progress in this field is being built.

The three general themes of the conference can be roughly described as excitons in anthracene (energy transfer in organic semiconductors), electrons in tetracyanoquinodimethane (TCNQ) salts (charge transfer), and photoconductivity in polyvinyl n-carbazole. The work on anthracene represents a mature field that has benefited from the considerable progress in sample purification and the measurement of a wide variety of properties that has been made over the past decade. The work related to TCNQ salts features a review by H. Kuroda of the rapidly expanding efforts in Japan and a presentation by A. N. Bloch, D. O. Cowan, and T. O. Poehler of their discoveries of properties of dimethyltetrathiofulvalinium-TCNQ-which include the largest electrical conductivity of any organic compound known at the time.

A section of the book is devoted to what the book jacket calls a "crucial topic," superconductivity. As the contributors explain, however, there is no evidence for superconductivity in any organic compound studied. (There is still none at this writing.) W. A. Little sounds a cautious note with respect to possible compounds (as yet unfabricated), but devotes most of his paper to a readable discussion of what superconductivity is and how it, and other electronic properties, are generally affected by highly anisotropic materials such as the TCNQ complexes. Perhaps the most optimistic comment that can be made at this time about superconductivity in organic compounds is that the myriad combinations of materials possible in this class make it appear that almost any property can be achieved. However, there may be intrinsic physical and chemical restrictions. such as collective electronic instabilities.

With regard to practical applications, it can be concluded on the evidence of these papers that the materials will not be ready in time for installation of organic semiconductor devices or organic cables in next year's Cadillacs. On the other hand, as the study of disorder by A. N. Bloch shows, there has certainly been some good science done, and, as J. Mort of Xerox suggests in reference to the class of polymer compounds now used in the IBM copier, more applications will certainly be found in the not too distant future.

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