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Structures of Two Isomers of Dichlorobis(2-phenylazopyridine)ruthenium(II), $[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3)_2]$

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Abstract. $M_r = 538$. C_2 isomer: $P2_1/c$, $a = 8.421$ (8), $b = 22.88$ (2), $c = 12.99$ (2) Å, $\beta = 116.3$ (1)°, $V = 2243.2$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $F(000) = 1080$, $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.7107$ Å, $\mu = 9.4$ cm⁻¹, $D_x = 1.59$ g cm⁻³, $R = 0.051$ for 3257 observed [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] reflections. C_1 isomer: $P\bar{1}$, $a = 13.371$ (4), $b = 15.345$ (3), $c = 13.101$ (4) Å, $\alpha = 114.75$ (2), $\beta = 93.75$ (3), $\gamma = 67.61$ (3)°, $V = 2242.7$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $F(000) = 1080$, $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.7107$ Å, $\mu = 9.4$ cm⁻¹, $D_x = 1.59$ g cm⁻³, $R = 0.054$ for 3660 observed reflections. With reference to the pairs of Cl, N(py) and N(azo) coordinating with Ru, the C_2 isomer has a *cis-trans-cis* configuration and the C_1 isomer a *cis-cis-cis*. In both structures Ru–N(azo) distances are relatively shorter than Ru–N(py), indicating stronger bonding in the former case, caused by the considerable π -backbonding power of the azo function.

Introduction. The title compound is known to exist in three isomeric forms (Krause & Krause, 1980; Goswami, Chakravarty & Chakravorty, 1981, 1982, 1983), one of which is green and the other two are dark blue. In principle, five isomers are possible. If the coordinating pairs of Cl, N(py) and N(azo) are considered in that order, the configurations of these five are (Fig. 1) *trans-trans-trans* (*ttt*), *trans-cis-cis* (*tcc*), *cis-trans-cis* (*ctc*), *cis-cis-trans* (*cct*) and *cis-cis-cis* (*ccc*). Spectroscopic evidence suggested that the green isomer has the *ttt* configuration. Either the *ctc* or *cct* configuration has been indicated in the case of one blue isomer (herein referred to as the C_2 isomer, owing to the nominal twofold symmetry of the complex), while the other (the C_1 isomer) appears to be of the *ccc* variety (Goswami *et al.*, 1981, 1982, 1983).

This investigation was undertaken with two primary ends in view: (1) to establish unequivocally the structural identities of the two blue isomers; and (2) to ascertain the relative π -backbonding abilities of N(py) and N(azo) towards Ru^{II}.

Experimental. Specimens $0.25 \times 0.2 \times 0.15$ mm (C_2 isomer) and $0.25 \times 0.2 \times 0.1$ mm (C_1 isomer). CAD-4 diffractometer, graphite-monochromatized Mo $K\alpha$ radiation. 25 reflections (to $\theta = 15.2^\circ$) for measurement of lattice parameters in each case. D_m not measured since all suitable liquids available were solutions of bromides and iodides with which the crystals reacted. ω - 2θ scan, $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25^\circ$ for C_2 isomer [25° for C_1 isomer], h -9 to 8 [-15 to 15], k 0 to 27 [-18 to 16], l 0 to 15 [0 to 15]. 3924 [7980] unique reflections measured (no merging of equivalents), 667 [832] unobserved with $I \leq 2\sigma(I)$. Max. value of decay

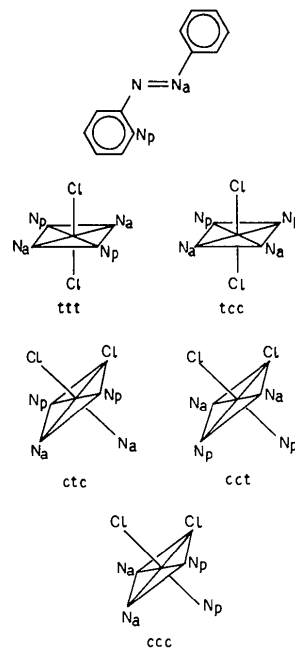


Fig. 1. The ligand and the five geometrically possible isomeric configurations of its dichloro complex with Ru.

Table 1. Refined parameters for non-hydrogen atoms

$$B_{eq} = \frac{4}{3} \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	x	y	z	$B_{eq}(\text{\AA}^2)$
(a) The C₂ isomer				
Ru	0.16269 (6)	0.17901 (2)	0.08439 (4)	2.03
Cl(1)	0.2575 (2)	0.26628 (7)	0.0251 (1)	3.16
Cl(2)	0.0012 (2)	0.23771 (8)	0.1586 (1)	3.32
N(1)	0.0488 (6)	0.1100 (2)	0.1150 (4)	3.38
N(2)	-0.1082 (6)	0.0944 (2)	0.0452 (4)	3.02
N(3)	-0.0711 (6)	0.1709 (2)	-0.0613 (4)	2.20
N(4)	0.3211 (5)	0.1311 (2)	0.0418 (4)	2.53
N(5)	0.4831 (6)	0.1218 (2)	0.1134 (4)	3.02
N(6)	0.3972 (6)	0.1786 (2)	0.2316 (4)	2.39
C(1)	0.161 (1)	0.1005 (3)	0.3217 (6)	4.14
C(2)	0.232 (1)	0.0671 (4)	0.4211 (6)	5.06
C(3)	0.272 (1)	0.0095 (4)	0.4167 (7)	5.60
C(4)	0.237 (1)	-0.0159 (4)	0.3132 (8)	5.74
C(5)	0.165 (1)	0.0164 (3)	0.2120 (7)	4.35
C(6)	0.1275 (7)	0.0749 (2)	0.2189 (5)	2.94
C(7)	-0.1770 (7)	0.1292 (2)	-0.0527 (5)	2.72
C(8)	-0.3491 (9)	0.1196 (3)	-0.1353 (6)	3.75
C(9)	-0.4131 (8)	0.1546 (3)	-0.2330 (6)	3.62
C(10)	-0.3046 (8)	0.1967 (3)	-0.2438 (5)	3.26
C(11)	-0.1336 (8)	0.2042 (2)	-0.1559 (5)	2.86
C(12)	0.3010 (8)	0.0425 (2)	-0.0674 (5)	3.27
C(13)	0.261 (1)	0.0151 (3)	-0.1718 (6)	4.13
C(14)	0.192 (1)	0.0475 (3)	-0.2717 (6)	4.33
C(15)	0.1625 (9)	0.1065 (3)	-0.2695 (6)	3.83
C(16)	0.2007 (8)	0.1343 (2)	-0.1657 (5)	3.31
C(17)	0.2722 (7)	0.1015 (2)	-0.0656 (5)	2.47
C(18)	0.5275 (7)	0.1485 (3)	0.2187 (5)	2.90
C(19)	0.6984 (9)	0.1440 (3)	0.3061 (7)	4.36
C(20)	0.737 (1)	0.1713 (3)	0.4106 (6)	4.11
C(21)	0.604 (1)	0.2013 (3)	0.4230 (6)	4.10
C(22)	0.4380 (8)	0.2041 (3)	0.3328 (5)	3.33
	x	y	z	B_{eq} or $B(\text{\AA}^2)$
(b) The C₁ isomer				
Ru(1)	0.09672 (9)	0.19522 (8)	0.11667 (9)	3.6
Ru(2)	0.38521 (9)	0.66474 (8)	0.34636 (9)	4.1
Cl(1)	0.1283 (3)	0.2691 (3)	0.3121 (3)	4.3
Cl(2)	-0.0652 (3)	0.1818 (3)	0.1652 (3)	5.4
Cl(3)	0.4963 (3)	0.7319 (3)	0.2931 (3)	5.4
Cl(4)	0.2654 (3)	0.6909 (3)	0.2088 (3)	4.9
N(1)	0.2396 (8)	0.1791 (7)	0.0649 (8)	2.7 (1)
N(2)	0.3275 (8)	0.0995 (8)	0.0554 (8)	3.4 (2)
N(3)	0.2011 (8)	0.0563 (7)	0.1172 (8)	3.3 (2)
N(4)	0.0048 (8)	0.3246 (8)	0.0982 (8)	3.3 (2)
N(5)	-0.0201 (9)	0.3177 (9)	-0.0007 (9)	4.4 (2)
N(6)	0.0707 (8)	0.1416 (8)	-0.0480 (8)	3.3 (2)
N(7)	0.4986 (8)	0.6195 (8)	0.4367 (8)	3.4 (2)
N(8)	0.5905 (9)	0.5386 (8)	0.3890 (9)	3.9 (2)
N(9)	0.4935 (8)	0.5218 (7)	0.2310 (8)	3.2 (2)
N(10)	0.2826 (8)	0.7999 (8)	0.4581 (9)	3.8 (2)
N(11)	0.1924 (9)	0.8076 (9)	0.4994 (9)	4.3 (2)
N(12)	0.2758 (8)	0.6243 (7)	0.3965 (8)	3.1 (2)
C(1)	0.225 (1)	0.349 (1)	0.093 (1)	4.6 (2)
C(2)	0.243 (1)	0.414 (1)	0.049 (1)	5.9 (3)
C(3)	0.290 (1)	0.370 (1)	-0.059 (1)	6.1 (3)
C(4)	0.319 (1)	0.266 (1)	-0.128 (1)	6.3 (3)
C(5)	0.304 (1)	0.200 (1)	-0.089 (1)	4.0 (2)
C(6)	0.2582 (9)	0.2453 (9)	0.022 (1)	3.2 (2)
C(7)	0.305 (1)	0.0349 (9)	0.091 (1)	3.9 (2)
C(8)	0.393 (1)	-0.050 (1)	0.095 (1)	5.0 (3)
C(9)	0.365 (1)	-0.110 (1)	0.133 (1)	6.6 (3)
C(10)	0.264 (1)	-0.093 (1)	0.157 (1)	6.2 (3)
C(11)	0.178 (1)	-0.008 (1)	0.149 (1)	5.3 (3)
C(12)	-0.082 (1)	0.446 (1)	0.285 (1)	4.1 (2)
C(13)	-0.131 (1)	0.550 (1)	0.370 (1)	5.9 (3)
C(14)	-0.133 (1)	0.630 (1)	0.346 (1)	6.5 (3)
C(15)	-0.090 (1)	0.614 (1)	0.249 (1)	6.8 (3)
C(16)	-0.042 (1)	0.512 (1)	0.161 (1)	5.9 (3)
C(17)	-0.040 (1)	0.430 (1)	0.185 (1)	3.8 (2)
C(18)	0.019 (1)	0.215 (1)	-0.083 (1)	4.6 (2)
C(19)	0.001 (1)	0.195 (1)	-0.195 (1)	5.9 (3)
C(20)	0.042 (1)	0.091 (1)	-0.274 (1)	6.5 (3)
C(21)	0.094 (1)	0.014 (1)	-0.240 (1)	5.4 (3)
C(22)	0.108 (1)	0.039 (1)	-0.126 (1)	4.6 (2)
C(23)	0.413 (1)	0.704 (1)	0.629 (1)	4.4 (2)
C(24)	0.412 (1)	0.768 (1)	0.745 (1)	6.3 (3)
C(25)	0.499 (1)	0.798 (1)	0.780 (1)	6.9 (3)
C(26)	0.585 (1)	0.768 (1)	0.704 (1)	6.3 (3)
C(27)	0.586 (1)	0.708 (1)	0.590 (1)	4.9 (3)
C(28)	0.501 (1)	0.6774 (9)	0.555 (1)	3.7 (2)
C(29)	0.586 (1)	0.4858 (9)	0.272 (1)	3.6 (2)
C(30)	0.678 (1)	0.400 (1)	0.208 (1)	4.7 (2)

Table 1 (cont.)

	x	y	z	$B(\text{\AA}^2)$
C(31)	0.672 (1)	0.350 (1)	0.094 (1)	4.9 (2)
C(32)	0.577 (1)	0.384 (1)	0.048 (1)	4.7 (3)
C(33)	0.486 (1)	0.472 (1)	0.120 (1)	4.0 (2)
C(34)	0.368 (1)	0.922 (1)	0.551 (1)	6.5 (3)
C(35)	0.379 (1)	1.018 (1)	0.576 (1)	7.3 (4)
C(36)	0.312 (1)	1.080 (1)	0.531 (1)	7.8 (4)
C(37)	0.233 (1)	1.059 (1)	0.472 (1)	8.4 (4)
C(38)	0.215 (1)	0.967 (1)	0.447 (1)	6.6 (3)
C(39)	0.288 (1)	0.901 (1)	0.487 (1)	4.2 (3)
C(40)	0.189 (1)	0.710 (1)	0.467 (1)	3.8 (2)
C(41)	0.101 (1)	0.701 (1)	0.508 (1)	4.8 (3)
C(42)	0.102 (1)	0.603 (1)	0.474 (1)	5.0 (3)
C(43)	0.188 (1)	0.516 (1)	0.399 (1)	4.5 (2)
C(44)	0.273 (1)	0.529 (1)	0.363 (1)	4.0 (2)

Table 2. Distances (Å) and angles (°) in the coordination octahedra

(a) The C₂ isomer			
Ru—Cl(1)	2.401 (1)	Ru—Cl(2)	2.397 (1)
Ru—N(1)	1.977 (4)	Ru—N(3)	2.045 (4)
Ru—N(4)	1.984 (4)	Ru—N(6)	2.051 (4)
Cl(1)—Ru—Cl(2)	89.52 (6)	Cl(1)—Ru—N(6)	89.0 (1)
Cl(1)—Ru—N(3)	95.6 (1)	Cl(1)—Ru—N(4)	90.5 (1)
Cl(2)—Ru—N(1)	87.3 (1)	Cl(2)—Ru—N(3)	86.4 (1)
Cl(2)—Ru—N(6)	96.3 (1)	N(1)—Ru—N(3)	76.1 (2)
N(1)—Ru—N(4)	93.5 (2)	N(1)—Ru—N(6)	99.2 (2)
N(3)—Ru—N(4)	100.5 (2)	N(4)—Ru—N(6)	76.6 (2)
(b) The C₁ isomer			
Ru(1)—Cl(1)	2.410 (3)	Ru(1)—Cl(2)	2.401 (4)
Ru(1)—N(1)	1.960 (9)	Ru(1)—N(3)	2.059 (9)
Ru(1)—N(4)	2.003 (9)	Ru(1)—N(6)	2.020 (9)
Ru(2)—Cl(3)	2.379 (4)	Ru(2)—Cl(4)	2.389 (4)
Ru(2)—N(7)	1.958 (9)	Ru(2)—N(9)	2.069 (9)
Ru(2)—N(10)	1.96 (1)	Ru(2)—N(12)	2.028 (9)
Cl(1)—Ru(1)—Cl(2)	92.2 (1)	Cl(1)—Ru(1)—N(1)	91.6 (3)
Cl(1)—Ru(1)—N(3)	84.2 (2)	Cl(1)—Ru(1)—N(4)	100.7 (3)
Cl(2)—Ru(1)—N(3)	94.8 (2)	Cl(2)—Ru(1)—N(4)	89.6 (3)
Cl(2)—Ru(1)—N(6)	89.9 (3)	N(1)—Ru(1)—N(3)	76.2 (4)
N(1)—Ru(1)—N(4)	98.8 (4)	N(1)—Ru(1)—N(6)	86.6 (4)
N(3)—Ru(1)—N(6)	98.6 (4)	N(4)—Ru(1)—N(6)	76.1 (4)
Cl(3)—Ru(2)—Cl(4)	91.1 (2)	Cl(3)—Ru(2)—N(7)	88.1 (3)
Cl(3)—Ru(2)—N(9)	84.2 (3)	Cl(3)—Ru(2)—N(10)	96.3 (3)
Cl(4)—Ru(2)—N(9)	93.5 (3)	Cl(4)—Ru(2)—N(10)	87.2 (3)
Cl(4)—Ru(2)—N(12)	85.4 (3)	N(7)—Ru(2)—N(9)	76.1 (4)
N(7)—Ru(2)—N(10)	103.0 (4)	N(7)—Ru(2)—N(12)	96.2 (4)
N(9)—Ru(2)—N(12)	101.9 (4)	N(10)—Ru(2)—N(12)	77.5 (4)
(c) The azo bond distances in the ligands			
C₂ isomer		C₁ isomer	
N(1)—N(2)	1.279 (7)	N(1)—N(2)	1.30 (1)
N(4)—N(5)	1.283 (6)	N(4)—N(5)	1.29 (1)
		N(7)—N(8)	1.31 (1)
		N(10)—N(11)	1.30 (2)

correction based on variation of intensity of standards 1.076 [1.053]. No absorption correction. Structures solved by Patterson and successive Fourier syntheses. Least-squares refinement (on F). Atomic scattering factors and f' and f'' for Ru from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974). Block-diagonal approximation after the introduction of anisotropic thermal parameters. Towards the end of refinement, the weighting scheme was modified so as to reflect the trends in $|\Delta F|$, by adopting the following values of $\sigma(F)$ (Seal & Ray, 1981): C₂ isomer: for $|F_o| \leq 9.49$, $\sigma(F) = 0.225F_o$; for $9.49 < |F_o| \leq 12.98$, $\sigma(F) = 0.133F_o$; for $12.98 < |F_o| \leq 16.55$, $\sigma(F) = 0.10F_o$; for $16.55 < |F_o| \leq 20.81$, $\sigma(F) = 0.089F_o$; for $20.81 < |F_o| \leq 25.08$, $\sigma(F) = 0.089F_o$; for $25.08 <$

$|F_o| \leq 30.65$, $\sigma(F) = 0.073F_o$; for $30.65 <$
 $|F_o| \leq 37.10$, $\sigma(F) = 0.06F_o$; for $37.10 <$
 $|F_o| \leq 45.20$, $\sigma(F) = 0.057F_o$; for $45.20 <$
 $|F_o| \leq 62.701$, $\sigma(F) = 0.044F_o$; for $|F_o| > 62.701$,
 $\sigma(F) = 0.037F_o$; C_1 isomer: for $|F_o| \leq 16.34$, $\sigma(F)$
 $= 0.21F_o$; for $16.34 < |F_o| \leq 21.32$, $\sigma(F) = 0.15F_o$; for
 $21.32 < |F_o| \leq 26.80$, $\sigma(F) = 0.11F_o$; for $26.80 <$
 $|F_o| \leq 39.55$, $\sigma(F) = 0.10F_o$; for $39.55 <$
 $|F_o| \leq 48.02$, $\sigma(F) = 0.08F_o$; for $48.02 <$
 $|F_o| \leq 57.98$, $\sigma(F) = 0.07F_o$; for $57.98 <$
 $|F_o| \leq 77.31$, $\sigma(F) = 0.06F_o$; for $|F_o| > 77.31$, $\sigma(F)$
 $= 0.04F_o$. In both the cases, H atoms were kept fixed at
 their calculated positions. In the case of the C_2 isomer,
 anisotropic thermal parameters of all non-hydrogen
 atoms were refined along with the positional
 parameters, using 3257 observed reflections. Refine-
 ment converged $[(A/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.534]$ at $R = 0.051$,
 $wR = 0.070$ with $S = 1.265$. Final difference map
 showed max. and min. peaks of 1.5 and $-0.8 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 respectively. In the case of the C_1 isomer, anisotropic
 thermal parameters only of Ru(1), Ru(2), Cl(1) and
 Cl(2), and isotropic thermal parameters of the C and N
 atoms were refined along with the positional param-
 eters. Only 3660 observed reflections, extending to
 $\theta = 20^\circ$, were used and refinement was stopped when
 $R = 0.054$ and $wR = 0.074$, with $S = 0.965$. Max. and
 min. peaks in difference map 0.8 and $-1.7 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 respectively. All calculations carried out on a Bur-
 roughs 6700 computer. The *X-RAY ARC* program
 system, compiled by B. L. Vickery, D. Bright and P. R.
 Mallinson, was used with several local modifications.
 Programs *EXFFT* and *SEARCH* of the *MULTAN78*
 system (Main, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq &
 Woolfson, 1978) for weighted Fourier syntheses.

Discussion. The refined positional parameters are
 presented in Table 1 and a few selected distances and
 angles in Table 2.* Projections of the asymmetric units
 of the two structures are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The C_2
 isomer is found to have the *ctc* configuration. The
 asymmetric unit of the structure of the C_1 isomer
 consists of two independent *ccc* complexes differing in
 orientation and some other minor aspects.

In the coordination octahedra, normal Ru—Cl
 distances are observed and the angles Cl—Ru—Cl are
 very near to 90° . However, N(py)—Ru—N(azo), the
 bite angle of the ligand, is found to be $\sim 76^\circ$ in both
 structures, thus introducing a considerable distortion in
 the octahedra.

A surprising feature of both structures is the relative
 shortness of the Ru—N(azo) distance as compared to
 Ru—N(py). Normally the pyridine N would be expected
 to be a better donor than the azo N. Evidently the

* Tables of observed and calculated structure factors, anisotropic
 thermal parameters, calculated coordinates of the H atoms, bond
 distances and angles in the ligands not presented in Table 2 and
 equations of some mean planes have been deposited with the British
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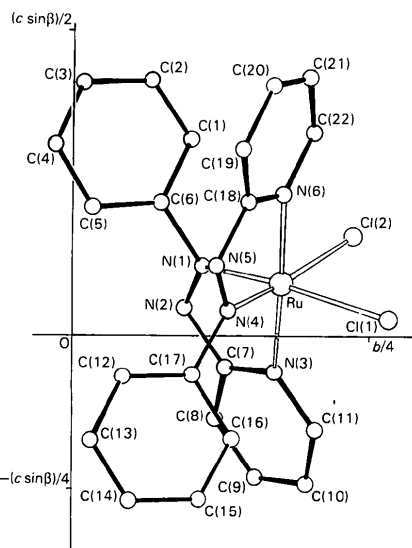


Fig. 2. Asymmetric unit of the structure of the C_2 isomer projected down the a axis.

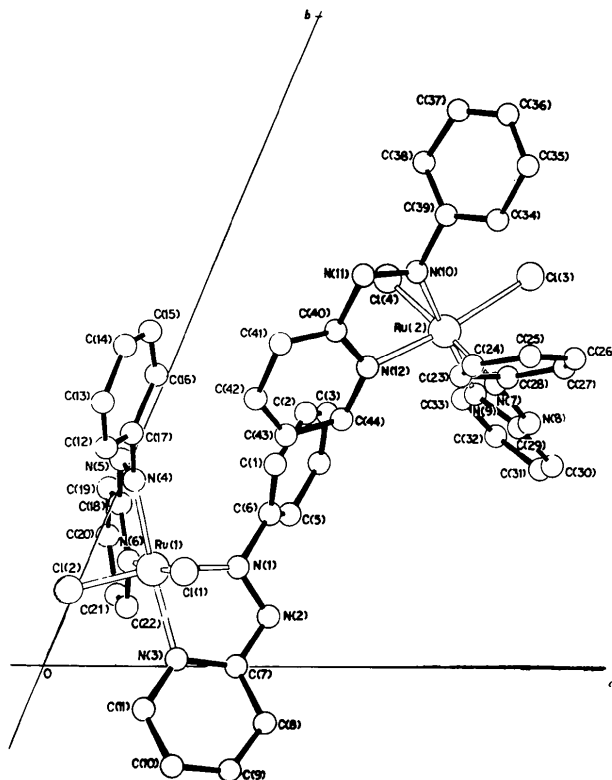


Fig. 3. Asymmetric unit of the structure of the C_1 isomer projected on the ab plane.

π -backbonding [$d\pi(\text{Ru}) \rightarrow \pi^*(\text{azo})$] power of the azo function is very considerable, making the net ($\sigma + \pi$) bond order larger in Ru—N(azo) compared to Ru—N(py). The relatively longer N—N distance [1.28–1.31 Å, compared, for example, to 1.257 (2) and 1.254 (2) Å in the structure of 1-phenylazoacetaldehyde oxime (Roy & Sengupta, 1980)] is in full accord with the π -backbonding hypothesis. Certain chemical, electrochemical and spectroscopic data also indirectly suggested the presence of this kind of bonding (Krause & Krause, 1982; Goswami, Chakravarty & Chakravorty, 1983).

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Bis(*tert*-butylthio)bis(η^5 -cyclopentadienyl)molybdenum(IV), $[\text{Mo}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{S})_2]$

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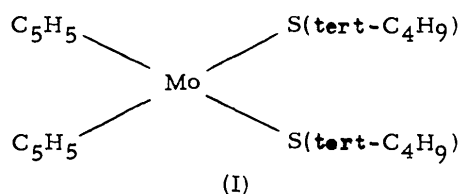
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Abstract. $M_r = 404.48$, orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 9.3424$ (8), $b = 13.461$ (1), $c = 14.884$ (1) Å, $V = 1871.78$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $D_x = 1.43$ g cm⁻³, $\lambda(\text{Cu } K\alpha) = 1.5418$ Å, $\mu = 77.89$ cm⁻¹, $F(000) = 840$, $T = 298$ K. Final $R(F) = 0.035$ for 1870 observed reflections. The Mo coordination is a distorted tetrahedron formed by the two S atoms of the *tert*-butylthio ligands and the ring normals to the cyclopentadienyl rings. These adopt an eclipsed orientation, giving the molecule an approximate C_{2v} symmetry. The Mo atom is at an average distance from the cyclopentadienyl rings of 2.006 (7) Å and the angle between the ring normals is 130.4 (3)°. The Mo—S bond lengths are 2.501 (1) and 2.491 (1) Å and the S—Mo—S bond angle is 71.1 (1)°.

Introduction. The structure analysis of (I) is a continuation of the investigation of complexes of the type $[\text{M}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{LL}']$. The structure of the $[\text{Ti}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{(SCH}_3)_2]$ complex was previously reported by Carrondo & Jeffrey (1983).



Experimental. $[\text{Mo}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\{\text{S}(\text{tert-C}_4\text{H}_9)\}_2]$ prepared by Clementina Teixeira, Centro de Química Estrutural (Dias, Martinho Simões & Teixeira, 1981). D_m estimated by flotation but not measured. Laue symmetry and systematic absences consistent with $P2_12_12_1$, crystal $0.28 \times 0.13 \times 0.067$ mm used to collect 1948 hkl intensities (range of hkl : h 0→11, k 0→16, l 0→17), 75 with $F_o < 3\sigma(F_o)$, θ - 2θ scans, $\theta_{\text{max}} = 66^\circ$, CAD-4 diffractometer, graphite-monochromated Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. Unit-cell parameters refined from 37 reflections, $40 < \theta < 48^\circ$. 303, 204, 040 used as standards, intensities showed no decay throughout data collection. Mo-atom position from