,	n C <sub>2</sub> S	circulene,	RIMP2,
	unstrained	PBE, Hartree	kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup>	unstrained	RIMP2,	kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup>
	fragments,			fragments,	Hartree	
	PBE, Hartree			RIMP2,		
				Hartree		
5	-2376.77365	-2376.54739	142.0	-2368.3724	-2368.13367	149.8
6	-2852.12838	-2851.99176	85.7	-2842.04688	-2841.9027	90.5
7	-3327.48311	-3327.41941	40.0	-3315.72136	-3315.65428	42.1
8	-3802.83784	-3802.83243	3.4	-3789.39584	-3789.39142	2.8
9	-4278.19257	-4278.18569	4.3	-4263.07032	-4263.066	2.7

10	-4753.5473	-4753.48138	41.4	-4736.7448	-4736.67909	41.2
11	-5228.90203	-5228.77807	77.8	-5210.41928	-5210.29412	78.5
12	-5704.25676	-5704.0965	100.6	-5684.09376	-5683.93389	100.3

1 Hartree = 627.5095 kcal/mol



Strain energies have been referred to the numbers of the thiophene rings in corresponding circulene giving the graph in article text.

#### Characterization:

**Elemental analysis**. Elemental analysis has been carried out in the Laboratory of elemental analysis at A. N. Nesmeyanov Institute of Organoelement Compounds (Russian Academy of Sciences).

	С	S	Н
Calc.	42.83	57.17	0
Exp.	42.82	57.33	-

#### HRMS.

Exp.		Calc.		
m/z	RI, %	m/z	RI, %	
447.7760	100.00	447.776568	100.0000	
448.7791	23.99	448.778851	23.7099	

449.7731	36.21	449.772970	38.8445
450.7769	7.99	450.774946	8.4771
451.7704	6.56	451.769464	6.8037

### NMR spectrum.

<sup>13</sup>C MAS (Magic Angle Spinning) solid NMR spectrum has been recorded on Bruker Avance-600 at working frequency of 150 MHz and spinning rate of 5 KHz (4mm rotor). Satellite lines at *ca*. 171 ppm, 158 ppm, 105 ppm and 92 ppm are spinning sideband peaks corresponding to 5 KHz spinning rate. 600 seconds delay between pulses was used due to extremely long relaxation time for the carbons nuclei of Sulflower. Full acquisition time to record spectrum was 50 hours.



#### **FT-IR** spectrum

IR spectrum has been recorded on IR-200 Thermo Nicolet (KBr).



#### **X-Ray Powder Diffraction (XRPD):**

The XRPD data set for **4** was collected at an automated STADI/P (Stoe) powder diffractometer (Cu K $\alpha_1$ -radiation, l = 1.5406 Å, Ge-monochromator, linear PSD, step 0.01° 2q, 20 °C). Peak positions determined by profile fitting were used for indexing with the TREOR90 program<sup>[18]</sup>. The indexing yielded a monoclinic unit cell with lattice parameters of a = 11.1548(3), b = 16.5633(4), c = 3.90776(9) Å,  $b = 94.180(2)^\circ$ , V = 720.07(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 16 and the only systematic extinction, namely, 00l: l=2n resulting in P2<sub>1</sub> or P2<sub>1</sub>/m possible space groups.

The structure was then solved in two steps. At the first step, the starting model for Rietveld refinement was found using the FOX program<sup>[19]</sup> where the  $C_{16}S_8$  scatterer was created. Insertion of rigid body instead of individual atoms resulted in the reduction of the refined atomic parameters from 72 to 6 (three positional and three rotational parameters per molecule). Interatomic distances and angles for rigid body were taken from<sup>[21]</sup>. This procedure allowed us to find approximate positions of the  $C_{16}S_8$  molecule in the unit cell only for non-symmetrical  $P2_1$  space group. Further refinement was carried out in the GSAS program.<sup>[20]</sup> At the beginning, the soft constrains for interatomic separations (1.40±0.03 Å and 1.76±0.05 Å for C–C and C–S bonds, respectively) were applied for the molecule. Atomic displacement parameters were fixed at 0.04 Å<sup>2</sup> and were not refined. Full profile refinement confirmed that found structural model is correct. After the restrains were removed the molecule conserved flat however, the distances spread increased. Since the R-factor and  $c^2$  values remained almost unchanged the restrains were used in the final refinement. The values of the reliability factors  $wR_p$ ,  $R_p$  and  $c^2$  have been calculated at 0.036, 0.027 and 1.44, respectively. Main crystallographic data and X-ray experimental conditions are

listed in Table 1. Atomic coordinates and refinement parameters are given in the cif-file. One should note that calculated and average experimental bond length and angles (even those refined without restrains) are in a good agreement. The experimental, calculated and difference X-ray patterns for  $C_{16}S_8$  are shown in Fig.1.



**Figure 1.** The Rietveld plot for the X-ray powder diffraction pattern of  $C_2S$  at 293 K: observed pattern (black), calculated (red), background (green), and difference (blue) profiles are given. The magenta bars at the bottom indicate the peak positions.

Plane geometry of **4** is in good agreement with the structure of annulated tetrathiophene synthesized recently by our group<sup>[21]</sup>.

formula	$C_2S$
fw	879.312
space group	$P2_1$
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.15402(18)
<i>b</i> (Å)	16.5628(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	3.90742(4)
<b>b</b> (°)	94.180(1)

Table 1. Main Crystallographic Data for C<sub>2</sub>S

$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	719.94(2)
Z	16
Radiation	Cu Ka <sub>1</sub>
<b>l</b> (Å)	1.5406
$D_{\rm calc} (\rm g \ cm^{-3})$	2.070
$\boldsymbol{m}(\text{mm}^{-1})$	1.233
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)
Number of atomic sites	24
$2\boldsymbol{q}$ range, step (deg)	5-110, 0.01
data collection mode	transmission
Texture parameter along 001	0.841(9)
Reliability factors	$R_{\rm p}^{\ \rm a} = 0.027$
	$wR_{\rm p}^{\ \rm b} = 0.036$
	$c^{2 c} = 1.44$
Restrain contribution to $c^2$	1.3%

<sup>a</sup>  $R_{\rm P} = \overline{S(|I_{\rm o} - I_{\rm c}|)/SI_{\rm o}}.$ <sup>b</sup>  $wR_{\rm P} = [Sw(I_{\rm o} - I_{\rm c})^2/SwI_{\rm o}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$ <sup>c</sup>  $c^2 = Sw(I_{\rm o} - I_{\rm c})^2/(N_{\rm obs} - N_{\rm var})$ 

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