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**A Case Study Of Organic Dirac Materials** – BENJAMIN COM-  
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rials, KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Stockholm University, Stockholm,  
Sweden — Dirac Materials are characterized by linear band crossings within the  
electronic band structure. Most research of Dirac materials has been dedicated to-  
wards inorganic materials, e.g., binary chalcogenides as topological insulators, the  
Weyl semimetal TaAs or graphene. The purpose of this study is to investigate  
the formation of Dirac points in organic materials under pressure and mechani-  
cal strain. We study multiple structural phases of the organic charge-transfer salt  
(BEDT-TTF)<sub>2</sub>I<sub>3</sub>. We numerically calculate the relaxed band structure near the  
Fermi level along different k-space directions. Once the relaxed ion structure is ob-  
tained, we pick different cell parameters to shrink and investigate the changes in the  
band structure. We discuss band structure degeneracies protected by crystalline and  
other symmetries, if any. Quantum Espresso and VASP codes were used to calculate  
and validate our results.

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