spectrum (Figure 2) in the 19-23-eV IE region.

SCF ab initio IE values (Table IV) provide an accurate fitting of experimental IE values. Thus, bands a and b represent the ionization of  $9a'' (\pi_4)$  and  $8a'' (\pi_3)$  MOs, while bands  $c-e$  represent the ionization of 22a', 21a', and 7a" MOs, respectively.

This assignment is consistent with previous PE data for closely related species, including several  $T1(I)$  complexes.<sup>21</sup> It is noted, however that the IE presently attributed to 22a' MO represents the lowest value reported to date<sup>21,22</sup> for  $6s^{-1}$  ionization in Tl(I) compounds (Table IV). Besides the effects due to the partial charge on the **TI** atom and with the assumption of no differential relaxation energies upon ionization among the various Tl(1) complexes, this observation points to a more extensive covalent 6s-a' mixing.

Finally, we discuss the higher IE doublet  $(x, x'$  in Figure 2) structure. Reference to literature data clearly indicates that the features must be related to the  ${}^{2}D_{5/2}$  and  ${}^{2}D_{3/2}$  multiplet states produced upon production of the ionized 5d9 configuration of the metal center.<sup>21,22a</sup> As already observed for other "covalent"  $T1(I)$ complexes, $21$  there is no evidence of any fine structure due to "ligand field" splitting, which, conversely, proved ubiquitous in the spectra of  $T1(1)$  halides.<sup>22a</sup> This observation points to a "corelike" behavior of 5d subshells mostly sensitive to electrostatic perturbations rather than to covalent mixing involving differential overlaps. Finally, the average metal 5d IE (20.45 eV) is close to the lowest value observed to date for  $Ti(HB(pz)_3)^{21b}$  and consistently lower than the value observed for the Tl atom.22a This "chemical shift" has, however, been interpreted in terms of "extraatomic" relaxation due to the more polarizable ligand framework.21c

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## **Synthesis, Structure, and Properties of Oxidized Hexamolybdenum Clusters**   $[(Mo_6X_7Y)X'_6]^2$ <sup>-</sup>  $(X = X' = Cl, Br; Y = S, Se)$

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The synthesis, structure, and properties of Mo<sub>6</sub>(13+) species, which are obtained by the oxidation of Mo<sub>6</sub>(12+) species  $[(Mo_6X_7)X'_{6}]^3$  (X = X' = Cl, Br; Y = S, Se), are reported.  $(n-Bu_4N)_{2}[(Mo_6C1_{7}S)Cl_{6}]$  crystal  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(M_0C_1Se)Cl_6]$  crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P_2/n$  with  $a = 18.571$  (2)  $\AA$ ,  $b = 11.685$  (1)  $\AA$ ,  $c = 12.845$ (1) A,  $\beta = 90.12$  (1)°,  $V = 2787.1$  (5) A<sup>3</sup>, and  $Z = 2$ .  $(n-Bu_A V)_2 [(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$  also crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/n$  with  $a = 18.740$  (2) A,  $b = 11.647$  (2) A,  $c = 13.030$  (2) A,  $\beta = 90.05$  (1)°, species  $(Et_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_5)Cl_6]$  crystallizes in the tetragonal space group  $P4_2/mnm$  with  $a = 11.968$  (1)  $\AA$ ,  $c = 16.804$  (2)  $\AA$ ,  $V = 2406.8$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>, and  $Z = 2$ . The Mo-Mo distances of the Mo<sub>6</sub>(13+) clusters (2.626 (3) Å in [(Mo<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>, 2.628 (3) A in  $[(Mo_6C)_7Se)Cl_6]^2$ , 2.653 (3) A in  $[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]^2$  are slightly longer than those of the corresponding  $Mo_6(12+)$  species.<br>Absorption peak positions in the 1800-nm (5320–6060 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and 900-nm regions (10 500–11 capping and terminal ligands, but those in the range 480-650 nm (15 400-20400 cm-') depend **on** the ligand. Their **ESR** spectra at 77 K are axially symmetric  $(g_{\perp} = 2.12 - 2.15, g_{\parallel} = 2.05 - 2.07)$ . The electronic structure is discussed on the basis of these data.

Hexamolybdenum clusters provide various complexes with halides or chalcogenides as capping or terminal ligands. The complexes with eight capping halides  $[(M_0K_8)X'_6]^2$ <sup>-</sup> (X = X'  $=$  Cl, Br, I; Mo<sub>6</sub>,12+), are discrete ions, give strong red emissions,<sup>2,3</sup> and are oxidized and reduced with difficulty.<sup>2</sup> On the other hand, those with eight capping chalcogenides,  $M_0Y_s^{\prime\prime\prime}$  (Y  $=$  S, Se, Te), are nonstoichiometric in the superconducting solid Chevrel phase, in which the total oxidation number of six molybdenum atoms is in the range  $12+$  to  $16+.4$  (For convenience the oxidation number of  $Mo<sub>6</sub>$  moiety is expressed in parentheses after the moiety.) Although a variety of discrete hexamolybdenum clusters of  $Mo_6(12+)$  were reported,<sup>5-7</sup> halide clusters with oxidized

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Table I. Crystal Data and Details of the Structure Determinations<sup>a</sup>

		$Mo6(12+)$		
	$(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$	$(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6]$	$(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$	$(Et_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$
fw	1553.53	1600.42	1864.66	1770.48
	18.542 (2)	18.571(2)	18.740 (2)	11.968(1)
$a, \AA$ $b, \AA$	11.701(2)	11.685(1)	11.647(2)	
c, A	12.806(2)	12.845(1)	13.030(2)	16.804(2)
	90.21(1)	90.12(1)	90.05(1)	
$\beta$ , deg $V$ , $\AA$ <sup>3</sup>	2778.5(7)	2787.1(5)	2844.0 (7)	2406.8(4)
space group	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/n$	$P4_2/mnm$
z				
$\rho_{\rm calcd}$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.86	1.91	2.18	2.44
$\mu$ , cm	19.77	25.82	64.73	76.41
T <sup>o</sup> C	25	25	25	25
$\lambda(Mo K\alpha)$ , Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
R	0.044	0.044	0.052	0.049
$R_{\rm w}$	0.055	0.057	0.059	0.054

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<sup>a</sup> Agreement factors defined as  $R = \sum |F_0| - |F_c| / \sum |F_0|$  and  $R_w = \sum |w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum |w| F_0|^2 |^{1/2}$  with  $w = [\sigma^2 + (0.02|F_0|)^2]^{-1}$ .

molybdenum cores have not been isolated. Oxidized discrete clusters with eight capping chalcogenide ligands,  $[(Mo_6Y_8)(PEt_3)_6]$  $= C_2H_5$ ), were synthesized by Saito et al.,<sup>8</sup> but discrete Mo<sub>6</sub>(13+) and  $Mo_6(14+)$  species are not known. We reported the synthesis, structure, and properties of hexamolybdenum cluster complexes with mixed capping ligands, one chalcogenide and seven halides.<sup>9</sup> These cluster complexes were found to be oxidized more easily than those with eight capping halides. We now report the synthesis, structure, and properties of such discrete  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  species. (Mo<sub>6</sub>,16+) and  $[(Mo_6Y_8)(PEt_3)_6]$ <sup>-</sup> (M<sub>06</sub>,15+) (Y = S, Se; Et

## **Experimental Section**

Reagents. Acetonitrile and dichloromethane for electrochemical measurements were distilled twice with  $P_2O_5$  and once with CaH<sub>2</sub>, respectively. Other reagents were of guaranteed grade and used without further purification. Complexes with  $Mo_6(12+)$  cores,  $(n-Bu_4N)_3$ -<br>[ $(Mo_6X,Y)Cl_6$ ] (X, Y = Cl, S; Cl, Se; Br, S; Mo<sub>6</sub>,12+) (Bu = C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>),

were prepared by the literature method.<sup>9</sup><br>Syntheses.  $(n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)$ <sub>2</sub>(Mo<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>S)Cl Syntheses.  $(n-Bu_4N)\frac{1}{4}(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,13+)$ .  $(n-Bu_4N)$ <sub>3</sub>-<br>[ $(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,12+)$  (100 mg) was dissolved in 30 cm<sup>3</sup> of concentrated  $HC1/CH_3OH$  (1/10 v/v). Aqueous bromine was dripped with stirring until a red precipitate formed. This was filtered off, washed with 20% aqueous HCI, and dried in vacuo. Yield: 75%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{72}N_2Cl_{13}Mo_6S$ : C, 24.74; H, 4.67; N, 1.80; Cl 29.67. Found: C, 24.68; H, 4.59; N, 1.80; CI, 29.41.

 $(n-Bu_4N)\frac{1}{4}(Mo_6Cl_7S)Br_6] (Mo_6.13+)$ . Aqueous bromine was added to the HBr/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1/10 v/v) solution of  $(n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>]$  $(Mo<sub>6</sub>,12+)$  (100 mg). The black crystals were filtered off after 12 h, washed with 20% aqueous HBr, and dried in vacuo. Yield: 80%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{72}N_2Br_6Cl_7Mo_6S$ : C, 21.22; H, 3.99; N, 1.54. Found: C, 21.51; H, 4.01; N, 2.06.

 $(Mo<sub>6</sub>,12+)$  was dissolved in concentrated HCI/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1/10 v/v). Concentrated HNO<sub>3</sub> was added dropwise to the solution until the solution turned green. The green precipitate was filtered off, washed with 20% aqueous HCI, and dried in vacuo. Yield: 70%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{72}N_2Cl_{13}Mo_6Se: C, 24.02; H, 4.53; N, 1.75. Found: C, 23.82; H,$ 4.50; N, 1.76.  $(n-Bu_4N)$  **d**  $(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6$ ] (Mo<sub>6</sub> $13+)$ .  $(n-Bu_4N)$ <sub>3</sub>  $[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6]$ 

 $(n-Bu_4N)\text{1}(Mo_6Cl_2Se)Br_6]$  (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+). This complex was prepared by a method similar to that for  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6]$  by use of HBr instead of HCl. Yield: 72%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{72}N_2Br_6Cl_7Mo_6Se:$ C, 20.59; H, 3.89; N, 1.50. Found: C, 20.61; H, 3.88; N, 1.54.

 $(n-Bu_4N)_2(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6$ ] (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+). This was prepared from (n- $Bu_4N$ <sub>3</sub> $[(Mo_6^-Br_7S)Cl_6]$  by a similar method to that for  $(n-Bu_4N)_2$ -C, 20.61; H, 4.17; N, 1.50. Found: C, 20.53; H, 3.79; N, 2.07.  $[(M_{06}Cl_7S)Cl_6]$ . Yield 88%. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{72}N_2Br_7Cl_6Mo_6S$ :

C, 20.61; H, 4.17; N, 1.50. Found: C, 20.53; H, 3.79; N, 2.07.<br> **X-ray Structure Determination.**  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6X_7Y)Cl_6](X, Y = Cl_6)$ <br>
S; CI, Se; Br, S; Mo<sub>6</sub>.13+). Single crystals of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$ 20.61; H, 4.17; N, 1.50. Found: C, 20.53; H, 3.79; N, 2.07.<br>**X-ray Structure Determination.** (n-Bu<sub>d</sub>N)d(Mo<sub>d</sub>X<sub>Y</sub>Y)Cl<sub>d</sub>{(X, Y = Cl,<br> $\frac{1}{2}$ 

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Table II. Final Positional Parameters and  $B_{eq}$  Values (A<sup>2</sup>) for the Significant Atoms of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,13+)^\circ$ 

atom	$\boldsymbol{x}$	$\mathcal{Y}$	$\boldsymbol{z}$ and $\boldsymbol{z}$	$B_{\rm eq}^{\quad b}$
Mo(1)	8507 (3)	6373(5)	4885 (4)	3.13(1)
Mo(2)	4882 (3)	$-13450(5)$	$-3136(4)$	3.24(1)
Mo(3)	1927(3)	5421 (5)	$-13339(4)$	3.31(1)
X(1)	5241 (9)	23750 (15)	$-5072(14)$	4.41(4)
X(2)	10697 (8)	$-11875(15)$	14155 (12)	3.96(4)
X(3)	$-1655(9)$	$-13619(16)$	$-20015(12)$	4.39(5)
X(4)	14414 (8)	$-1333(16)$	$-10790(12)$	4.25(4)
Cl(1)	19657 (9)	14521 (16)	11428(15)	4.95(5)
Cl(2)	11261 (10)	-30784 (17)	$-7738(17)$	5.69(6)
Cl(3)	4307 (11)	11892 (20)	$-30981(14)$	6.03(6)

"Positional parameters have been multiplied by 10<sup>5</sup>.  $b_{B_{eq}} = \frac{3}{4}$ .  $[\sum_{i}\sum_{j}\beta_{ij}a_{i}a_{j}].$ 

**Table III.** Final Positional Parameters and  $B_{\infty}$  Values  $(\hat{A}^2)$  for the Significant Atoms of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_2Se)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,13+)^\alpha$ 

atom	$\mathbf{x}$	y	$\boldsymbol{z}$	$B_{eq}^{\phantom{eq}b}$
Mo(1)	8477 (3)	6406(6)	4913 (5)	2.96(2)
Mo(2)	4886 (3)	$-13489(6)$	$-3117(5)$	3.05(2)
Mo(3)	1960(3)	5447 (6)	$-13302(5)$	3.12(2)
X(1)	5249 (9)	24042 (15)	$-5072(14)$	4.19(5)
X(2)	10727 (8)	$-12141(14)$	14336 (12)	3.40(4)
X(3)	$-1586(9)$	$-13727(16)$	$-20103(13)$	4.35(5)
X(4)	14493 (9)	$-1317(18)$	$-10768(14)$	4.69(5)
Cl(1)	19591 (11)	14562 (19)	11479 (18)	4.96(6)
Cl(2)	11252 (13)	$-30802(21)$	$-7658(20)$	5.76(7)
Cl(3)	4414 (13)	11873 (25)	$-30857(17)$	6.11(8)

**Positional parameters have been multiplied by 10<sup>5</sup>.** *b***<sub>Beq</sub> =**  $\frac{3}{4}$ **-** $[\sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} a_i a_j].$ 

Table IV. Final Positional Parameters and  $B_{\infty}$  Values ( $\hat{A}^2$ ) for the Significant Atoms of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,13+)^\alpha$ 

atom	x		$\mathbf{z}$	$B_{eq}^{\ b}$	
Mo(1)	8381 (8)	6566 (15)	5211 (12)	3.05(5)	
Mo(2)	5034 (9)	$-13448(15)$	$-3088(13)$	3.10(5)	
Mo(3)	2153(9)	5721 (16)	$-13120(12)$	3.30(5)	
X(1)	5374 (12)	25352 (19)	-4796 (18)	4.32(7)	
X(2)	10965 (12)	$-12631(21)$	14853 (17)	4.40 (7)	
X(3)	$-1240(12)$	$-14127(21)$	$-20908(17)$	4.42 (7)	
X(4)	15164 (12)	$-913(23)$	$-10562(18)$	5.25(7)	
Cl(1)	19305 (27)	14658 (47)	12119(43)	5.13 (18)	
Cl(2)	11543 (29)	–30686 (49)	-7538 (45)	5.73(19)	
Cl(3)	4804 (31)	12494 (57)	$-30312(40)$	6.29(21)	

<sup>a</sup> Positional parameters have been multiplied by 10<sup>5</sup>.  $^{b}B_{eq} = \frac{3}{4}$ - $[\sum_i \sum_j \beta_i, a_i a_j].$ 

 $(Mo_6,13+)$  and  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,13+)$  were obtained by layering hexane on dichloromethane solution of the complexes. *(n-* $Bu_4N$ <sub>2</sub>[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>] (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+) was crystallized from hot concentrated  $\text{HCI}/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (1/10 v/v) solution. Intensity data were collected on a Rigaku AFC-5 or AFC-5R four-circle diffractometer at 25  $^{\circ}$ C by use of the  $\theta$ -2 $\theta$  scan technique and graphite-monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$ 

**Table V.** Final Positional Parameters and  $B_{eq}$  Values  $(A^2)$  for the Significant Atoms of  $(Et_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,12+)^a$ 

atom	x	ν	z	$B_{\infty}^{\quad \, \circ}$	
Mo(1)	7826 (4)	7826	7834 (4)	1.60(1)	
Mo(2)	10962(6)	$-10962$		1.56(2)	
X(1)	10966 (6)	$-10966$	15528(5)	2.43(2)	
X(2)	26209(9)	4476 (9)	o	2.41(3)	
Cl(1)	18268 (16)	18268	18166 (15)	3.28(4)	
Cl(2)	25439 (19)	$-25439$	o	2.93(6)	

**Positional parameters have been multiplied by**  $10^5$ **.**  $^bB_{\infty} = \frac{3}{4}$ **.**  $[\sum_{i}\sum_{j}\beta_{ij}a_{i}a_{j}].$ 

radiation  $(\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å})$ . The intensities were corrected for Lorentz polarization factors and absorption effects but not for extinction. The cell dimensions were determined by a least-squares calculation by using  $25^{\circ}$  <  $2\theta$  < 30° values measured on the diffractometer. Crystallographic data are listed in Table I.

The three complex **salts** had isomorphous monoclinic unit cells (space group  $P2_1/n$ ). The structure was solved with three-dimensional Patterson maps and refined by the full-matrix least-squares program RADIEL.<sup>10</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were located from the successive Fourier syntheses and included in the refinement. The positions of capping chalcogenide atoms were not distinguished from those of capping halide atoms. Accordingly, all the capping atoms were refined with the scattering factor of  $\frac{1}{8}Y + \frac{7}{8}X$ . The scattering factors and anomalous scattering correction were taken from ref 11. Other crystal data correction and refinement parameters are summarized in Table I. The positional and equivalent thermal parameters of the clusters are listed in Tables 11-IV.

 $(Et_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,12+).$   $(Et_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$  $(Mo<sub>6</sub>, 12+)$  (Et = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) was crystallized by slow diffusion of an  $(n-1)$  $Bu_4N$ <sub>3</sub>[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>] solution into a Et<sub>4</sub>NCl solution. A vessel of 2-cm diameter was placed in a taller vessel of 3-cm diameter. The HCI/ CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1/10 v/v) solutions of  $(n-Bu_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$  and Et<sub>4</sub>NCl were filled in the inner and the outer vessels, respectively. Large crystals grew on the wall of the inner vessel after 12 h. Intensity data were collected on a Rigaku AFC-5R four-circle diffractometer. Other conditions were similar to those for  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6X_7Y)Cl_6]$ . The systematic absence indicated that space group was  $P4n2$ ,  $P42n$ m, or  $P42$ *mnm.* The structure was solved of the centric space group  $P_4$ /mnm with Patterson maps. There are two sites of capping ligand  $(X(1)$  and  $X(2))$ in an asymmetric unit. At first both of them were refined by the scattering factor of  $\frac{i}{s}S + \frac{7}{s}Br$ , but their thermal parameters were quite different. Then the population of sulfide and bromide at each site was also refined. Other crystal data correction and refinement parameters are summarized in Table I. The positional and equivalent thermal parameters of the cluster are listed in Table V.

Measurements. Absorption spectra were measured with a Hitachi 3400 spectrophotometer. ESR spectra were recorded on a JEOL FE2XG or JES2XG EPR spectrometer. Electrochemical measurements in  $CH<sub>3</sub>CN$  and  $CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>$  were carried out with a Yanaco P-1100 polarographic analyzer or a Hokuto HA-5O1G **potentiostat/galvanostat** and an HB-105 function generator. The working and the counter electrode were glassy carbon and platinum, respectively. Reference electrodes were Ag-AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 M; M = mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN and Ag-AgCl in  $CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>$ . The supporting electrolyte was 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub>, and the sample concentration was  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M. The potentials was related with the ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc+) couple.

## **Results and Discussion**

**Syntheses.** We have pointed out that the capping ligands of  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(12+)$  cluster complexes are replaced with much more difficulty than the terminal ligands. All the new complexes were prepared by the oxidation of  $Mo_{6}(12+)$  clusters with the given capping and terminal ligands. Bromine was used as an oxidizing reagent for the cluster complexes with capping sulfide, *(n-* $Bu_4N$ <sub>2</sub>[(M<sub>06</sub>X<sub>7</sub>S)X'<sub>6</sub>] (X, X<sup>7</sup> = Cl, Cl; Cl, Br; Br, Cl; Br, Br), but not for those with capping selenide which were prepared by oxidation with nitric acid.

The oxidizing reagents were chosen on the basis of the oxidation potential. The aimed oxidized products were crystallized from the reaction mixture because of their low solubilities.



**Figure 1.** Crystal structure of  $(Et_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6] (Mo_6,12+)$ . The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability.



Figure 2. Crystal structure of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6] (Mo_6,13+).$ The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability.





 ${}^{\circ}$  Key: (')  $-x$ ,  $-y$ , z; ('')  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $-z$ .

Crystal and Molecular Structure. We reported the X-ray crystal structure of  $Mo<sub>6</sub>$  cluster complexes in the  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(12+)$  state with mixed capping ligands.<sup>9</sup> The tetraethylammonium salt of one complex,  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>$ , is now synthesized, and its crystal structure is given for comparison (Figure 1). Its bond distances and angles are listed in Table VI. The populations of sulfide and bromide at the two capping sites are not identical. The  $X(1)$  and  $X(2)$  sites consist of  $\frac{5\%}{5}$  **S** + 95% Br and 20% S + 80% Br, respectively. It is reasonable that the  $Mo-X(1)$  distances are longer than the  $Mo-X(2)$  distances.

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Table VII. Bond Distances  $(A)$  and Angles (deg) of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6X,Y)Cl_6]$  (X, Y = Cl, S; Cl, Se; Br, S; Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)<sup>a</sup>

		$\overline{X, Y}$				X, Y	
	Cl, S	Cl, Se	Br, S		Cl, S	Cl, Se	Br, S
			Distances				
$Mo(1)-Mo(2)$	2.623(1)	2.629(1)	2.645(2)	$Mo(2)-X(2)$	2.466(2)	2.493(2)	2.589(3)
$Mo(1)-Mo(3)$	2.632(1)	2.634(1)	2.659(2)	$Mo(2)-X(3)$	2.474(2)	2.489(2)	2.603(3)
$Mo(1)-Mo(2')$	2.626(1)	2.626(1)	2.653(2)	$Mo(2)-X(4)$	2.471(2)	2.486(2)	2.586(3)
$Mo(1)-Mo(3')$	2.614(1)	2.616(1)	2.648(2)	$Mo(3)-X(1)$	2.468(2)	2.492(2)	2.601(3)
$Mo(2)-Mo(3)$	2.623(1)	2.627(1)	2.643(3)	$Mo(3)-X(2')$	2.461(2)	2.486(2)	2.596(3)
$Mo(2)-Mo(3')$	2.636(1)	2.638(1)	2.663(2)	$Mo(3)-X(3)$	2.476(2)	2.493(2)	2.603(3)
av Mo-Mo	2.626(3)	2.628(3)	2.653(3)	$Mo(3)-X(4)$	2.467(2)	2.479(2)	2.579(3)
$Mo(1)-X(1)$	2.474(2)	2.500(2)	2.608(3)	av Mo-X	2.470(2)	2.490(3)	2.596(4)
$Mo(1)-X(2)$	2.476(2)	2.517(2)	2.610(3)	$Mo(1)-Cl(1)$	2.423(2)	2.423(2)	2.426(5)
$Mo(1)-X(3')$	2.471(2)	2.487(2)	2.599(3)	$Mo(2)-Cl(2)$	2.422(2)	2.415(3)	2.420(6)
$Mo(1)-X(4)$	2.461(2)	2.476(2)	2.570(3)	$Mo(3)-Cl(3)$	2.425(2)	2.421(2)	2.427(6)
$Mo(2)-X(1')$	2.469(2)	2.486(2)	2.605(3)	av Mo-Cl	2.423(1)	2.421(2)	2.425(2)
			Angles				
$Mo(2)-Mo(1)-Mo(3)$	59.87(2)	59.88 (2)	59.76 (6)	$X(1)$ -Mo(1)-X(3')	89.80(6)	89.76 (6)	89.91 (9)
$Mo(1)-Mo(2)-Mo(3)$	60.22(2)	60.17(3)	60.39(7)	$X(1)$ -Mo(1)-X(4)	89.40(6)	89.50(6)	89.51(9)
$Mo(1)-Mo(3)-Mo(2)$	59.90(2)	59.95(2)	59.85(6)	$X(2)-Mo(1)-X(3)$	90.22(6)	90.23(6)	90.40(9)
$Mo(2)-Mo(1)-Mo(3')$	60.43(2)	60.39(2)	60.41(6)	$X(2)-Mo(1)-X(4)$	90.14(6)	90.15(6)	90.13(9)
$Mo(1)-Mo(2)-Mo(3')$	59.62 (2)	59.57(2)	59.85(6)	$X(1')-Mo(2)-X(2)$	89.13(6)	88.81(6)	89.12(9)
$Mo(1)-Mo(3')-Mo(2)$	59.95(2)	60.04(2)	59.74 (6)	$X(1')-Mo(2)-X(3)$	89.84(6)	90.04(6)	89.91 (9)
$Mo(2')-Mo(1)-Mo(3)$	60.17(2)	60.20(2)	60.16(6)	$X(2)-Mo(2)-X(4)$	90.13(5)	90.46(6)	90.23(9)
$Mo(1)-Mo(2')-Mo(3)$	60.03(2)	60.06(2)	60.04(6)	$X(3)-Mo(2)-X(4)$	90.39(6)	90.31(6)	90.70 (9)
$Mo(1)-Mo(3)-Mo(2')$	59.80(2)	59.74(2)	59.80 (6)	$X(1)-Mo(3)-X(2')$	89.25(6)	88.84 (6)	89.06 (9)
$Mo(2)-Mo(1')-Mo(3)$	60.06(2)	60.14(2)	59.81(6)	$X(1)$ -Mo(3)-X(4)	89.40(6)	89.60(6)	89.48 (9)
$Mo(1')-Mo(2)-Mo(3)$	59.75(2)	59.75 (2)	60.00(6)	$X(2')-Mo(3)-X(3)$	90.43(6)	90.83(6)	90.59 (9)
$Mo(1')-Mo(3)-Mo(2)$	60.19(2)	60.11(2)	60.19(6)	$X(3)-Mo(3)-X(4)$	90.45(6)	90.39(6)	90.82(9)
$Mo(1)-X(1)-Mo(2')$	64.18(5)	63.57(5)	61.16(7)	$X(1)$ –Mo(1)–Cl(1)	93.54(6)	93.30(7)	92.32 (14)
$Mo(1)-X(1)-Mo(3)$	64.35(5)	63.71(5)	61.40(7)	$X(2)$ –Mo(1)–Cl(1)	92.02(6)	91.77(7)	89.92 (14)
$Mo(2')-X(1)-Mo(3)$	64.53(5)	64.01(5)	61.53(7)	$X(3')-Mo(1)-Cl(1)$	91.97(6)	91.77(7)	90.64(14)
$Mo(1)-X(2)-Mo(2)$	64.12(4)	63.29(4)	61.16(8)	$X(4)$ -Mo(1)-Cl(1)	92.55(6)	92.35(7)	90.62 (14)
$Mo(1)-X(2)-Mo(3')$	63.95(4)	63.06(4)	61.14(7)	$X(1')-Mo(2)-Cl(2)$	93.87(6)	93.33(7)	91.80 (15)
$Mo(2)-X(2)-Mo(3')$	64.67(4)	63.98(4)	61.77(7)	$X(2)-Mo(2)-Cl(2)$	93.94(6)	93.31(7)	91.74 (15)
$Mo(1')-X(3)-Mo(2)$	64.14(4)	63.69(5)	61.31(7)	$X(3)-Mo(2)-Cl(2)$	91.08(6)	90.84(7)	89.34 (15)
$Mo(1')-X(3)-Mo(3)$	63.80(5)	63.38(5)	61.20(7)	$X(4)-Mo(2)-Cl(2)$	$91.91(6)$ .	91.82(7)	90.39(15)
$Mo(2)-X(3)-Mo(3)$	63.98(4)	63.64(5)	61.02(7)	$X(1)$ -Mo(3)-Cl(3)	94.73(6)	94.49 (7)	93.00 (15)
$Mo(1)-X(4)-Mo(2)$	64.26(4)	63.99(5)	61.72(8)	$X(2')-Mo(3)-Cl(3)$	92.35(6)	91.88(7)	90.82 (15)
$Mo(1)-X(4)-Mo(3)$	64.55(4)	64.24(5)	62.17(7)	$X(3)-Mo(3)-Cl(3)$	90.50(6)	90.14(7)	88.76 (15)
$Mo(2)-X(4)-Mo(3)$	64.15(4)	63.89(5)	61.55(7)	$X(4)-Mo(3)-Cl(3)$	92.83(6)	92.45 (7)	91.27 (15)

 $^{\alpha}$  Key: (')  $-x, -y, -z$ .

Figure 2 shows the crystal structure of  $(n-Bu_4N)_{2}$ - $Cl_6$ ] (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+). Bond distances and angles of each compound are listed in Table VII. Sulfur and selenium atoms are statistically disordered over the eight capping sites in each compound.  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>] (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)$ , which is isomorphous with  $(n Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6] (Mo_6, 13+)$  and  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Br_7S)-$ 

Tetra-n-butylammonium salts of the three  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  clusters have isomorphous monoclinic unit cells with  $(n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>$ - $[(W_6Cl_8)Cl_6]$   $(W_6,12+)$  and  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(W_6Br_8)Br_6]$   $(W_6,12+)$ , and the cesium salts of  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]^{3-} (Mo_6,12+),^9$  $(Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)$ <sup>12</sup> have isomorphous triclinic unit cells. The crystal structures of these hexametal clusters must be controlled by the overall charge and the kind of counterion of the cluster complexes rather than by the formal oxidation number of the hexametal core.  $[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6]^{3-} (Mo_6, 12+),^9$  and  $[(Mo_6Cl_6Se_2)Cl_6]^{3-}$ 

The average bond distances in several  $Mo<sub>6</sub>$  clusters are listed in Table VIII. The average Mo-Mo distance in  $[(M_0C1_7S)Cl_6]^2$ The Mo-Mo distances in these  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  clusters are slightly longer (0.016-0.017 Å) than those in the  $Mo_6(12+)$  clusters of corresponding ligand set. The average Mo-Mo distance in the bromide sulfide capped cluster with the  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  state is 0.015 **Å** longer than those in the  $Mo_{6}(12+)$  species with the same ligands. It is 0.027 Å longer than those in  $\text{Mo}_6(13+)$  species with chloride-sulfide capping ligands.  $(Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)$  is very similar to that in  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>Se)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)$ .

The longer Mo-Mo distances in the  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  species compared to those in  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(12+)$  are explained by the loss of one

Table VIII. Average Bond Distances (Å) in Selected Mo<sub>6</sub> Clusters

complexes <sup>a</sup>	Mo-Mo	Mo- $X_c^b$	Mo-Cl, <sup>c</sup>
	$Mo6(12+)$		
$(H_3O)_2[(Mo_6Cl_8)Cl_6]\cdot 6H_2O^4$	2.595(4)	2.46(1)	2.406(7)
$(TMTTF)_{2}[(Mo_{6}Cl_{8})Cl_{6}]^{\sigma}$	2.607(2)	2.472(2)	2.424(3)
$(pyH)_3[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$	2.604(2)	2.473 (4)	2.454(4)
$(pyH)$ <sub>1</sub> $(Mo6Cl7S)Cl6l3pyHCV$	2.610(2)	2.475(5)	2.456(3)
$Cs_3[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]·H_2Og$	2.609(2)	2.479(2)	2.468(5)
$Cs_1[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6] \cdot H_2O^2$	2.612(3)	2.501(3)	2.471(6)
$(Et_4N)_3[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]^h$	2.638(6)	2.606(6)	2.464 (14)
	$Mo_6(13+)$		
$(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]^h$	2.626(3)	2.470 (2)	2.423(1)
$(n-Bu_4N)$ , $[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Cl_6]^h$	2.628(3)	2.490(3)	2.421(2)
$(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]^h$	2.653(3)	2.596(4)	2.425(2)

 $\text{u}^{\text{t}}$ TMTTF<sup>+</sup> = tetramethyltetrathiafulvalenium ion, py = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N, Et  $= C_2H_5$ , Bu =  $C_4H_9$ . <sup>b</sup>X<sub>c</sub> is the capping ligand. <sup>c</sup>CI<sub>t</sub> is the terminal chloride ion. <sup>d</sup>Reference 6. eReference 7. FReference 13. <sup>8</sup>Reference 9. \*This work.

electron from the bonding orbitals.<sup>14</sup> A similar trend is observed  $(W_6, 13+; 2.649 \text{ Å})$ .<sup>16</sup> The longer Mo-Mo distance in between  $[(W_6Br_8)Br_6]^2$ <sup>-</sup>  $(W_6, 12+; 2.635 \text{ Å})^{15}$  and  $[(W_6Br_8)Br_6]$  $[(M_0 \cdot B r_7 S)Cl_6]^{2-} (M_0 \cdot B r_7 S)Cl_6]^{2-}$ 

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**Figure 3.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6] (Mo_6,13+)$ in dichloromethane: scan rate, 100 mV/s; working electrode, glassy carbon; counter electrode, platinum; reference electrode, Ag/AgCl; 1 **X**   $10^{-3}$  M salt in 0.1 M n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub>.

**Table IX.** Electrochemical Data for  $Mo_6(13+)$  Clusters

	$E_{1/2}$ , V vs Fc/Fc <sup>+a</sup> (in CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> )		$E_{1/2}$ , V vs Fc/Fc <sup>+ b</sup> (in CH, CN)	
complexes	$12+13+$	$13+ / 14+$	$12+13+$	
$[(Mo6Cl7S)Cl6]2-$	$+0.14$	$+0.9c$	$+0.28$	
$[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Br_6]^{2-}$	$+0.18$	$+0.9c$	$+0.33$	
$[(Mo6Cl7Se)Cl6]2-$	$+0.11$	$+0.8c$	$+0.23$	
$[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Br_6]^{2-}$	$+0.17$	$+0.8c$	$+0.28$	
$[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]^{2-}$	$-0.11$	$+0.56$	$+0.14$	

 ${}^aE_{1/2}$  values measured by use of an Ag/AgCl reference electrode are related to the Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup> potential measured in the same media.  ${}^bE_{1/2}$ values measured for M<sub>06</sub> (12+) species by use of an Ag/0.1 M AgNO<sub>3</sub> reference electrode are related to Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>. 'The potential was not determined accurately because of a decomposition reaction.

 $(Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)$  and  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>Se)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)$  must result from the "matrix effect"<sup>17</sup> due to the larger bromide ion since the Mo-Mo distance in  $[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]^{3/2} (Mo_6, 12+)$  is longer than that in  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]^{3-} (Mo_6, 12+)$ .

The average Mo-Cl<sub>t</sub> (Cl<sub>t</sub> = terminal chloride) distances in Mo6(13+) (2.421 (2)-2.425 (2) **A)** are shorter than those in the Mo6( 12+) clusters with the mixed capping ligands **(2.454**  (4)-2.471 (6) Å) and are similar to those in  $[(M_0C_8C_8)C_6]^2$ - $(Mo<sub>6</sub>,12+)$ . Such a difference is explained by the electrostatic attraction between  $Mo_6X_7Y^{n+}$  and Cl<sup>-</sup>.

The average Mo- $X_c$  ( $X_c$  = capping ligand) distance of each  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(13+)$  cluster complex is slightly shorter than that in the  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(12+)$  with the same ligands, but the difference is not so large as that in Mo-Cl<sub>t</sub>. The contraction may result not only from electrostatic attraction but also from electronic structural change.

**Cyclic Voltammetry.** Figure 3 shows the cyclic voltammogram quasi-reversible wave corresponding to an oxidation and a reduction process are observed. The reduction process must correspond to the change from  $Mo_6(13+)$  to  $Mo_6(12+)$ . The oxidation process is regarded as a one-electron step,  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  to  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(14+)$ , on the basis of the comparison of peak current with that at the reduction process. Similar oxidation processes are observed for all other cluster complexes, but the potentials are not determined accurately since these processes are close to the following decomposition step. Electrochemical data are summarized **in** Table IX.  $(CV)$  of  $[(M_0 \cdot Br_7S)Cl_6]^2$ <sup>-</sup>  $(M_0 \cdot Br_7S)Cl_6$ <sup>2-</sup> (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution. Two

CH3CN9 are also included in Table **IX** for comparison. The redox potential of  $Mo_6(13+)$  to  $Mo_6(12+)$  depends on the solvent. The redox potentials of the  $12+/13+$  stage in  $CH_2Cl_2$  are slightly negative compared to those in CH<sub>3</sub>CN. The oxidation of  $Mo<sub>6</sub>$ - $(13+)$  to  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(14+)$  in CH<sub>3</sub>CN causes decomposition of the M<sub>06</sub> unit **in** all the cluster complexes. **On** the other hand, the oxidation of  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  to  $Mo_{6}(14+)$  is observed as a chemically reversible wave in  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The reason for such a difference is not clear, but there is a possibility to obtain  $[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_6]$ <sup>-</sup>  $(Mo_6,14+)$ The  $E_{1/2}$  values of  $(n-Bu_4N)_3[(Mo_6X_7Y)X'_6]$  (Mo<sub>6</sub>,12+) in



**Figure 4.** ESR spectrum of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,13+)$  in frozen (77 K)  $\text{HCl}/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (1/10 v/v).

**Table X.**  $g$  Values of  $Mo_6(13+)$  Clusters at 77 K

complexes	$g_{\perp}$	gι	
$[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]^{2-a}$	2.12	2.05	
$[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Br_6]^{2-a}$	2.12	2.05	
$[(Mo6Cl7Se)Cl6]2-b$	2.15	2.05	
$[(Mo_6Cl_7Se)Br_6]^{2-b}$	2.15		
$[(Mo6Br7S)Cl6]2-d$	2.13	2.07	

<sup>a</sup>In frozen CH<sub>3</sub>CN/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (1/1 v/v) solution. <sup>b</sup>In frozen CH<sub>2</sub>-Cl<sub>2</sub> solution.  $C$ Too broad to identify the parallel peak.  $d$ In frozen  $H\ddot{C}$ 1/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1/10 v/v) solution.

by an oxidation reaction in  $CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>$ .

The cyclic voltammogram of the  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  species is quasireversible in  $CH<sub>3</sub>CN$  but changes with time. The anion  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]^2$ <sup>-</sup>  $(Mo_6, 13+)$  gives only a one-electron reduction wave in CH<sub>3</sub>CN immediately after dissolution. The wave has the same pattern as that of the oxidation wave of the  $Mo_{6}(12+)$ species, and the  $E_{1/2}$  value is  $+0.14$  V vs Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>. When the solution was aged **in** the absence of air and water, a new quasireversible peak appears at 0.35 V **vs** Fc/Fc+, and the intensity of the old **peak** decreases. This change accompanies the change of electronic spectra. Other cluster complexes give similar changes of the CV in  $CH<sub>3</sub>CN$  at a greater or smaller rate.

The time dependence of  $CV$  in  $CH<sub>3</sub>CN$  solution may be ascribed to the formation of a solvolyzed cluster complex in the reduced form,  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_5(CH_3CN)]$ <sup>-</sup> (Mo<sub>6</sub>,12+). The reason is as follows. No time-dependent change of CV is observed in  $CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>$  solution. The characteristic UV absorption peaks of  $[(\text{Mo}_6\text{Cl}_7\text{S})\text{Cl}_6[^{2-}(\text{Mo}_6,13+)]$  decrease in CH<sub>3</sub>CN. The difference of  $E_{1/2}$  values between the two waves observed for the aged CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution is similar to that between  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3</sup>$  and  $[(Mo_6Br_7S)Cl_5(CH_3CN)]^2$  in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, which was isolated as the tetra-n-butylammonium salt.<sup>18</sup> Although the mechanism of tetra-n-butylammonium salt.<sup>18</sup> formation of solvolyzed cluster is unknown, these observations suggest a possibility of synthesis of cluster complexes which have one terminal acetonitrile ligand,  $[(M_0K_YY)X_5(CH_3CN)]^{2-}$ , from  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(13+)$  species.

**ESR Spectra.** The ESR spectra in frozen HCl/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1/10)  $v/v$ ) and frozen CH<sub>3</sub>CN/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (1/1  $v/v$ ) solution are measured soon after dissolution, Figure 4 shows the ESR spectrum of  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>$  in frozen  $CH<sub>3</sub>CN/C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>$  solution at 77 K. The spectrum pattern remains unchanged as temperature is lowered to 10 K. The signal is explained as an axially symmetric  $S = \frac{1}{2}$  system with no hyperfine splitting. The g-tensor values of five clusters (Table X) are quite similar to each other and are slightly larger than those of electrochemically generated  $[(\text{Mo}_6\text{Cl}_8)\text{Cl}_6]$ <sup>-</sup> (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+)  $(g_\perp = 2.10, g_\parallel = 2.0)$ .

The ESR data indicate that the HOMO of these  $Mo_{6}(13+)$ clusters is nondegenerated. Possible HOMO's of  $O_h$  symmetrical  $Mo_6X_8^{4+}$  clusters are all degenerated (e.g. e<sub>g</sub>, t<sub>2u</sub>, t<sub>2g</sub>).<sup>14</sup> Gray et al. pointed out, **on** the basis of its axially symmetric ESR data, that the depopulation of an  $e_8$  HOMO caused a tetragonal distortion **on** the electrochemical oxidation of the hexamolybdenum cluster complex capped by chlorides.28 Introduction of one capping chalcogenide ligand can bring about a distortion of the  $Mo<sub>6</sub>$ skeleton from  $O_h$  symmetry even in the Mo<sub>6</sub>(12+) state. The open-shell electronic state of a  $Mo_{6}(13+)$  cluster can also be an



**Figure 5.** Electronic absorption spectra of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$ methane.  $(Mo_6, 13+, a)$  and  $(n-Bu_4N)_3[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6, 12+, b)$  in dichloro-

**Table XI.** Electronic Absorption Peaks of Tetra-n-butylammonium Salts (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+) in Dichloromethane

complexes	λ, nm	$\nu$ , cm <sup>-1</sup>	$\epsilon$ , M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>
$[(Mo6Cl7S)Cl6]2$	1750	5710	95
	919	10900	129
	489	20400	959
$[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Br_6]^{2-}$	1750	5710	117
	949	10500	207
	562	17800	1410
$[(M_0C1,Se)Cl_6]^2$	1700	5880	101
	889	11200	129
	609	16400	915
$[(Mo6Cl7Se)Br6]2$	1650	6060	142
	923	10800	204
	648	15400	1310
$[(M_0, Br_7S)Cl_6]^{2-}$	1900	5260	94
	929	10800	108
	515	19400	868

origin of distortion. We were unable to detect the molecular distortion from the X-ray structure determination because of the disorder of our complexes in the crystal. The similarity of the present **ESR** spectral pattern to those observed by Gray et al., however, indicates a possibility of a similar distortion of the hexametal core with the mixed capping ligands.

**Electronic Absorption Spectra.** Figure 5 compares the electronic absorption spectrum of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(\text{Mo}_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$  (Mo<sub>6</sub>,13+) with that of  $(n-Bu_4N)_3[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]$   $(Mo_6,12+)$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The former gives three absorption peaks in the range **400-2200** nm, which are not observed in the latter. Other cluster complexes with the Mo6( 13+) core also have **three** absorption **peaks** in this region **(480-650,** -900, and - **I800** nm). Absorption spectra of the five  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(13+)$  complexes in the visible region are exemplified in *Figure* **6.** Absorption **peaks** and their absorption coefficients are summarized in Table XI.

The **peaks** of  $Mo_6(13+)$  species in the 900- and 1800-nm regions are little affected by the change of capping and terminal ligands and have small  $\epsilon$  values (ca. 100  $M^{-1}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>). These facts imply that the bands are due to the transition from a doubly-occupied Mo-Mo bonding orbital to the half-occupied Mo-Mo bonding orbital.

The position of the peaks of  $Mo_6(13+)$  species in the range of 480–650 nm depends on both the capping and the terminal ligands. When the capping chlorides are replaced by bromide in  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2</sup>$ , the peak gives a red shift by 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Substitution of bromide for the terminal chlorides in  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]^2$  causes a larger red shift  $(2600 \text{ cm}^{-1})$  of the band. The replacement of the capping sulfide by a selenide gives a much



**Figure 6.** Electronic absorption spectra of  $(n-Bu_4N)_2[(Mo_6X_7Y)X'_6]$  $(Mo_6,13+)$  in dichloromethane: (a)  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Cl_6]^2$ ; (b)  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Br_6]^2$ ; (c)  $[(Mo_6Cl_7S)Br_6]^2$ ; (e)  $[(Mo<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>7</sub>S)Cl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>.$ 

larger red shift (4OOO cm-l). **These** band must **be** due to the ligand to metal charge transfer because they have large **c** value and depend on the capping and terminal ligands.

In  $Mo_6(13+)$  and  $W_6(13+)$  cluster complexes with eight capping ligands no absorption band was reported in the range **800-2200** nm. This work provides first observation of the absorption band in this region for the  $Mo<sub>6</sub>(13+)$  complexes.

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**Supplementary Material Available:** Tables **of** all crystal data, final positional parameters and equivalent thermal parameters of countercations, and anisotropic thermal parameters and a figure showing absorption spectra of the UV and near-IR regions of all the complexes **(10**  pages); tables of calculated and observed structure factors **(75** pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.