

*Experimental*) and the fact that repeated susceptibility measurements have always given the same result (Oostra, 1984) make it reasonable to assume that the measured  $\chi(T)$  curve belongs to the most accessible modification ( $I\alpha$ ).

It is noteworthy that the phase transition of (I) to ( $I\alpha$ ) leads to octameric rather than to tetrameric stacks, as is expected for isolated stacks in which the exchange interaction between the conduction electrons is modified (Huizinga, Kommandeur, Jonkman & Haas, 1982). In the above discussion of the ( $I\alpha$ ) structure the changes in the stack have been attributed to the ordering of the DMM groups, indicating that the phase transition is most probably driven by this ordering. However, it is not clear to what extent the modification of the exchange interactions at  $T_c$  also contributes to the stability of the low-temperature structure.

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