

Synthesis, Structure and Electrochemistry of $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3(\mu_3\text{-S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$

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Reaction of $\text{MoO}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2$ with $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in acetone at reflux afforded $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3(\mu_3\text{-S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ($1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$) which was characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction to show a dinuclear ruthenium-dithiocarbamate species as cation and hexamolybdate as counter anion. The $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3(\mu_3\text{-S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]^+$ cation may be considered as a combination of $[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3]$ with a *cis*- $[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]^+$ species, and the Lindqvist anion $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]^{2-}$ is located on an inversion center between two cations. Spectroscopic properties along with the electrochemistry of compound $1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ are reported.

Key words: Ruthenium, Dithiocarbamate, Hexamolybdate, Synthesis, Crystal Structure, Electrochemistry

Introduction

Transition metal complexes of *N,N*-dialkyldithiocarbamates (R_2NCS_2) are of interest because of their resemblance to the active centers of metal-sulfur proteins [1]. It is very remarkable to note that Matsumoto and co-workers demonstrated electron-rich ruthenium dithiocarbamate complexes to be potentially useful for multielectron catalysis [2]. Although dithiocarbamate complexes of ruthenium are well-known, the most widely studied are the coordinatively saturated binary Ru(II) and Ru(III) complexes [3]. The typical tris-chelate complexes $\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)_3$ ($\text{R} = \text{alkyl}$) are very stable both in solution and in the solid state [4, 5], however, several interesting reactions may result in the formation of new complexes with new structural modes. For example, the reaction of $\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)_3$ with BF_3 gas under aerobic conditions gave a mixed-valence Ru(II)-Ru(III) complex $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)_5][\text{BF}_4]$ [6], and treatment of $\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)_2(\text{DMSO})_2$ ($\text{DMSO} = \text{dimethyl sulfoxide}$) with I_2 gave the linear Ru(II)-Ru(III)-Ru(III) trimer $[\text{Ru}_3(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)_6(\text{DMSO})_2](\text{I}_3)_2$ [7].

The current interest in polymolybdates arises from their compositional range and structural versatility,

as well as important optical, magnetic, catalytic and medicinal properties [8, 9]. Many reactions in solution and in the solid state have shown that the formation of a particular polymolybdate depends on the nature of the cation and the reaction conditions. Hexamolybdates are an important class of polymolybdates because of the high symmetry of the anion and the concomitant capability to form interesting derivatives [10]. Examples of hexamolybdates crystallizing with complex cations as counterions are $[\text{M}_2(\text{MeCN})_{10}][\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]_2$ ($\text{M} = \text{Re, Rh, Mo, W}$) [11], $[\text{FeCl}(\text{DMF})_5][\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ [12], $[(18\text{-crown-6})\text{K}]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ [13], $[\text{Mo}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)_4]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ [14], $[\text{Mo}_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-H})(\eta\text{-Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PPh}_2)]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]\cdot 4\text{THF}$ [15], $[(\text{PhC}_5\text{Me}_5)\text{Cl}(\text{MeCN})_2]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ [16], $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{dibenzo-24-crown-8})][\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ [17], and $[\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2]_2[\text{W}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ [18]. The $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]^{2-}$ anions in these complexes are acquired by anion exchange, while in some other cases they are produced by oxidation reactions of the corresponding low-valent molybdenum reactants, or by transformations of hexavalent molybdenum compounds. $[\text{Ag}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]\cdot 3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ was obtained from the reaction of $\text{Ag}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{NO}_3$ and $\text{K}_4\text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8$ in $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ in which oxidation of

Mo(IV) to Mo(VI) occurred due to the hydrolysis of [Mo(CN)₈]⁴⁻ [19]. [MoS₄Cu₄(γ-Mepy)₄][Mo₆O₁₉] was synthesized from the reaction of [MoS₄]²⁻ and copper(I) in γ-methylpyridine in which thiomolybdate(VI) hydrolyzed to hexamolybdate(VI) in an inert solvent [20]. [MoNAr(S₂CNEt₂)₃]₂[Mo₆O₁₉] was isolated from the reaction of MoO(Cl₂)(S₂CNEt₂)₂ and ArNH₂ in the presence of triethylamine as a base [21]. A family of molybdates of composition [Mo₂O₅L₆][Mo₆O₁₉] (L = H₂O, dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, dibutyl sulfoxide, tributylphosphane oxide, triphenylphosphane oxide, hexamethylphosphoramide) were formed in the reactions of MoO₂(acac)₂ (acac = acetylacetonate) with ligands L under mild conditions [22]. The reactions involved the transformation of hexavalent molybdenum atoms only in certain compositions. As a part of our interest in ruthenium-sulfur chemistry, we devoted our efforts to develop the reactions of rutheniumdithiocarbamate-based complexes [23]. We report here the reaction of MoO₂(S₂CNMe₂)₂ and RuCl₃·xH₂O in wet acetone solution, which resulted in the formation of a new compound [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]₂[Mo₆O₁₉]·2CH₃COCH₃ (1·2CH₃COCH₃) with a dinuclear ruthenium dithiocarbamate species as cation and hexamolybdate as counter anion.

Experimental Section

General

All solvents were commercial products of high purity and used as received. MoO₂(S₂CNMe₂)₂ was prepared according to a procedure described in the literature [24]. RuCl₃·xH₂O was purchased from Alfa Ltd. The infrared spectrum was recorded on a Digilab FTS-40 spectrophotometer with use of pressed KBr pellets. Elemental analyses were carried out using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN analyzer. The magnetic moment of the solid sample was measured by a Sherwood magnetic susceptibility balance at r.t. Cyclic voltammetry was performed with a Princeton Applied Research (PAR) model 273A potentiostat. The working and reference electrodes were glassy carbon and Ag/AgNO₃ (0.1 M in acetonitrile), respectively. Potentials were reported with reference to the ferrocenium-ferrocene (Cp₂Fe^{+/0}) couple.

Synthesis of [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]₂[Mo₆O₁₉]·2CH₃COCH₃ (1·2CH₃COCH₃)

A mixture of [MoO₂(S₂CNMe₂)₂] (74 mg, 0.20 mmol) and RuCl₃·xH₂O (40 mg, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (25 mL) and the mixture stirred overnight at r.t.

Table 1. Crystal data, data collection parameters and details of the structure refinement.

Complex	[Ru ₂ (S ₂ CNEt ₂) ₃ (μ ₃ -S ₂ CNEt ₂) ₂] ₂ [Mo ₆ O ₁₉]·2CH ₃ COCH ₃
Empirical formula	C ₃₆ H ₇₃ N ₁₀ O ₂₁ S ₂₀ Mo ₆ Ru ₄
Formula weight	2602.16
Color, habit	red, block
Crystal size, mm ³	0.16 × 0.12 × 0.06
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a, Å	14.9040(2)
b, Å	10.1775(1)
c, Å	26.8518(4)
β, deg	94.129(1)
Volume, Å ³	4062.46(9)
Z	2
Density (calcd.), g cm ⁻³	2.1
Absorption coefficient, mm ⁻¹	2.193
Temperature, K	296(2)
F(000), e	2548
Radiation; wavelength, Å	MoK _α ; 0.71073
Reflections collected	39266
Independence reflections	9313 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 8.64 %)
Reflections with <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ(<i>I</i>)	5268
Parameters refined	451
Final <i>R</i> 1/ <i>wR</i> 2 (all data) ^a	0.068/0.091
Goodness of fit (GoF) ^b	0.96
Final diff. peaks (max/min), e Å ⁻³	+0.54/−0.61

^a *R*1 = Σ||*F*_o| − |*F*_c||/Σ|*F*_o|; *wR*2 = [Σw(|*F*_o² − |*F*_c²||)/Σw|*F*_o²|]^{1/2}, *w* = [σ²(*F*_o²) + 0.0306*P*² + 0.0000*P*], where *P* = (*F*_o² + 2*F*_c²)/3;

^b GoF = [Σw(|*F*_o| − |*F*_c||)²/(*N*_{obs} − *N*_{param})]^{1/2}.

A color change from dark green to red was observed. Addition of 10 mL Et₂O resulted in a little grey-yellow precipitate. A clear red solution was obtained by filtration. Red block crystals of 1·2CH₃COCH₃ were directly grown by slow evaporation from an acetone/Et₂O solvent mixture within a week. Yield: 57 mg, 41 %. – FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν = 1714 (vs), 1662 (s), 1587 (vs), 1514 (s), 1461 (m), 1436 (m), 1383 (m), 1203 (m), 980 (s), 952 (m), 921 (vs), 902 (s), 849 (m), 806 (s), 775 (w), 745 (m), 658 (s), 487 (m). – Magnetic moment μ_{eff} = 1.89 μ_B at 296 K. – Anal. for C₃₆H₇₂N₁₀O₂₁S₂₀Mo₆Ru₄·2(C₃H₆O): calcd. C 16.6, H 2.29, N 5.38; found C 16.2, H 2.23, N 5.33.

Crystal structure determination

A single crystal of 1·2CH₃COCH₃ was mounted on a glass fiber. Diffraction data were collected on a Bruker SMART Apex CCD diffractometer with MoK_α radiation at 296 K using an ω scan mode. The collected frames were processed with the software SAINT [25]. The data were corrected for absorption using the program SADABS [26]. The structure was solved by Direct Methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares on *F*² using the SHELXTL software package [27]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]₂[Mo₆O₁₉]·2Me₂CO.

Ru(1)–S(1)	2.4057(15)	Ru(1)–S(2)	2.3975(17)
Ru(1)–S(3)	2.4131(16)	Ru(1)–S(4)	2.4044(16)
Ru(1)–S(5)	2.3320(15)	Ru(1)–S(10)	2.3148(17)
Ru(2)–S(5)	2.3057(16)	Ru(2)–S(6)	2.4131(16)
Ru(2)–S(7)	2.4063(15)	Ru(2)–S(8)	2.4219(15)
Ru(2)–S(9)	2.4060(16)	Ru(2)–S(10)	2.2963(15)
Ru(1)–Ru(2)	2.7930(6)	Mo(1)–O(2)	1.678(4)
Mo(1)–O(8)	1.898(4)	Mo(1)–O(4)	1.926(4)
Mo(1)–O(3)	1.932(4)	Mo(1)–O(1)	1.935(4)
Mo(1)–O(9)	2.3087(5)	Mo(2)–O(6)	1.677(4)
Mo(2)–O(10)	1.886(4)	Mo(2)–O(1) ^{#1}	1.928(4)
Mo(2)–O(4)	1.928(4)	Mo(2)–O(5)	1.953(4)
Mo(2)–O(9)	2.3262(5)	Mo(3)–O(7)	1.672(4)
Mo(3)–O(5) ^{#1}	1.887(4)	Mo(3)–O(3) ^{#1}	1.911(4)
Mo(3)–O(8)	1.955(4)	Mo(3)–O(10)	1.959(4)
Mo(3)–O(9)	2.3207(6)		
S(10)–Ru(1)–S(5)	104.78(5)	S(10)–Ru(1)–S(2)	163.80(6)
S(5)–Ru(1)–S(2)	88.70(6)	S(10)–Ru(1)–S(4)	90.97(6)
S(5)–Ru(1)–S(4)	101.41(6)	S(2)–Ru(1)–S(4)	95.18(6)
S(10)–Ru(1)–S(1)	98.74(6)	S(5)–Ru(1)–S(1)	87.34(5)
S(2)–Ru(1)–S(1)	72.52(5)	S(4)–Ru(1)–S(1)	164.90(6)
S(10)–Ru(1)–S(3)	86.21(6)	S(5)–Ru(1)–S(3)	167.52(6)
S(2)–Ru(1)–S(3)	81.48(6)	S(4)–Ru(1)–S(3)	72.05(6)
S(1)–Ru(1)–S(3)	96.94(6)	S(10)–Ru(2)–S(5)	106.24(6)
S(10)–Ru(2)–S(9)	74.24(5)	S(5)–Ru(2)–S(9)	101.43(6)
S(10)–Ru(2)–S(7)	157.99(6)	S(5)–Ru(2)–S(7)	93.60(5)
S(9)–Ru(2)–S(7)	92.84(5)	S(10)–Ru(2)–S(6)	107.36(6)
S(5)–Ru(2)–S(6)	74.50(5)	S(9)–Ru(2)–S(6)	175.88(6)
S(7)–Ru(2)–S(6)	86.78(6)	S(10)–Ru(2)–S(8)	90.11(5)
S(5)–Ru(2)–S(8)	161.93(5)	S(9)–Ru(2)–S(8)	90.23(5)
S(7)–Ru(2)–S(8)	71.85(5)	S(6)–Ru(2)–S(8)	93.56(5)
Ru(1)–S(5)–Ru(2)	74.06(5)	Ru(1)–S(10)–Ru(2)	74.56(5)

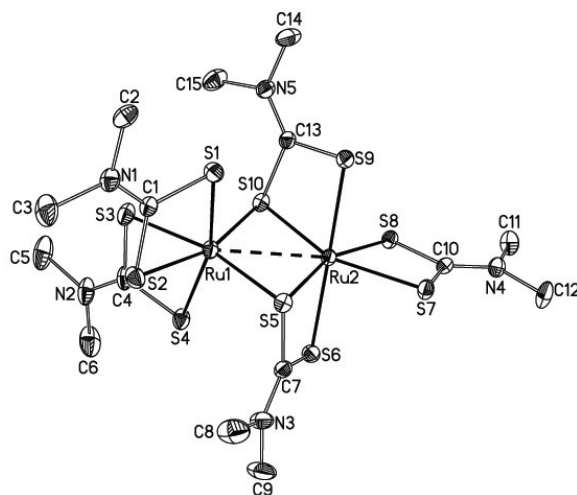
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anisotropically. The positions of all hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically ($C_{sp^3}-H = 0.96$ Å) and included in the structure factor calculations with assigned isotropic displacement parameters but were not refined. Crystal data, data collection parameters and details of the structure refinement are given in Table 1.

CCDC 719657 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Results and Discussion

When the mixture of [MoO₂(S₂CNMe₂)₂] with an equivalent of RuCl₃·*x*H₂O was refluxed in acetone solution, a new compound [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]₂[Mo₆O₁₉]·2CH₃COCH₃ (**1**·2CH₃COCH₃) was formed and isolated in 41 % yield. Owing to the periodic relationship between ruthenium and molybdenum, ruthenium(III) obviously has a higher affinity to sulfur atoms of the dithiocarbamate ligand than

Fig. 1. Perspective view of the [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]⁺ cation in **1** with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 40 % probability level.

molybdenum(VI). The Me₂NCS₂ ligands are totally dissociated from [MoO₂(S₂CNMe₂)₂] and bound to the ruthenium atom of the starting RuCl₃·*x*H₂O, along with the formation of [Mo₆O₁₉]²⁻ anions in wet acetone. The strong peak at 1714 cm⁻¹ for $\nu(C=O)$ in the IR spectrum indicated the presence of co-crystallized CH₃COCH₃ solvent molecules in compound **1**·2CH₃COCH₃. The bands near 1500 and 1000 cm⁻¹ are very characteristic for the C=N and C–S stretching vibrations of the Me₂NCS₂ ligand [5]. IR data (peaks at 980, 921, 487 cm⁻¹) for **1**·2CH₃COCH₃ in the $\nu(Mo-O)$ region reveal the expected anion-dependent shifts of these vibrational modes as compared to the [Bu^{*n*}₄N]₂[Mo₆O₁₉] salt [28]. Magnetic susceptibility measurement of the solid sample at r. t. indicated an effective magnetic moment $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.89 \mu_B$, which might be explained in terms of a partial quenching of the magnetic moment of the Ru(S₂CNMe₂)₃ monomer (typical as $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1.80 \mu_B$) by spin-spin or similar interaction. This value may be indicative of Ru(III) in solid **1**·2CH₃COCH₃.

The structure of compound **1**·2CH₃COCH₃ was confirmed by an X-ray diffraction study. Fig. 1 shows a perspective view of the cation [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]⁺; selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 2. The asymmetric unit consists of two [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]⁺ cations, one [Mo₆O₁₉]²⁻ anion, and two acetone molecules. The [Ru₂(S₂CNMe₂)₃(μ₃-S₂CNMe₂)₂]⁺ cation may be considered as a combination of [Ru(S₂CNMe₂)₃] with

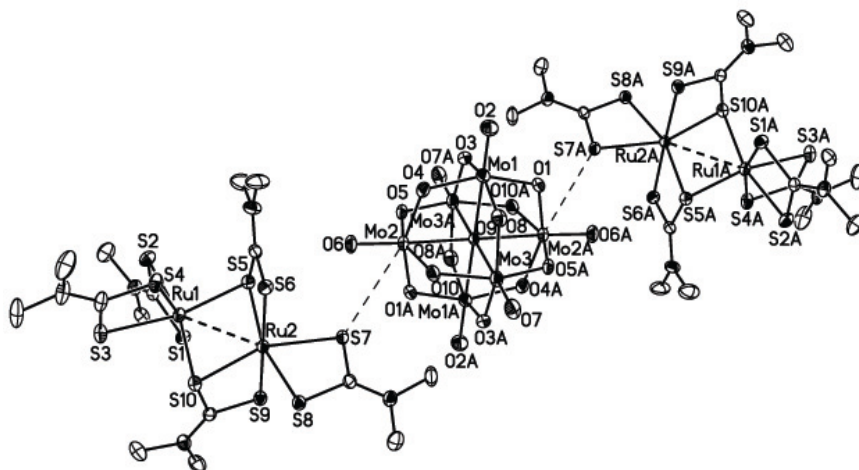


Fig. 2. ORTEP drawing of a $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3(\mu_3\text{-S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ unit, showing weak intermolecular contacts between the cations and the anion.

a *cis*- $[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]^+$ species, the $[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3]$ moiety acting as a ligand to the $[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]^+$ unit by donation of the *p*- π electrons from each of a pair of bridging sulfur atoms mutually *cis* from different ligands of the two compounds. Although a similar compound $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_5]_2[\text{Ru}_2\text{Cl}_6]$ with the same core structure of the cation has been reported [29], the current arrangement $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3(\mu_3\text{-S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ is the first example of a dinuclear ruthenium-dithiocarbamate species as cations and hexamolybdate as counter anion. The bonding mode of the dithiocarbamates in the $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3(\mu_3\text{-S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]^+$ core of $1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ is reminiscent of that of the reported monocation $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_5]^+$ in $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_5]_2[\text{Ru}_2\text{Cl}_6]$ [29]. The Ru(1)–Ru(2) distance (2.7930(6) Å) is slightly longer than those in $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_5]_2[\text{Ru}_2\text{Cl}_6]$ (2.788(4) Å) [29] and $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNET}_2)_5][\text{BF}_4]$ (2.743(3) Å) [6], and slightly shorter than that in $[\text{Ru}_3(\text{S}_2\text{CNET}_2)_6(\text{DMSO})_2](\text{I}_3)_2$ (2.826(2) Å) [7]. Compared to 2.650 Å for the Ru–Ru distance found in elemental ruthenium, the intermetallic distance in $1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ is indicative of a metal–metal bond.

Three types of Ru–S bonds can be identified in the structure of $1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$. The average Ru–S bond lengths are 2.408(2) Å for terminal chelated ligands (S1, S2, S3, S4, S7 and S8), 2.410(2) Å for non-bridging sulfur atoms of mono-bridging ligands (S6 and S9), and 2.312(2) Å for the bridging ligands (S5 and S10), which are compatible with the corresponding Ru–S bond lengths in $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_5]_2[\text{Ru}_2\text{Cl}_6]$ [29], $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNET}_2)_5][\text{BF}_4]$ [6] and $[\text{Ru}_3\text{-}$

$(\text{S}_2\text{CNET}_2)_6(\text{DMSO})_2](\text{I}_3)_2$ [7]. The four-membered ring formed by Ru(1), S(5), Ru(2) and S(10) is nearly planar with an average deviation of 0.045 Å from the least-squares plane. The average Ru–S–Ru angle in this ring of $74.36(5)^\circ$ is to be compared with that in $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_5]_2[\text{Ru}_2\text{Cl}_6]$ ($74.05(6)^\circ$) [29] and in $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNET}_2)_5][\text{BF}_4]$ ($72.9(3)^\circ$) [6].

The hexamolybdate anion in $1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ displays the well-known Lindqvist structure. The anion $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]^{2-}$ has its expected structure as well as normal distances and angles, which will not be discussed further. The unit cell contains one formula unit of $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_3(\mu_3\text{-S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)_2]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$. The Lindqvist anion $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]^{2-}$ (O_h symmetry) is located on an inversion center between two cations, and its structure is shown in Fig. 2. Similar cases have been found in $[\text{MoNAr}(\text{S}_2\text{CNET}_2)_3]_2[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ [21] and $[\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2]_2[\text{W}_6\text{O}_{19}]$ [18]. The separation between the molybdenum atom and one of the sulfur atoms of a chelating Me_2NCS_2 ligand is 3.888(2) Å, suggestive of weak intermolecular contacts between the dinuclear ruthenium dithiocarbamate cations and the hexamolybdate anions.

The cyclic voltammogram of $1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ displays two reversible couples at 0.06 V and -0.79 V, tentatively assigned as the Ru(II,III)/Ru(III,III) and Ru(III,II) couples, respectively, along with an irreversible wave at -1.09 V. The oxidation of $1\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ occurs at 0.71 V vs. $\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}^{+/0}$ and is an extremely accessible, quasi-reversible transition, which is assigned as the metal-centered Ru(III,III)/Ru(IV,IV) couple because the hexamolyb-

date anion and the free dithiocarbamate ligand are redox inactive at this potential. This suggests that the binuclear ruthenium species in **1**·2CH₃COCH₃ might be oxidized into a high-valent complex [7]. Further investigation on the isolation of high-valent ruthenium complexes in the electrochemically generated state is underway.

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