

**2,3-Bis(ethylsulfanyl)-1,4,5,8-tetrathia-fulvalene-6,7-dicarbonitrile****Rui-bin Hou and Dong-feng Li\***

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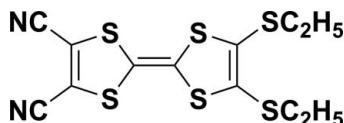
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$ ;  
 $R$  factor = 0.031;  $wR$  factor = 0.109; data-to-parameter ratio = 20.2.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{S}_6$ , all non-H atoms, except for those in the ethyl groups, lie in the same non-crystallographic plane, with a r.m.s. deviation of 0.0366 (5)  $\text{\AA}$ . In the crystal structure, molecules are linked through weak C—H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bonds between methyl and cyano groups, forming centrosymmetric dimers. The dimers are arranged along the  $a$  axis, due to intermolecular N $\cdots$ S [3.337 (4)  $\text{\AA}$ ] interactions.

**Related literature**

For synthetic uses of dicyano-substituted tetrathiafulvalene derivatives, see: Chen *et al.* (2007); Leng *et al.* (2010). For a related structure, see: Jiang *et al.* (2010). For the synthesis of the title compound, see: Chen *et al.* (2005).

**Experimental***Crystal data*

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 $\alpha = 76.48 (3)^\circ$   
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$\gamma = 73.20 (3)^\circ$   
 $V = 815.8 (3)\text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 2$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 0.83\text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293\text{ K}$   
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diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
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 $T_{\min} = 0.886$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.907$

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*Refinement*

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 $S = 1.15$   
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183 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.37\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
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**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
C10—H10C $\cdots$ N2 <sup>i</sup>	0.96	2.73	3.659 (4)	164

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 2$ .

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSC, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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### **S1. Comment**

Dicyano-substituted tetrathiafulvalene derivatives (TTFs) are key precursors for the preparation of the TTF-annulated porphyrazines. We have recently synthesized the symmetrical (Chen *et al.*, 2007) and the unsymmetrical TTF-annulated porphyrazines (Leng *et al.*, 2010) using such precursors. In this paper, we report the crystal structure of the title compound.

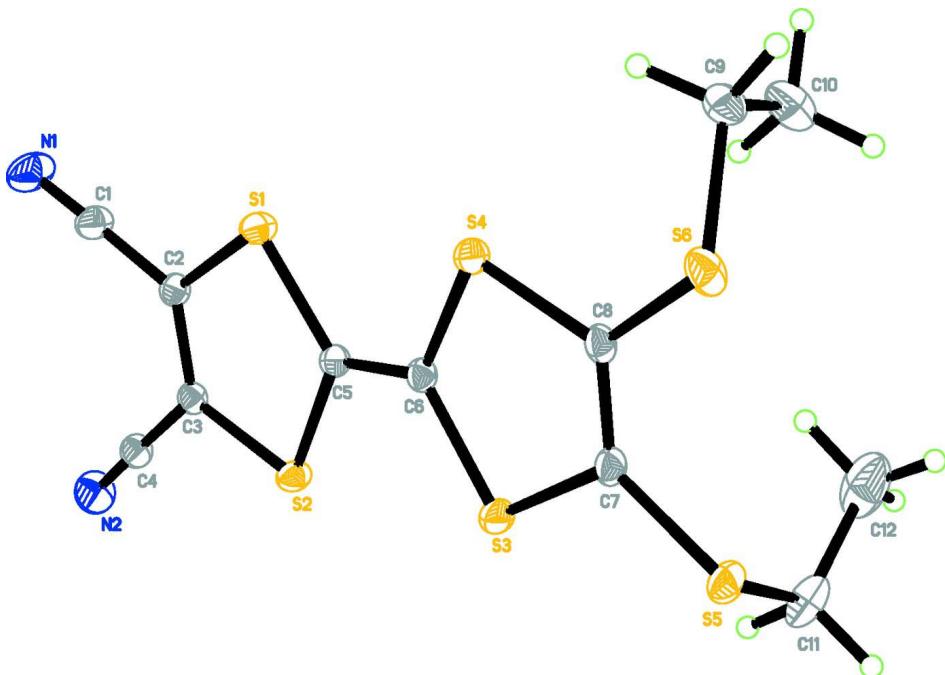
In the title compound (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles are in the normal ranges and comparable with those observed in a closely related compound (Jiang *et al.*, 2010). In the title compound, except for two ethyl groups, all atoms lie on the same plane. In the crystal, the molecules form dimers through weak intermolecular C—H···N hydrogen bonds (Table 1), and dimers are arranged along the *a* axis, due to N···S interactions.

### **S2. Experimental**

The title compound was prepared according to the literature (Chen *et al.*, 2005). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were prepared by slow evaporation of a solution in a mixture of dichloromethane and petroleum ether, at room temperature.

### **S3. Refinement**

C-bound H-atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H 0.96 or 0.97 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl groups and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methylene groups.

**Figure 1**

The crystal structure of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms drawn at the 20% probability level.

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0 constraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0602P)^2 + 0.1175P]$$
$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$$

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*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	1.3781 (3)	0.3004 (3)	1.17179 (18)	0.0471 (5)
C2	1.2353 (2)	0.2956 (2)	1.11964 (14)	0.0346 (4)
C3	1.0593 (2)	0.3581 (2)	1.15573 (14)	0.0325 (4)
C4	0.9973 (3)	0.4385 (2)	1.24706 (16)	0.0404 (4)
C5	1.0603 (2)	0.2358 (2)	0.99101 (14)	0.0312 (4)
C6	1.0078 (2)	0.1834 (2)	0.91471 (14)	0.0314 (4)
C7	0.8174 (3)	0.1324 (2)	0.78825 (14)	0.0362 (4)
C8	0.9902 (3)	0.0668 (2)	0.74847 (14)	0.0348 (4)
C9	1.2580 (3)	0.0150 (3)	0.56711 (17)	0.0514 (5)
H9A	1.3429	-0.0101	0.6183	0.062*
H9B	1.3115	-0.0489	0.5104	0.062*
C10	1.2308 (4)	0.1859 (3)	0.5143 (2)	0.0673 (7)
H10A	1.1425	0.2134	0.4662	0.101*
H10B	1.3430	0.2042	0.4725	0.101*
H10C	1.1895	0.2499	0.5705	0.101*
C11	0.5366 (3)	0.3331 (3)	0.6882 (2)	0.0658 (7)
H11A	0.4252	0.3457	0.6615	0.079*
H11B	0.5078	0.3900	0.7489	0.079*
C12	0.6628 (5)	0.4051 (4)	0.5971 (3)	0.1003 (13)
H12A	0.7769	0.3859	0.6210	0.150*
H12B	0.6122	0.5171	0.5789	0.150*
H12C	0.6801	0.3584	0.5333	0.150*
N1	1.4901 (3)	0.3032 (3)	1.21488 (19)	0.0733 (6)
N2	0.9451 (3)	0.5027 (2)	1.31940 (17)	0.0632 (5)
S1	1.28831 (6)	0.20402 (6)	1.00515 (4)	0.03914 (14)
S2	0.89965 (6)	0.33925 (6)	1.08715 (4)	0.03802 (14)
S3	0.77877 (6)	0.21620 (6)	0.90659 (4)	0.04141 (14)
S4	1.15711 (6)	0.07338 (6)	0.81983 (4)	0.03804 (14)
S5	0.62815 (7)	0.12625 (7)	0.73859 (4)	0.04650 (16)
S6	1.05259 (8)	-0.03845 (7)	0.64039 (4)	0.04750 (16)

Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0377 (10)	0.0631 (13)	0.0461 (11)	-0.0110 (10)	-0.0063 (9)	-0.0232 (10)
C2	0.0360 (9)	0.0404 (9)	0.0320 (9)	-0.0122 (8)	-0.0083 (7)	-0.0094 (7)
C3	0.0369 (9)	0.0348 (9)	0.0290 (8)	-0.0107 (7)	-0.0058 (7)	-0.0090 (7)
C4	0.0420 (10)	0.0436 (10)	0.0369 (10)	-0.0073 (9)	-0.0071 (8)	-0.0136 (8)
C5	0.0324 (8)	0.0345 (9)	0.0288 (8)	-0.0090 (7)	-0.0058 (7)	-0.0081 (7)
C6	0.0341 (8)	0.0355 (9)	0.0274 (8)	-0.0107 (7)	-0.0068 (7)	-0.0070 (7)
C7	0.0404 (9)	0.0443 (10)	0.0301 (9)	-0.0177 (8)	-0.0111 (7)	-0.0050 (7)
C8	0.0434 (9)	0.0416 (9)	0.0255 (8)	-0.0183 (8)	-0.0084 (7)	-0.0060 (7)
C9	0.0471 (11)	0.0647 (14)	0.0430 (11)	-0.0095 (11)	0.0012 (9)	-0.0245 (10)
C10	0.0797 (18)	0.0730 (16)	0.0516 (14)	-0.0346 (14)	0.0086 (12)	-0.0144 (12)
C11	0.0585 (14)	0.0618 (15)	0.0846 (18)	-0.0060 (12)	-0.0410 (14)	-0.0121 (13)
C12	0.115 (3)	0.085 (2)	0.110 (3)	-0.050 (2)	-0.065 (2)	0.0395 (19)
N1	0.0473 (11)	0.1120 (18)	0.0767 (15)	-0.0167 (12)	-0.0174 (11)	-0.0453 (14)
N2	0.0704 (13)	0.0684 (13)	0.0527 (12)	-0.0068 (11)	-0.0075 (10)	-0.0303 (10)
S1	0.0314 (2)	0.0513 (3)	0.0399 (3)	-0.0088 (2)	-0.00407 (19)	-0.0216 (2)
S2	0.0303 (2)	0.0491 (3)	0.0386 (3)	-0.0089 (2)	-0.00466 (18)	-0.0176 (2)
S3	0.0336 (2)	0.0591 (3)	0.0365 (3)	-0.0109 (2)	-0.00710 (19)	-0.0180 (2)
S4	0.0348 (2)	0.0504 (3)	0.0336 (3)	-0.0103 (2)	-0.00648 (18)	-0.0162 (2)
S5	0.0454 (3)	0.0585 (3)	0.0465 (3)	-0.0236 (3)	-0.0173 (2)	-0.0084 (2)
S6	0.0633 (3)	0.0552 (3)	0.0346 (3)	-0.0267 (3)	-0.0028 (2)	-0.0185 (2)

Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

C1—N1	1.136 (3)	C8—S4	1.7606 (18)
C1—C2	1.430 (3)	C9—C10	1.496 (3)
C2—C3	1.352 (3)	C9—S6	1.810 (2)
C2—S1	1.7423 (19)	C9—H9A	0.9700
C3—C4	1.425 (2)	C9—H9B	0.9700
C3—S2	1.7314 (18)	C10—H10A	0.9600
C4—N2	1.132 (3)	C10—H10B	0.9600
C5—C6	1.346 (2)	C10—H10C	0.9600
C5—S2	1.7646 (19)	C11—C12	1.500 (4)
C5—S1	1.7673 (18)	C11—S5	1.800 (3)
C6—S4	1.7495 (19)	C11—H11A	0.9700
C6—S3	1.7543 (18)	C11—H11B	0.9700
C7—C8	1.348 (3)	C12—H12A	0.9600
C7—S5	1.7483 (18)	C12—H12B	0.9600
C7—S3	1.7569 (19)	C12—H12C	0.9600
C8—S6	1.7439 (19)		
N1—C1—C2	178.9 (3)	H9A—C9—H9B	107.7
C3—C2—C1	122.92 (17)	C9—C10—H10A	109.5
C3—C2—S1	117.99 (14)	C9—C10—H10B	109.5
C1—C2—S1	119.09 (15)	H10A—C10—H10B	109.5
C2—C3—C4	123.81 (17)	C9—C10—H10C	109.5

C2—C3—S2	118.14 (13)	H10A—C10—H10C	109.5
C4—C3—S2	118.05 (14)	H10B—C10—H10C	109.5
N2—C4—C3	178.8 (2)	C12—C11—S5	113.3 (2)
C6—C5—S2	120.78 (14)	C12—C11—H11A	108.9
C6—C5—S1	123.79 (15)	S5—C11—H11A	108.9
S2—C5—S1	115.42 (10)	C12—C11—H11B	108.9
C5—C6—S4	123.86 (14)	S5—C11—H11B	108.9
C5—C6—S3	121.49 (15)	H11A—C11—H11B	107.7
S4—C6—S3	114.62 (10)	C11—C12—H12A	109.5
C8—C7—S5	125.25 (15)	C11—C12—H12B	109.5
C8—C7—S3	117.19 (14)	H12A—C12—H12B	109.5
S5—C7—S3	117.34 (11)	C11—C12—H12C	109.5
C7—C8—S6	123.52 (14)	H12A—C12—H12C	109.5
C7—C8—S4	116.94 (14)	H12B—C12—H12C	109.5
S6—C8—S4	119.23 (11)	C2—S1—C5	94.04 (9)
C10—C9—S6	113.94 (17)	C3—S2—C5	94.40 (8)
C10—C9—H9A	108.8	C6—S3—C7	95.39 (9)
S6—C9—H9A	108.8	C6—S4—C8	95.48 (9)
C10—C9—H9B	108.8	C7—S5—C11	101.18 (10)
S6—C9—H9B	108.8	C8—S6—C9	102.91 (10)

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