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\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}^{+} .\left[\mathrm{Os}_{6}(\mathrm{CO})_{18} \mathrm{H}\right]^{-}
$$

$91.8(2)^{\circ}$ and $0.978(3) \AA$ in $\left[\mathrm{FeCo}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{H}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{9}-\right.$ $\left\{\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}\right\}_{3}$ ] (Teller, Wilson, McMullan, Koetzle \& Bau, 1978), $93.9(3)^{\circ}$ and $0.907(6) \AA$ in $\left[\mathrm{Ni}_{4}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{H}\right)_{3}{ }^{-}\right.$ $\left(\eta-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{4}$ ] (Koetzle, Müller, Tipton, Hart \& Bau, $1979)$ and $95.7^{\circ}$ and $0.957(6) \AA$ for $\left[\mathrm{Rh}_{4}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{H}\right)_{4}^{-}\right.$ $\left(\eta\right.$ - $\left.\left.{ }_{5} \mathrm{Me}_{5}\right)\right]^{2+}$ (Ricci, Koetzle, Goodfellow, Espinet \& Maitlis, 1974). Therefore, the hydride lies closer to the trimetal plane here than in the other examples although the difference is not significant in the case of the $\mathrm{Ni}_{4}$ cluster. In $\left[\mathrm{Os}_{6}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{H}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{18}\right]^{-}$the $\mathrm{Os}-\mathrm{Os}$ distances in the bridged triangle (mean $2.968 \AA$ ) are notably longer than the other Os-Os lengths which may be separated into two classes, distinguishable owing to the near- $C_{3 v}$ symmetry of the cluster: those in the $\mathrm{Os}(1) \mathrm{Os}(2) \mathrm{Os}(3)$ triangle (mean $2.881 \AA$ ), and those connecting the two triangles (mean $2.863 \AA$ ). These values are in good agreement with those obtained at 200 K by X-ray diffraction in this work ( $2.963,2.881$ and $2.868 \AA$ ) and those reported for the $\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{~N}^{+}$salt by McPartlin et al. (1976) ( $2.973,2.872$ and $2.863 \AA$ respectively). These distances reflect the distortions in the $\mathrm{Os}_{6}$ framework that occur on protonation of $\left[\mathrm{Os}_{6}(\mathrm{CO})_{18}\right]^{2-}$ [cf. mean $\mathrm{Os}-\mathrm{Os}$ in the approximate $D_{3}$ symmetry dianion $2.863 \AA$ (McPartlin et al., 1976)]. These distortions and those in the surrounding carbonyl coordination sphere (note large $\mathrm{Os}-\mathrm{Os}-\mathrm{C}$ angles involving carbonyls cis to the hydride) were the basis for the assignment of the $\mu_{3}$ site for the hydride in $\left[\mathrm{Os}_{6}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{H}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{18}\right]^{-}$(McPartlin et al., 1976; Orpen,
1980). That assignment is fully confirmed by the present study.

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# Synthesis and Molecular Structure of Tetrabutylammonium Tetrachloro(pyrimidine-2-thiolato)technetate(IV) 

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#### Abstract

N}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right)_{4}\right]\left[\mathrm{Tc}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\right) \mathrm{Cl}_{4}\right], \quad M_{r}=594 \cdot 3\), triclinic, $P \overline{1}, \quad a=11 \cdot 182$ (6),$\quad b=11.505$ (4), $\quad c=$ 12.235 (4) $\AA, \quad \alpha=64.53$ (4),$\quad \beta=76.81$ (3),$\quad \gamma=$ 84.10 (5) ${ }^{\circ}, V=1383.5 \AA^{3}, Z=2, D_{x}=1.427 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$, $\lambda($ Mo $K \alpha)=0.71069 \AA, \quad \mu=0.97 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \quad F(000)=$ $614, T=297 \mathrm{~K}, R=0.058$ for 3670 unique observed reflections. The coordination about Tc is distorted octahedral with $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N} 2.087$ (6), $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S} 2.429$ (2) and $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl} 2.346$ (2)-2.396 (2) $\AA$. The $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S}$ angle is


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$67 \cdot 1(2)^{\circ}$, constituting the major angular distortion from ideal octahedral.

Introduction. The $\gamma$-emitting radionuclide ${ }^{99 m} \mathrm{Tc}$ is widely used as an imaging agent in diagnostic nuclear medicine. The biodistribution of ${ }^{99 m} \mathrm{Tc}$ following administration to the patient may be controlled by incorporating it in a coordination or organometallic compound. Both the nature of the ligand and the Tc oxidation state are important in determining the physical properties of the product complex and thus its
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biodistribution. The demonstration that lipophilic cationic complexes of ${ }^{99 m} \mathrm{Tc}$ can localize in the myocardium has stimulated interest in cationic compounds (Deutsch, Libson \& Jurisson, 1985; Jones, Abrams, Davison, Brodack, Toothaker, Adelstein \& Kassis, 1984).

In an attempt to prepare and characterize examples of such complexes we have been investigating the reactions of $\left[\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$with bidentate ligands containing a neutral nitrogen donor atom and an ionizable thiol group. In this way we hoped to prepare compounds of formula $\left[\mathrm{TcO} L_{2}\right]^{+}$containing the $\left\{\mathrm{TcON}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}\right\}^{+}$coordination shell. The reaction between $\left[\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]$ - and 2-mercaptopyrimidine afforded a brown crystalline product in low yield. Infra-red spectral data indicated the absence of a band attributable to $\mathrm{Tc}=\mathrm{O}$ but did indicate the presence of the thiolate ligand. A single-crystal X-ray diffraction study was undertaken to fully characterize this compound.

Experimental. Reagents were used as received and solvents were dried by standard techniques before use. $\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]^{+}\left[99 \mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$was prepared according to a previously described method but using $\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NBr}$ in place of $\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NCl}$ (Davison, Orvig, Trop, Sohn, DePamphilis \& Jones, 1980). Infra-red spectra were recorded on a PE 297 instrument.

## $\mathrm{Bu}_{4}^{n} \mathrm{~N}\left[\mathrm{TcCl}_{4}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)\right]$

To a solution of $\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]^{+}\left[\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]^{-} \quad(100 \mathrm{mg}$, 0.2 mmol ) in dry methanol ( 15 ml ) was added 2 mercaptopyrimidine ( $56 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). A brown solution formed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h . After this time the mixture was filtered to remove a black solid and the filtrate volume reduced by evaporation (to $c a 10 \mathrm{ml}$ ). Diethyl ether ( 6 ml ) was then added and the mixture cooled to $273-278 \mathrm{~K}$ for 72 h . The red-brown solid which separated was recrystallized from dichloromethane/ diethyl ether mixtures ( $16 \mathrm{mg}, 13 \%$ ). A crystal of size $0.3 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ was selected from this material for X-ray analysis.

Measurements were made on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer with Mo $K \alpha$ radiation. Lattice parameters were determined from the setting angles of 25 reflections ( $\theta 12-18^{\circ}$ ). Intensity data were measured with $\omega-2 \theta$ scans in the range $2<\theta<24^{\circ}$, index range $h \pm 12, k-11$ to $13, l 0$ to 13 . Two standard reflections measured every 2 h showed no significant variation over the period of data collection. 5451 reflections were scanned of which 4319 were unique, $R_{\text {int }}=0.019$, and 3670 were considered observed $[F>5 \sigma(F)]$ and were used in the analysis. No absorption correction was applied. The structure was solved by Patterson and Fourier methods. The H atoms of the pyrimidine ring were located in a difference Fourier map and included in the refinement at fixed positions. The H atoms of the

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ with e.s.d.'s in parentheses and isotropic temperature factors

|  |  | $\left(\AA^{2} \times 10\right.$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $U_{\mathrm{eq}}=\frac{1}{3}\left(U_{11}+U_{22}+U_{33}+2 U_{23} \cos \alpha+2 U_{13} \cos \beta+2 U_{12} \cos \gamma\right)$. |  |  |  |  |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }} / U$ |
| Tc | 1904 (1) | 1871 (1) | 1954 (1) | 33 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2998 (2) | 241 (2) | 3359 (2) | 38 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 727 (2) | 3542 (2) | 721 (2) | 38 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(3)$ | 534 (1) | 302 (2) | 2128 (2) | 31 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(4)$ | 3365 (2) | 1901 (2) | 229 (2) | 40 |
| S | 2763 (2) | 3463 (2) | 2364 (2) | 42 |
| N(1) | 825 (5) | 2171 (6) | 3445 (6) | 35 |
| C(2) | 1421 (7) | 3141 (7) | 3451 (7) | 36 |
| N(3) | 1020 (7) | 3740 (7) | 4188 (7) | 47 |
| C(4) | -72 (9) | 3323 (9) | 4981 (9) | 52 |
| C(5) | -743 (8) | 2358 (9) | 5035 (8) | 50 |
| C(6) | -281 (8) | 1768 (8) | 4239 (8) | 45 |
| N(11) | 7328 (5) | 2279 (6) | -83 (5) | 36 (1)* |
| C(11) | 6708 (7) | 1002 (7) | 815 (7) | 43 (2)* |
| C(12) | 7099 (8) | 338 (8) | 2061 (8) | 53 (2)* |
| C(13) | 6440 (9) | -879 (9) | 2835 (9) | 64 (3)* |
| C(14) | 6686 (11) | -1509 (12) | 4112 (11) | 91 (3)* |
| C(15) | 8680 (7) | 1993 (7) | -529 (7) | 42 (2)* |
| C(16) | 9416 (7) | 3135 (7) | -1528 (7) | 42 (2)* |
| C(17) | 10736 (7) | 2720 (8) | -1865 (8) | 50 (2)* |
| C(18) | 11580 (9) | 3847 (9) | -2747 (9) | 66 (3)* |
| C(19) | 6664 (7) | 2926 (7) | -1130 (7) | 39 (2)* |
| C(20) | 6695 (8) | 2235 (8) | -1965 (8) | 54 (2)* |
| C(21) | 5940 (9) | 2987 (9) | -2953 (9) | 59 (2)* |
| C(22) | 6443 (9) | 4271 (10) | -3868 (9) | 71 (3)* |
| C(23) | 7314 (7) | 3187 (7) | 552 (7) | 41 (2)* |
| C(24) | 6051 (8) | 3496 (9) | 1119 (8) | 57 (2)* |
| C(25) | 6185 (9) | 4213 (9) | 1914 (9) | 67 (3)* |
| C (26) | 6602 (12) | 3371 (13) | 3089 (12) | 103 (4)* |
| * Refined isotropic temperature factor. |  |  |  |  |

Table 2. Bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ in the complex anion

| $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2.384 (2) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.360 (10) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 2.366 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 1.333 (10) |
| $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(3)$ | 2.396 (2) | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.357 (11) |
| $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(4)$ | 2.346 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.373 (13) |
| $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 2.087 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 1.393 (12) |
| Tc-S | 2.429 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 1.368 (10) |
| S-C(2) | 1.713 (8) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 174.4 (1) | $\mathrm{Cl}(4)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S}$ | 100.6 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(3)$ | 91.0 (1) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S}$ | 67.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Tc} \mathrm{Cl}(4)$ | 92.3 (1) | $\mathrm{Tc} \cdot \mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 80.5 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 88.8 (2) | $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 102.9 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S}$ | 88.9 (1) | $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 137.8 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(3)$ | $90 \cdot 2$ (1) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 118.9 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(4)$ | 92.8 (1) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 125.1 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 85.8 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 115.5 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S}$ | 88.1 (1) | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 123.5 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(3)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}(4)$ | 98.8 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 118.6 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(3)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 93.4 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 118.4 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(3)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S}$ | $160 \cdot 6$ (1) | S-C(2)-N(1) | 109.1 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(4)-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 167.7 (2) | $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 125.7 (6) |

cation were placed in calculated positions 'riding' on their bonded C atoms. Coordinates were refined for the non- H atoms using full-matrix least squares on $F$ values with weights $w=1 / \sigma^{2}(F)$ from counting statistics. The atoms of the complex anion were assigned anisotropic thermal parameters; those of the cation were refined isotropically. The H atoms of the anion and those of the cation were each assigned one overall isotropic temperature factor ( 0.07 and $0.08 \AA^{2}$ respectively). The refinement was terminated when all shift/e.s.d. ratios were less than 0.01 and $R=0.058, w R=0.083$ for the 3670 observed reflections. The residual electron density


Fig. 1. Stereoscopic view of the anion and cation as they occur in the crystal, showing the atom-numbering scheme. The H atoms of the cation have been omitted.
in a final difference map was within $\pm 1 \cdot 15$ e $\AA^{-3}$ with all main peaks close to Cl atoms. Atomic scattering factors were taken from International Tables for $X$-ray Crystallography (1974); computations were carried out with SHELX (Sheldrick, 1978) and PLUTO78 (Motherwell \& Clegg, 1978).

Discussion. The product from the reaction between $\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]^{+}\left[\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$and 2-mercaptopyrimidine was expected to be $\left[\mathrm{TcO}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]+$ in which the four chloride ligands had been displaced by two thiolate ligands. However, the X-ray diffraction study revealed that the product isolated was the $\mathrm{Tc}^{\mathrm{IV}}$ complex $\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4}^{n} \mathrm{~N}\right]+\left[\mathrm{TcCl}_{4}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)\right]^{-}$, not a complex of $\mathrm{Tc}^{\mathrm{V}}$. Atomic coordinates are given in Table 1* and bond lengths and angles for the complex anion are in Table 2. The structure of the complex is illustrated in Fig. 1.

Formation of such a $\mathrm{Tc}^{\text {IV }}$ complex from a $\mathrm{Tc}^{\vee}$ precursor by one-electron reduction and oxygen abstraction is unusual, although such a reduction has been reported to occur in the reaction between $\left[\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$ and a dithiocarbamate ligand (duPreez, Gerber \& Knoesen, 1985). In this case a neutral $\mathrm{Tc}^{\text {IV }}$ tetrakisdithiocarbamate complex was formed in $87 \%$ yield. A more likely explanation for the formation of the title compound would be the presence of $\left[\mathrm{TcCl}_{6}\right]^{2-}$ as an impurity in the $\left[\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$used. Direct chloride substitution by the thiolate ligand would then lead to the observed $\mathrm{Tc}^{\mathrm{IV}}$ complex. A Tc analysis of the [ $\mathrm{Bu}_{4}^{n} \mathrm{~N}$ ][ $\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}$ ] used was carried out by scintillation methods. The values of 17.9 and $18.5 \%$ obtained are consistent with the presence of $c a 20 \%\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4}^{n} \mathrm{~N}\right]_{2}\left[\mathrm{TcCl}_{6}\right]$ in the $\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4}^{n} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{TcOCl}_{4}\right]$ precursor. This would in turn be in accord with the low yield of crystalline product obtained from the reaction.

The essentially octahedral coordination about Tc is distorted by the small $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{S}$ angle (see Table 2) of the four-membered chelate ring. The $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}$ angle trans to this angle is enlarged to $98.8(1)^{\circ}$. Despite the angular distortions, the atoms $\mathrm{Tc}, \mathrm{Cl}(3), \mathrm{Cl}(4), \mathrm{S}, \mathrm{N}(1)$, forming the basal plane of the octahedron, are coplanar

[^1]to within $\pm 0.01$ (1) $\AA$. The four-membered ring deviates by up to $\pm 0.04$ (1) $\AA$ from planarity. Formation of the chelate ring imposes considerable angular strain at $\mathrm{N}(1)$ and $\mathrm{C}(2)$, the exocyclic angles being greater by $34.9^{\circ}$ at $\mathrm{N}(1)$ and by $16.6^{\circ}$ at $\mathrm{C}(2)$, than the corresponding ring angle. The pyrimidine ring is planar to within the limits of experimental error. Excluding the two axial Cl atoms, $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$, the remaining ten non-H atoms of the anion are coplanar to within $\pm 0 \cdot 10$ (1) $\AA$.
In the structure of the analogous tetrachloro(salicylaldehydato)technetate(IV) in crystals of the tetraphenylphosphonium salt (Mazzi, Roncari, Bandoli \& Clemente, 1982) the octahedral coordination geometry about Tc is less distorted. Here chelation involves a six-membered ring and the maximum deviation of an angle at Tc from 90 or $180^{\circ}$ is only $6 \cdot 5^{\circ}$. The $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bond lengths in this anion range from 2.31 to $2.36 \AA$, mean $2.33 \AA$, somewhat shorter than the mean $\mathrm{Tc}-\mathrm{Cl}$ length of $2.373 \AA$ in the title compound. This is in accord with the more basic S and N donor atoms of the mercaptopyrimidine producing higher electron density on Tc than the more electronegative O donor atoms of the salicylaldehyde ligand.

The tetrabutylammonium counter ion has two of the butylammonium chains in the extended antiperiplanarantiperiplanar conformation, with $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ torsion angles all within $7(1)^{\circ}$ of $180^{\circ}$. The other two butylammonium chains have anti-periplanar-synclinal conformations [torsion angles 178 (1), 66 (1) and $\left.170(1),-72(1)^{\circ}\right]$. Bond lengths in the cation are normal, C-N $1.50(1)-1.54$ (1) $\AA$ and C-C 1.49 (1)-1.56 (1) $\AA$.

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# Structure of Tetraphenylphosphonium (Bipyridine)tetrachloromolybdate(III) [ $\mathrm{PPh}_{4}$ IIMoCl ${ }_{4}(\mathrm{bpy})$ ] 

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#### Abstract

P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{4}\right]\left[\mathrm{MoCl}_{4}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)\right], M_{r}=733.34\), triclinic, $\quad P \overline{1}, \quad a=9.211$ (1),$\quad b=12.840$ (1),$\quad c=$ 14.441 (2) $\AA, \quad \alpha=104.31$ (1), $\quad \beta=101.77$ (2), $\quad \gamma=$ $90.91(1)^{\circ}, \quad V=1616 \cdot 1(8) \AA^{3}, \quad Z=2, \quad D_{x}=$ $1.51 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \quad D_{m} \quad$ not measured, $\quad \lambda(\mathrm{Mo} K \alpha)=$ $0.71069 \AA, \mu=8.04 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, F(000)=742, T=272 \mathrm{~K}$, $R=0.035$ for 4891 reflexions with $I \geq 3 \sigma(I)$. Reaction of $\left[\mathrm{MoCl}_{4}(\mathrm{bpy})\right]$ with $\mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ in tetrahydrofuran gives $\mathrm{Li}\left[\mathrm{MoCl}_{4}(\right.$ bpy $\left.)\right]$. Metathesis using $\mathrm{PPh}_{4} \mathrm{Br}$ forms the deep purple title complex, which has been structurally characterized by X-ray crystallography. The Mo atom is surrounded by four Cl ions and a bipyridine ligand in a distorted octahedral arrangement. Average $\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{Cl}$ distance of $2.43 \AA$ is consistent with values found in other Mo ${ }^{\text {III }}$ complexes. Two $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distances of 3.37 and $3.38 \AA$ occur between bipyridine ligands across the centre of symmetry.


Introduction. The EXAFS data on nitrogenase and other molybdoenzymes (Cramer, Hodgson, Gillum \& Mortenson, 1978; Cramer et al., 1978) has stimulated intense research interest in the preparation of Mo-S complexes. We have studied the reaction of molydenum complexes with various sulfur-containing reagents (Povey \& Richards, 1984; Povey, Richards \& Shortman, 1986) and in continuation of this work lithium sulfide was investigated as a potential source of sulfur ligation.

With the aim of metathesising chloride for sulfide, the complex $\left[\mathrm{MoCl}_{4}(\right.$ bpy $\left.)\right]$ was treated with $\mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$, but reduction of the Mo centre occurred with the elimination of S to yield the red moisture-sensitive complex $\mathrm{Li}\left[\mathrm{MoCl}_{4}(\right.$ bpy $\left.)\right]$. Subsequent treatment by $\mathrm{PPh}_{4} \mathrm{Br}$ in methanol converted the lithium complex to the deep

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purple tetraphenylphosphonium analogue which is the subject of this structural investigation.

Experimental. Accurate unit-cell parameters were measured on a CAD-4 diffractometer using 25 accurately centred reflexions $\left(21 \leq \theta \leq 23^{\circ}\right)$ from a crystal of dimensions $0.3 \times 0.02 \times 0.15 \mathrm{~mm}$. A full hemisphere of reciprocal space was measured ( $0 \leq h \leq 11,-15 \leq$ $k \leq 15,-17 \leq l \leq 17$ ), $\theta$ limit $26^{\circ}, \omega / 2 \theta$ scan, scan speed $3.3^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}, 002$ reflexion monitored hourly. Variation of its intensity was insignificant during the data-collection period and after data reduction from a total of 6343 unique reflexions 4891 had $I \geq 3 \sigma(I)$. Intensity statistics indicated a centrosymmetric distribution and space group $P \overline{1}$ was assumed.
The solution to the structure was not straightforward. Routine application of the directmethods program MULTAN (Main, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq \& Woolfson, 1978) failed to produce a refinable structure in the first six solutions although all the heavy-atom peaks satisfied the vector distribution in the Patterson map. Reducing the space group to $P 1, M U L T A N$ then produced the correct structure from which the centre of symmetry was deduced. The correct solution in space group $P \overline{1}$ proved to be the eighth solution.

From an electron density map phased upon Mo, four Cl and P the coordinates of the four phenyl groups were obtained and refinement of structure amplitudes converged at $R=0.105$ with H atoms at calculated positions ( $d_{\mathrm{H}}=1.0 \AA$ ). An absorption correction by DIFABS (Waiker \& Stuart, 1983) reduced $R$ to 0.076 with minimum and maximum corrections 0.661 and $1-215$ respectively. Full-matrix anisotropic refinement © 1987 International Union of Crystallography


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