\& Saito, 1970; Loehlin \& Fleischer, 1976). The relatively large thermal parameters probably account for the individual deviations from the average. The bond angles approximate to the regular tetrahedral angle (Table 2). No orientational disorder of the O atoms is observed.

All six H atoms bonded to the N atoms participate in intermolecular hydrogen bonding (Table 2). Five act as donors to the O atoms in the carbonate group and perchlorate anion, and one donates to the O atom of the water molecule. The two H atoms from the water are also involved in intermolecular hydrogen bonding.

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# Structure of Di- $\mu$-tetrasulfido-bis $\left\{\operatorname{bis}\left[\mu\right.\right.$-(dimethylene)diphenylphosphoranyl-C, $\left.C^{\prime}\right]-$ digold(II) $(A u-A u)\}$ 

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#### Abstract

Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right\}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}\right]_{2}, \quad M_{r}=1897 \cdot 2\), triclinic, $\quad P \overline{1}, \quad a=12 \cdot 048$ (3),$\quad b=13.243$ (3),$\quad c=$ 10.756 (3) $\AA, \quad \alpha=113.42$ (2),$\quad \beta=110.92$ (2),$\quad \gamma=$ 85.40 (2) ${ }^{\circ}, \quad V=1467 \cdot 1$ (8) $\AA^{3}, \quad Z=1, \quad D_{x}=$ $2.147 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \quad \lambda($ Мо $K \alpha)=0.71073 \AA, \quad \mu=$ $10.4 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \quad F(000)=896, \quad T=298 \mathrm{~K}, \quad R=0.0674$ and $w R=0.0940$ for 137 variable parameters and 2062 reflections with $I>3 \sigma(I)$. The unit cell contains one centrosymmetric molecule consisting of two dimeric $\mathrm{Au}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ylides linked together by pairs of fouratom polysulfide bridges forming a 12 -atom heterocyclic ring. The Au-Au distance is 2.671 (2) $\AA$ and the $\mathrm{Au}-\mathrm{S}$ bond lengths range from 2.34 (2) to 2.41 (2) A.


Introduction. We recently described the syntheses and X-ray crystal structures of two unusual products obtained from reactions involving the addition of either $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ or $\mathrm{NaS}_{2}$ to the $\mathrm{Au}^{\text {II }}$ ylide dimer, $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Br}\right]_{2}$ (Fackler \& Porter, 1986). The products obtained from these reactions were unexpected: instead of simply substituting the axial $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$ligands with $\mathrm{HS}^{-}$, we obtained instead two compounds in which pairs of $A u^{\text {II }}$ ylide dimers were linked by four- and five-atom polysulfide bridges. One of these adducts, the more symmetrical of the two consisting of pairs of $\mathrm{Au}^{\text {II }}$ ylide dimers linked by a pair of four-atom polysulfide bridges, crystallized with two molecules of water per unit cell,
presumably as a result of using an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$. We have since repeated these reactions using the $\mathrm{Au}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ylide benzoate dimer, $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right]_{2}$, and have succeeded in obtaining in good yield another $\left\{\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right]_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}\right\}_{2}$ product, the structure of which we now report.


Experimental. The dinuclear $A u^{1}$ starting material, $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right]_{2}$, was prepared by a modification of the literature procedure (Schmidbaur \& Franke, 1975). $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right]_{2}$ was prepared by procedures that have been previously described (Porter \& Fackler, 1986). The sulfurbridged $\mathrm{Au}^{\mathrm{II}}$ complex was obtained by infusing a THF solution of $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]_{2}$ with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$, whereupon a deep-red color rapidly developed. Crystallization from a $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ /diethyl ether solution yielded numerous thin red plates with an approximate yield of $70 \%$ calculated on the basis of the amount of ylide used. A small, fairly regularly shaped crystal of approximate dimensions $0.1 \times 0.1$ $\times 0.02 \mathrm{~mm}$ was selected and mounted on the end of a glass fiber in a random orientation. Triclinic symmetry was suggested on the basis of interaxial angles and confirmed by a Delaunay reduction procedure. Refined cell parameters determined from the setting angles of 20 reflections with $20<2 \theta<25^{\circ}$. Data collection was carried out at ambient temperature using a Nicolet $R 3 / m$ diffractometer utilizing the $\omega$-scanning technique in bisecting geometry and graphite-monochromated Mo $K \alpha$ radiation. Scanrate variable, $2-30^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$, scan range, $1.8^{\circ}$ in $\omega$. Three standards ( $0 \overline{1} 0,001, \overline{1} 00$ ) measured every 100 data showed no significant variation over the period of data collection. During the process of data reduction, several reflections were deleted from the reflection set. 3556 unique reflections ( $\pm h, \pm k,+l ; h_{\text {max }}$ $=12, k_{\max }=14, \quad l_{\max }=11$ ) with $0<2 \theta<45^{\circ}$ $\left[(\sin \theta) / \lambda_{\max }=0.538 \AA^{\text {max }}\right]$ were obtained and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Absorption corrections applied empirically on the basis of azimuthal scans of seven strong reflections spanning a range of $2 \theta$ values (minimum and maximum transmission factors 0.244 and 0.858 , respectively). Struc-
ture solution carried out using the SHELXTL collection of crystallographic software, and refined using the SHELXTL PC crystallographic software package (Sheldrick, 1978, 1990). Au-atom positions determined from a sharpened Patterson map; remaining non- H atoms located on difference Fourier maps. $\mathrm{Au}, \mathrm{S}$, and P atoms refined anisotropically; phenyl rings refined as rigid idealized hexagons using H atoms included in idealized positions with fixed isotropic thermal parameters ( $U=$ $0.08 \AA^{2}$ ). Scattering factors, including terms for anomalous dispersion, taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV). Refinement based on $F$ using weights of the form $w^{-1}=\left[\sigma^{2}(F)+0.0025\left(F^{2}\right)\right]$. Convergence to conventional $R$ values of $R=0.0674$ and $w R=0.094$ with a goodness-of-fit of 1.49 obtained from 137 variable parameters and 2062 reflections with $I>3 \sigma(I)$. No reflections had intensities beyond the range for valid coincidence correction. For the final cycle, maximum shift/ $\sigma=0.000$ with minimum and maximum residual electron densities of -1.18 and $+5.81 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$ in the vicinity of $\mathrm{Au}(1)$.

Discussion. The asymmetric unit of this cell consists of one half of a centrosymmetric dimer. A view of the structure illustrating the atomic numbering scheme is presented in Fig. 1; in Fig. 2 a stereoview packing diagram of the complex is shown. Atomic positional parameters and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for all non- H atoms are presented in Table 1.* Bond distances and angles are summarized in Table 2.

The overall structures of the two Au ylide dimers in this complex are best described as being eightmembered heterocyclic rings containing two Au centers linked by a metal-metal bond with a conformation closely resembling that of a twist-boat by analogy with the various conformations typically seen in cyclohexane. The $\mathrm{Au}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atoms have squareplanar coordination geometries and are bridged symmetrically by the P ylide ligands. The observed internuclear Au-atom separation in this structure measures 2.671 (2) $\AA$, consistent with the presence of a metal-metal bond. Bond angles about the Au centre show some variation, ranging from a minimum of $82 \cdot 1(12)^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ to a maximum of $94.6(10)^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$. Bonds to the C atoms of the ylide ligands also exhibit some variation and range from a minimum of 2.09 (4) to a

[^0]maximum of 2.13 (3) $\AA$ for $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ and $\mathrm{Au}(2)-$ $\mathrm{C}(2)$, respectively.

Structural features of the polysulfide groups in the compound described here are similar to those observed in other transition-metal complexes containing large polysulfide ligands (Muller \& Diemann, 1987). Some of the $S$ atoms appeared to suffer from some degree of disorder and/or high-amplitude thermal motion. A difference Fourier map calculated using a model from which these atoms were deleted, however, showed no evidence for alternate positions, thus indicating that the refined positions were the principal contributors (at least $90 \%$ ) to the electron density in those regions.

The geometry of this complex is essentially identical to the product obtained from the reaction of $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Br}\right]_{2}$ with $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ in which two molecules of water were present in the unit cell (Fackler \& Porter, 1986). The observed S-S bond lengths for the anhydrous structure range from a minimum of


Fig. 1. A perspective view of the $\left\{\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right]_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}\right\}_{2}$ adduct illustrating the atomic numbering scheme. Thermal ellipsoids have been drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.


Fig. 2. A stereoview packing diagram projected down the crystallographic $c$ axis.

Table 1. Atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ and equivalent isotropic displacement coefficients $\left(\AA^{2} \times 10^{3}\right)$
Equivalent isotropic $U$ defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized $U_{i j}$ tensor.

|  | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {cq }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Au}(1)$ | 2688 (1) | 248 (1) | 4425 (1) | 44 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(2)$ | 4248 (1) | 1759 (1) | 4794 (12) | 50 (1) |
| S(1) | 1444 (9) | - 1038 (11) | 4499 (12) | 92 (7) |
| S(2) | 1765 (10) | - 2578 (10) | 3718 (13) | 94 (7) |
| S(3) | 6940 (11) | 2761 (15) | 4617 (13) | 133 (10) |
| S(4) | 5590 (11) | 3276 (11) | 5388 (13) | 105 (8) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 3641 (7) | -415 (8) | 1759 (9) | 47 (4) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 2468 (7) | 2756 (8) | 6494 (9) | 55 (5) |
| C(1) | 3176 (24) | - 1000 (24) | 2750 (30) | 40 (7) |
| C(2) | 4738 (25) | 667 (26) | 3027 (31) | 49 (8) |
| C(3) | 3990 (29) | 2831 (31) | 6689 (38) | 70 (10) |
| C(4) | 2110 (29) | 1368 (28) | 6049 (36) | 62 (9) |
| C(11) | 3566 (15) | -2477 (19) | -446 (24) | 62 (9) |
| C(12) | 4001 | -3305 | -1411 | 100 (14) |
| C(13) | 5125 | -3145 | - 1430 | 77 (11) |
| C(14) | 5813 | - 2158 | -484 | 72 (10) |
| C(15) | 5378 | -1331 | 481 | 54 (8) |
| C(16) | 4254 | - 1490 | 501 | 47 (8) |
| C(21) | 1257 (21) | 3338 (21) | 8394 (29) | 99 (14) |
| C(22) | 1082 | 3982 | 9688 | 141 (20) |
| C(23) | 1851 | 4909 | 10691 | 139 (19) |
| C(24) | 2796 | 5192 | 10401 | 89 (12) |
| C(25) | 2971 | 4547 | 9107 | 79 (11) |
| C(26) | 2202 | 3620 | 8104 | 54 (8) |
| C(31) | 2095 (16) | - 319 (14) | -846 (18) | 50 (8) |
| C(32) | 1151 | 97 | - 1665 | 65 (10) |
| C(33) | 512 | 919 | -985 | 55 (9) |
| C(34) | 818 | 1323 | 516 | 65 (10) |
| C(35) | 1763 | 907 | 1335 | 41 (7) |
| C(36) | 2401 | 85 | 654 | 33 (6) |
| C(41) | 2017 (15) | 3871 (20) | 4668 (25) | 67 (10) |
| C(42) | 1277 | 4327 | 3722 | 108 (15) |
| C(43) | 50 | 4067 | 3142 | 87 (12) |
| C(44) | -438 | 3353 | 3507 | 100 (14) |
| C(45) | 301 | 2897 | 4453 | 72 (10) |
| C(46) | 1529 | 3157 | 5033 | 51 (8) |

Table 2. Bond lengths $(\AA)$ and bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{Au}(2)$ | $2 \cdot 671$ (2) | $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 2.399 (15) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $A u(1)-C(1)$ | 2.134 (29) | $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 2.093 (35) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 2.413 (15) | $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $2 \cdot 129$ (31) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 2.085 (37) | S(1)-S(2) | 1.938 (18) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{S}(3 A)$ | 1.998 (18) | S(3)-S(4) | 2.033 (20) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.791 (41) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.767 (27) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 1.850 (23) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(36)$ | 1.811 (20) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.776 (38) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.753 (39) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | 1.781 (30) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(46)$ | 1.825 (28) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 170.9 (3) | $A u(2)-A u(1)-C(1)$ | 92.6 (9) |
| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 92.7 (10) | $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 92.4 (11) |
| $S(1)-A u(1)-C(4)$ | 82.4 (12) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 175.1 (15) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 172.7 (3) | $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 92.7 (10) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $94 \cdot 6$ (10) | $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $90 \cdot 6$ (12) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $82 \cdot 1$ (12) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 172.8 (11) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 116.2 (7) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{S}(3 A)$ | $103 \cdot 8$ (7) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{S}(2 A)$ | 103.2 (9) | $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{S}(3)$ | $112 \cdot 1$ (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 107.7 (15) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 109.4 (14) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 110.7 (13) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(36)$ | 111.6 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(36)$ | 110.9 (13) | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(36)$ | 106.5 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $105 \cdot 5$ (18) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | 112.7 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $110 \cdot 5$ (18) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(46)$ | $110 \cdot 8$ (18) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(46)$ | 109.5 (13) | $\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(46)$ | 107.9 (12) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 111.0 (15) | $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 113.4 (18) |
| $\mathrm{Au}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | $110 \cdot 6$ (14) | $A u(1)-C(4)-P(2)$ | 114.2 (23) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 118.5 (7) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 121.5 (7) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 119.9 (9) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $120 \cdot 1$ (9) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(36)-\mathrm{C}(31)$ | 121.3 (6) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(36)-\mathrm{C}(35)$ | 118.7 (6) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(46)-\mathrm{C}(41)$ | 119.1 (8) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(46)-\mathrm{C}(45)$ | $120 \cdot 1$ (8) |

1.94 (2) $\AA$ for $S(1)-S(2)$ to a maximum of $2.03(2) \AA$ for $S(3)-S(4)$. These values are well within the range normally observed in polysulfide linkages and compare well with those reported for orthorhombic sulfur ( $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{S}=2.06 \AA$ ).
$\left[\left\{\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right\}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}\right]_{2}$

It is interesting to note that the addition of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ to $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Br}\right]_{2}$ produces as the principal product the less symmetrical complex possessing four- and five-atom polysulfide bridges in good yield. In contrast, addition of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ to the $\mathrm{Au}^{\text {II }}$ benzoate derivative, $\left[\mathrm{Au}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right]_{2}$, produces a very symmetrical product containing two fouratom polysulfide bridges in nearly quantitative yield. The linear $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Au}-\mathrm{Au}-\mathrm{S}$ geometry undoubtedly plays a role in determining the most stable ring size; however, the reasons underlying the preferential formation of the product containing two four-atom $S$ bridges over that containing both four- and fiveatom S bridges remain unclear at this point.

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# A Molybdenum(II) Halide Cluster with (E)-Cinnamyl Alcoholate Ligands 

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#### Abstract

Single crystals of disodium octa- $\mu_{3}$-chloro-hexakis[(E)-cinnamyl alcoholato]-octahedro-hexa-molybdate(II)-acetonitrile-( $E$ )-cinnamyl alcohol $(1 / 3 / 1), \quad \mathrm{Na}_{2}\left[\mathrm{Mo}_{6} \mathrm{Cl}_{8}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right)_{6}\right] \cdot \mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{OH} .3 \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$, have been grown from acetonitrile. $M_{r}=1961 \cdot 6$, monoclinic, $C 2 / c, a=36.244$ (7), $b=8.430$ (2), $c=$ 31.679 (5) $\AA, \beta=127.48$ (2) ${ }^{\circ}, V=7681$ (3) $\AA^{3}, Z=$ $4, D_{x}=1.696 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \lambda($ Mo $K \alpha)=0.71069 \AA, \mu=$ $1.268 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=3896, T=213 \mathrm{~K}, R=0.0531$ for 2905 independent reflections with $F_{o}>4 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)$. The compound contains $\left[\mathrm{Mo}_{6} \mathrm{Cl}_{8}\right]^{4+}$-cluster units with six terminal ( $E$ )-cinnamyl alcoholate ligands, $d_{\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{Mo}}$ ranging from 2.596 (2) to 2.623 (2) $\AA$, $d_{\mathrm{MO}-\mathrm{cl}}$ from 2.480 (4) to 2.508 (5) $\AA, d_{\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{O}}$ from 2.012 (1) to 2.09 (2) A. The sodium ions have distorted tetrahedral environment.


Introduction. The synthesis of salts containing octahedral $\mathrm{Mo}_{6}$ clusters with methoxy, ethoxy or phenoxy ligands is well known (Nannelli \& Block, 1968, 1969) and so are the crystal structures of the methoxy derivatives (Chisholm, Heppert \& Huffman 1984). We are interested in the introduction of al-

[^1]coholate ligands with delocalized $\pi$-electron systems into clusters. ( $E$ )-cinnamyl alcoholate was chosen as a simple model ligand.

Experimental. The compound was obtained by metathesis of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{Mo}_{6} \mathrm{Cl}_{8}\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{6}$, prepared according to the procedure given by Nannelli \& Block (1968), with ( $E$ )-cinnamyl alcohol. A solution of $\mathrm{Na}_{2}-$ $\mathrm{Mo}_{6} \mathrm{Cl}_{8}\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{6}$ in (E)-cinnamyl alcohol was stirred at room temperature for 24 h . The methanol formed in the reaction distilled off continously under reduced pressure. Removal of excess ( $E$-cinnamyl alcohol left a yellow powder which was recrystallized from acetonitrile to form small orange columns. A suitable crystal of dimensions $0.10 \times 0.17 \times 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ was selected under petroleum, glued to the top of a 0.7 mm glass capillary and immediately transferred to an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer where it was cooled to 213 K in a cold $\mathrm{N}_{2}$-gas stream. Graphite-monochromatized Mo $K \alpha$ radiation; cell parameters from 25 reflections ( $19.0<2 \theta<25.2^{\circ}$ ); systematic absences consistent with $C 2 / c$; total of 10775 reflections measured with $3 \cdot 0<2 \theta<46.0^{\circ}$ in the range $-39 \leq h \leq 39,0 \leq k \leq 9,-34 \leq l \leq 34$; intensity variation of two standard reflections $1.09 \geq$
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[^0]:    * Lists of structure factors, hydrogen-atom coordinates, anisotropic thermal parameters, and phenyl-ring bond lengths and angles have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 54204 (12 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CHI 2HU, England.

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