

Crystal structure of tetra[(methoxycarbonyl)methoxy]-*p*-*tert*-butylthiacalix[4]arene, C₅₂H₆₄O₁₂S₄

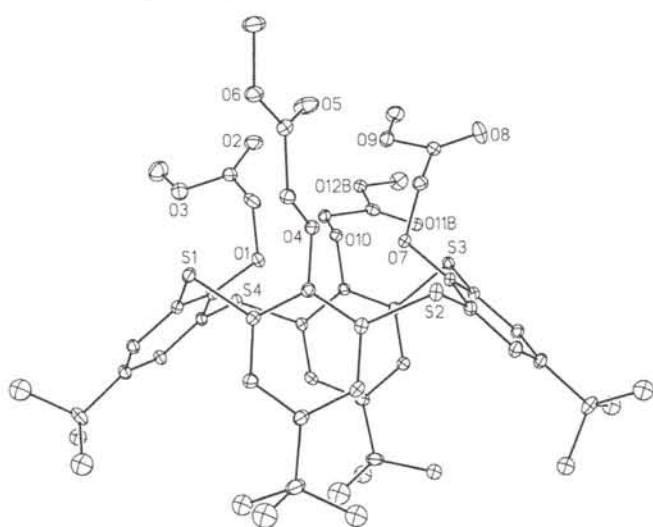
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Abstract

C₅₂H₆₄O₁₂S₄, triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ (No. 2), $a = 11.9539(4)$ Å, $b = 14.0875(3)$ Å, $c = 18.2336(7)$ Å, $\alpha = 77.005(2)^\circ$, $\beta = 85.833(1)^\circ$, $\gamma = 65.372(2)^\circ$, $V = 2719.0$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.072$, $wR_{\text{gt}}(F^2) = 0.188$, $T = 273$ K.

Source of material

The title compound has been prepared by reacting 5,11,17,23-tetra-*tert*-butyl-2,8,14,20-tetrathiacalix[4]arene-25,26,27,28-tetrol with bromomethyl acetate in refluxing acetonitrile for 15 h in the presence of potassium carbonate and precipitation with methanol from the crude residue (62% yield; mp 398 K – 399 K). All analytical data were in agreement with a partial cone conformation for the calixarene derivative, as previously reported by Akdas et al. in the case of the tetraethyl ester derivative [1]. Recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂:CH₃CN (1:1) gave single crystals of the calixarene in the cone conformation.

Experimental details

The four *tert*-butyl and one carboxy groups are disordered and modelled with two or four positions. All non-hydrogen atoms refined anisotropically, unless the disordered ones. Hydrogen atoms introduced at calculated positions as riding atoms, unless in the disordered parts, with a displacement factor equal to 1.2 (CH, CH₂) or 1.5 (CH₃) times that of the attached carbon atom.

Discussion

During the last two decades, calixarenes have drawn much attention as useful starting materials for the design of supramolecular systems or for molecular recognition [2, 3]. In order to introduce new coordinating functions into the macrocyclic, Sone et al. first reported the replacement of the methylene bridges by sulfur atoms, by way of an acid-catalyzed cyclisation of an acyclic tetramer [4]. Recently, Kumagai et al. reported the one-step synthesis of 5,11,17,23-tetra-*tert*-butyl-2,8,14,20-tetrathiacalix[4]arene-25,26,27,28-tetrol by heating *p*-*tert*-butylphenol with elemental sulfur in presence of a base [5]. Subsequently, studies have been made of thiacalix[4]arenes and their derivatives as metal sequestrants, involving both chelation by S and O in the parent compounds [6, 7] and more complicated multidentate binding in the O-derivatives [8].

The asymmetric unit in the title compound comprises one calixarene molecule in a distorted cone conformation. The four sulfur bridges define a mean plane with deviations of ± 0.33 Å, i.e. more irregular than usual with methylene-bridged calix[4]arenes. The dihedral angles between the four aromatic rings and this mean plane are $40.25(7)^\circ$, $88.94(7)^\circ$, $45.87(8)^\circ$ and $88.90(7)^\circ$: such a pseudo-*C*₂ geometry is rather frequent in calix[4]arenes bearing bulky substituents and prevents solvent inclusion in the calixarene cavity. The mean C—S distance and C—S—C angle are $1.785(4)$ Å and $100(1)^\circ$, respectively. The size of the cavity is enlarged by the replacement of carbon by sulfur atoms, with a mean distance between adjacent sulfur atoms of $5.53(2)$ Å, compared to the typical distance of about 5.1 Å between methylene carbon atoms in calix[4]arenes. These features are close to those observed in the related compound tetra[(ethoxycarbonyl)methoxy]-*p*-*tert*-butylthiacalix[4]arene in the cone conformation [1]. The terminal atoms of four *tert*-butyl and one carboxylic groups are highly disordered and have been modelled by two or three positions (noted A, B, C, not represented on the drawing for clarity). The packing consists in alternate columns along the *a*-axis, defining intra- and intermolecular infinite channels, as previously observed in this family of compounds [9].

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Table 1. Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	colourless, parallelepipedic, size 0.25 × 0.25 × 0.25 mm
Wavelength:	Mo K α radiation (0.71073 Å)
μ :	2.32 cm ⁻¹
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Nonius Kappa-CCD, ϕ
$2\theta_{\max}$:	57.86°
$N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$, $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$:	22318, 10491
Criterion for I_{obs} , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$:	$I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$, 7916
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$:	661
Program:	SHELXTL [10]

Table 2. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	Occ.	x	y	z	U_{iso}
O(11A)	2i	0.08(2)	1.011(4)	0.090(4)	0.047(3)	0.04(1)
O(12A)	2i	0.08	1.132(4)	0.145(7)	0.022(4)	0.07(2)
O(11B)	2i	0.52(2)	1.000(1)	0.0719(7)	0.0648(7)	0.049(3)
O(12B)	2i	0.52	1.095(1)	0.176(1)	0.0010(8)	0.046(3)
O(11C)	2i	0.40(2)	1.030(2)	0.0695(7)	0.0764(9)	0.049(3)
O(12C)	2i	0.40	1.070(2)	0.194(1)	-0.0129(9)	0.055(3)
H(3)	2i		0.4332(3)	0.6173(3)	0.0800(2)	0.055
H(5)	2i		0.3704(3)	0.6490(3)	0.2929(2)	0.052
H(7A)	2i		0.8672(3)	0.2980(4)	0.3001(2)	0.078
H(7B)	2i		0.7901(3)	0.4105(4)	0.3188(2)	0.078
H(9A)	2i		0.821(3)	0.6500(7)	0.124(2)	0.165
H(9B)	2i		0.872(5)	0.549(3)	0.089(1)	0.165
H(9C)	2i		0.951(2)	0.559(4)	0.149(1)	0.165
C(11A)	2i	0.59(1)	0.1574(8)	0.745(1)	0.2112(7)	0.106(4)
C(12A)	2i	0.59	0.2296(6)	0.7735(6)	0.0751(3)	0.058(2)
C(13A)	2i	0.59	0.2705(9)	0.8468(6)	0.1740(6)	0.091(3)
C(11B)	2i	0.41(1)	0.1533(9)	0.709(1)	0.184(1)	0.101(5)
C(12B)	2i	0.41	0.264(1)	0.807(1)	0.0788(6)	0.095(5)
C(13B)	2i	0.41	0.219(1)	0.822(1)	0.2106(9)	0.101(5)
H(17)	2i		0.4302(3)	0.1412(3)	0.4215(2)	0.056
H(19)	2i		0.3457(3)	0.4537(3)	0.3592(2)	0.059
H(20A)	2i		0.7109(3)	0.2286(3)	0.5643(2)	0.056
H(20B)	2i		0.6651(3)	0.3489(3)	0.5214(2)	0.056
H(22A)	2i		0.979(1)	0.322(3)	0.652(1)	0.127

Table 2. Continued.

Atom	Site	Occ.	x	y	z	U_{iso}
H(22B)	2i		1.007(2)	0.342(3)	0.566(1)	0.127
H(22C)	2i		1.0379(9)	0.2250(7)	0.612(2)	0.127
C(24A)	2i	0.42(2)	0.174(1)	0.426(1)	0.3047(8)	0.088(4)
C(25A)	2i	0.42	0.225(1)	0.2247(9)	0.350(1)	0.085(4)
C(26A)	2i	0.42	0.149(1)	0.374(2)	0.4269(9)	0.105(4)
C(24B)	2i	0.33(1)	0.206(2)	0.398(1)	0.2825(7)	0.101(5)
C(25B)	2i	0.33	0.207(1)	0.2260(8)	0.380(1)	0.047(3)
C(26B)	2i	0.33	0.139(1)	0.409(1)	0.398(1)	0.104(5)
C(24C)	2i	0.25(1)	0.235(2)	0.353(2)	0.2729(5)	0.084(5)
C(25C)	2i	0.25	0.194(2)	0.240(2)	0.407(1)	0.087(5)
C(26C)	2i	0.25	0.142(1)	0.432(1)	0.366(1)	0.095(5)
H(30)	2i		0.7670(3)	-0.1331(3)	0.2357(2)	0.052
H(32)	2i		0.6106(3)	-0.1054(3)	0.4353(2)	0.057
H(33A)	2i		0.9260(3)	-0.0081(3)	0.4354(2)	0.060
H(33B)	2i		0.9196(3)	0.1082(3)	0.2422(2)	0.060
H(35A)	2i		1.147(2)	0.1536(6)	0.229(2)	0.110
H(35B)	2i		1.123(2)	0.058(3)	0.215(1)	0.110
H(35C)	2i		1.2181(7)	0.038(2)	0.2776(5)	0.110
C(37A)	2i	0.47(1)	0.670(1)	-0.263(1)	0.2606(6)	0.084(3)
C(38A)	2i	0.47	0.4848(6)	-0.1564(8)	0.3343(6)	0.066(3)
C(39A)	2i	0.47	0.674(1)	-0.3075(7)	0.3986(6)	0.086(3)
C(37B)	2i	0.21(1)	0.627(2)	-0.225(1)	0.2453(5)	0.031(4)
C(38B)	2i	0.21	0.5058(9)	-0.193(1)	0.3620(9)	0.058(5)
C(39B)	2i	0.21	0.714(2)	-0.3257(7)	0.3741(9)	0.106(7)
C(37C)	2i	0.32(1)	0.578(2)	-0.192(1)	0.2472(6)	0.070(4)
C(38C)	2i	0.32	0.542(1)	-0.229(1)	0.3867(7)	0.078(4)
C(39C)	2i	0.32	0.742(1)	-0.3283(7)	0.3417(9)	0.088(4)
H(43)	2i		0.4850(3)	0.3706(3)	0.0657(2)	0.056
H(45)	2i		0.6379(3)	0.0571(3)	0.1528(2)	0.056
H(46A)	2i		0.9935(3)	0.2832(3)	0.0967(2)	0.057
H(46B)	2i		0.8816(3)	0.3089(3)	0.0442(2)	0.057
C(50A)	2i	0.26(2)	0.416(2)	0.219(2)	-0.0031(6)	0.093(5)
C(51A)	2i	0.26	0.432(2)	0.088(1)	0.112(1)	0.065(4)
C(52A)	2i	0.26	0.3121(9)	0.293(1)	0.104(1)	0.085(5)
C(50B)	2i	0.51(1)	0.454(1)	0.173(2)	0.0009(6)	0.082(3)
C(51B)	2i	0.51	0.404(1)	0.111(1)	0.1356(8)	0.062(3)
C(52B)	2i	0.51	0.3138(7)	0.3040(6)	0.070(1)	0.063(3)
C(50C)	2i	0.23(2)	0.466(2)	0.130(2)	0.022(1)	0.086(6)
C(51C)	2i	0.23	0.384(2)	0.144(2)	0.1551(8)	0.067(5)
C(52C)	2i	0.23	0.333(1)	0.303(1)	0.039(1)	0.084(6)

Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{12}	U_{13}	U_{23}
S(1)	2i	0.56295(8)	0.47716(7)	0.38046(5)	0.0538(5)	0.0366(5)	0.0455(5)	-0.0221(3)	-0.0071(3)	-0.0073(3)
S(2)	2i	0.66996(8)	0.04630(7)	0.48296(5)	0.0625(5)	0.0356(5)	0.0422(4)	-0.0203(4)	0.0055(4)	-0.0086(3)
S(3)	2i	0.87753(7)	0.01364(6)	0.20424(4)	0.0358(4)	0.0347(4)	0.0463(4)	-0.0104(3)	0.0030(3)	-0.0084(3)
S(4)	2i	0.66370(8)	0.44589(6)	0.08218(5)	0.0505(5)	0.0330(5)	0.0497(5)	-0.0099(3)	0.0079(3)	-0.0085(3)
O(1)	2i	0.7042(2)	0.3731(2)	0.2492(1)	0.044(1)	0.034(1)	0.059(1)	-0.0060(9)	-0.007(1)	-0.007(1)
O(2)	2i	0.9835(3)	0.3709(3)	0.2015(2)	0.048(2)	0.092(3)	0.119(3)	-0.028(2)	0.007(2)	-0.047(2)
O(3)	2i	0.8138(3)	0.5219(3)	0.1930(2)	0.072(2)	0.071(2)	0.092(2)	-0.028(2)	0.003(2)	-0.015(2)
O(4)	2i	0.7193(2)	0.2472(2)	0.4537(1)	0.041(1)	0.042(1)	0.052(1)	-0.0154(9)	0.0005(9)	-0.017(1)
O(5)	2i	0.9373(3)	0.2352(3)	0.4897(2)	0.064(2)	0.135(3)	0.089(2)	-0.056(2)	0.024(2)	-0.061(2)
O(6)	2i	0.8601(2)	0.3100(2)	0.5882(2)	0.053(2)	0.065(2)	0.067(2)	-0.021(1)	-0.008(1)	-0.027(1)
O(7)	2i	0.8153(2)	0.0927(2)	0.3493(1)	0.044(1)	0.035(1)	0.051(1)	-0.0196(9)	-0.0027(9)	-0.0095(9)
O(8)	2i	1.1091(3)	-0.0684(2)	0.3514(2)	0.077(2)	0.049(2)	0.088(2)	-0.001(2)	0.007(2)	-0.006(2)
O(9)	2i	1.0451(2)	0.1070(2)	0.3062(2)	0.049(1)	0.050(2)	0.080(2)	-0.023(1)	0.013(1)	-0.021(1)
O(10)	2i	0.8732(2)	0.2301(2)	0.1466(1)	0.038(1)	0.042(1)	0.048(1)	-0.0163(9)	0.0019(9)	-0.0131(9)
C(1)	2i	0.6028(3)	0.4679(2)	0.2293(2)	0.037(2)	0.030(2)	0.050(2)	-0.010(1)	-0.003(1)	-0.006(1)
C(2)	2i	0.5672(3)	0.5053(3)	0.1533(2)	0.041(2)	0.031(2)	0.047(2)	-0.010(1)	0.000(1)	-0.009(1)
C(3)	2i	0.4568(3)	0.5946(3)	0.1307(2)	0.044(2)	0.040(2)	0.044(2)	-0.008(1)	-0.003(1)	-0.009(1)
C(4)	2i	0.3819(3)	0.6499(3)	0.1823(2)	0.043(2)	0.042(2)	0.048(2)	-0.009(1)	-0.002(1)	-0.013(1)
C(5)	2i	0.4190(3)	0.6125(3)	0.2575(2)	0.042(2)	0.037(2)	0.047(2)	-0.010(1)	0.001(1)	-0.014(1)
C(6)	2i	0.5269(3)	0.5219(2)	0.2817(2)	0.041(2)	0.033(2)	0.046(2)	-0.016(1)	-0.004(1)	-0.007(1)
C(7)	2i	0.8127(3)	0.3714(4)	0.2786(2)	0.042(2)	0.066(3)	0.067(2)	-0.003(2)	-0.013(2)	-0.012(2)
C(8)	2i	0.8802(4)	0.4190(4)	0.2205(3)	0.050(2)	0.060(3)	0.079(3)	-0.017(2)	-0.010(2)	-0.026(2)
C(9)	2i	0.8690(7)	0.5741(6)	0.1337(4)	0.119(5)	0.109(5)	0.114(5)	-0.067(4)	0.008(4)	-0.009(4)

Table 3. Continued.

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₁₂	U ₁₃	U ₂₃
C(10)	2i	0.2594(3)	0.7467(3)	0.1586(2)	0.049(2)	0.060(2)	0.053(2)	0.008(2)	−0.008(2)	−0.017(2)
C(14)	2i	0.5193(3)	0.3678(3)	0.3994(2)	0.045(2)	0.041(2)	0.042(2)	−0.021(1)	0.001(1)	−0.011(1)
C(15)	2i	0.6022(3)	0.2649(3)	0.4333(2)	0.041(2)	0.040(2)	0.041(2)	−0.018(1)	0.003(1)	−0.014(1)
C(16)	2i	0.5678(3)	0.1801(3)	0.4411(2)	0.051(2)	0.037(2)	0.041(2)	−0.020(1)	0.005(1)	−0.010(1)
C(17)	2i	0.4515(3)	0.1987(3)	0.4170(2)	0.056(2)	0.047(2)	0.048(2)	−0.031(2)	0.004(2)	−0.012(1)
C(18)	2i	0.3661(3)	0.3011(3)	0.3864(2)	0.054(2)	0.055(2)	0.053(2)	−0.031(2)	−0.005(2)	−0.007(2)
C(19)	2i	0.4020(3)	0.3843(3)	0.3788(2)	0.047(2)	0.047(2)	0.052(2)	−0.020(2)	−0.008(1)	−0.006(1)
C(20)	2i	0.7262(3)	0.2770(3)	0.5220(2)	0.044(2)	0.050(2)	0.045(2)	−0.018(1)	−0.002(1)	−0.011(1)
C(21)	2i	0.8538(3)	0.2714(3)	0.5289(2)	0.052(2)	0.051(2)	0.054(2)	−0.024(2)	−0.002(2)	−0.014(2)
C(22)	2i	0.9812(4)	0.2986(5)	0.6059(3)	0.060(3)	0.105(4)	0.103(4)	−0.035(3)	−0.015(2)	−0.042(3)
C(23)	2i	0.2359(4)	0.3240(4)	0.3614(3)	0.074(3)	0.080(3)	0.102(4)	−0.050(3)	−0.033(3)	0.012(3)
C(27)	2i	0.7020(3)	−0.0120(3)	0.4019(2)	0.045(2)	0.035(2)	0.046(2)	−0.016(1)	0.003(1)	−0.009(1)
C(28)	2i	0.7730(3)	0.0177(2)	0.3444(2)	0.039(2)	0.027(2)	0.047(2)	−0.013(1)	−0.001(1)	−0.007(1)
C(29)	2i	0.7942(3)	−0.0260(2)	0.2809(2)	0.037(2)	0.034(2)	0.044(2)	−0.013(1)	−0.000(1)	−0.008(1)
C(30)	2i	0.7496(3)	−0.1023(3)	0.2775(2)	0.048(2)	0.038(2)	0.049(2)	−0.019(1)	0.002(1)	−0.015(1)
C(31)	2i	0.6806(3)	−0.1338(3)	0.3339(2)	0.052(2)	0.041(2)	0.055(2)	−0.025(2)	0.003(2)	−0.012(1)
C(32)	2i	0.6573(3)	−0.0864(3)	0.3965(2)	0.056(2)	0.042(2)	0.051(2)	−0.026(2)	0.009(2)	−0.011(1)
C(33)	2i	0.9230(3)	0.0532(3)	0.3971(2)	0.048(2)	0.052(2)	0.053(2)	−0.022(2)	−0.004(2)	−0.017(2)
C(34)	2i	1.0361(3)	0.0215(3)	0.3503(2)	0.044(2)	0.045(2)	0.057(2)	−0.014(1)	−0.007(2)	−0.013(2)
C(35)	2i	1.1413(4)	0.0876(4)	0.2525(3)	0.057(2)	0.083(3)	0.086(3)	−0.034(2)	0.020(2)	−0.025(2)
C(36)	2i	0.6302(4)	−0.2159(3)	0.3280(2)	0.084(3)	0.063(3)	0.067(2)	−0.051(2)	0.008(2)	−0.020(2)
C(40)	2i	0.7530(3)	0.1284(3)	0.1549(2)	0.037(2)	0.037(2)	0.042(2)	−0.012(1)	0.004(1)	−0.013(1)
C(41)	2i	0.7637(3)	0.2256(2)	0.1323(2)	0.033(1)	0.037(2)	0.040(2)	−0.011(1)	0.003(1)	−0.013(1)
C(42)	2i	0.6605(3)	0.3170(3)	0.1017(2)	0.041(2)	0.038(2)	0.042(2)	−0.011(1)	0.003(1)	−0.010(1)
C(43)	2i	0.5523(3)	0.3091(3)	0.0874(2)	0.034(2)	0.047(2)	0.049(2)	−0.008(1)	0.000(1)	−0.006(1)
C(44)	2i	0.5420(3)	0.2119(3)	0.1047(2)	0.041(2)	0.054(2)	0.051(2)	−0.020(2)	0.001(1)	−0.006(2)
C(45)	2i	0.6433(3)	0.1228(3)	0.1394(2)	0.045(2)	0.043(2)	0.052(2)	−0.021(1)	0.000(1)	−0.006(1)
C(46)	2i	0.9392(3)	0.2545(3)	0.0827(2)	0.043(2)	0.043(2)	0.058(2)	−0.020(1)	0.009(1)	−0.013(1)
C(47)	2i	1.0145(3)	0.1570(3)	0.0507(2)	0.038(2)	0.058(2)	0.047(2)	−0.018(2)	0.004(1)	−0.015(2)
C(48)	2i	1.1613(5)	0.0976(5)	−0.0417(3)	0.083(3)	0.106(4)	0.087(3)	−0.041(3)	0.040(3)	−0.057(3)
C(49)	2i	0.4275(4)	0.1988(3)	0.0819(3)	0.047(2)	0.080(3)	0.092(3)	−0.032(2)	−0.015(2)	0.014(2)

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