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PREPARATIONS, STRUCTURES AND ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITIES OF OXIDIZED BULKY $[M(C_3S_5)_3]$ -TYPE ANION COMPLEXES $[C_3S_5^{2-} = 4,5\text{-DISULFANYL-1,3-DITHIOLE-2-THIONATE(2-)}]$

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Abstract. Several $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^n$ ($M = V(IV), Mo(IV), W(IV); n = 2$ and $M = Nb(V), Re(V); n = 1$) anion complexes were prepared. They exhibited low oxidation potentials of $+0.145 - +0.76$ V vs. SCE. They were oxidized by reactions with iodine, $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2]^+$, $[Fe(C_5H_5)_2]^+$, and the TTF $^{+}$ radical cation, as well as the electrolysis, in organic solvents to afford oxidized $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^m$ ($0 < m < 1$) species having electrical conductivities of $6.0 \times 10^{-5} - 1.5 \times 10^{-1}$ S cm^{-1} measured for compacted pellets at room temperature. X-ray crystal structures of the $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{2-}$ ($M = Mo, W$) complexes and the one-electron-oxidized $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{\cdot -}$ ($M = V, W$) species as well as ESR and X-ray photoelectron spectra of the oxidized species are discussed.

Keywords: Dithiolate, C_3S_5 , metal complex, structure, electrical conductivity

INTRODUCTION

Metal complexes with sulfur-rich ligands have attracted much attention as electrically conducting molecular compounds. Oxidized planar metal complexes with the 4,5-disulfanyl-1,3-dithiole-2-thionate(2-) ligand ($C_3S_5^{2-}$) are known to become good electrical conductors.¹⁻³ High electrical conductivities of them come from formation of effective electron-conduction pathways constructed with molecular interactions through

sulfur-sulfur non-bonded contacts among the ligands in the solid state.

Non-planar bulky molecules may be often considered to be ineffective for their molecular packings in the crystals. However, C_3S_5 -metal complexes with bulky geometries are expected to afford new types of molecular packing with S-S interactions leading to two- or three-dimensional electron-conduction pathways in their oxidized species. We have prepared several $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($M = V(IV)$,⁴ $Mo(IV)$,^{5,6} $W(IV)$ ⁷; $n = 2$ and $M = Nb(V)$, $Re(V)$ ⁷; $n = 1$) anion complexes and have observed raised electrical conductivities for their oxidized species.⁴⁻⁸ In this paper, preparations of the oxidized $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{m-}$ ($0 < m < 1$) anion complexes, structures of some species, their ESR and X-ray photoelectron spectra and electrical conductivities are described.

EXPERIMENTAL

A reaction of VCl_3 or $ReCl_5$ with $[NBu^4]_2[Zn(C_3S_5)_2]$ in methanol or ethanol gave $[NBu^4]_2[V(C_3S_5)_3]$ or $[NBu^4][Re(C_3S_5)_3]$, while a reaction of VCl_3 or $ReCl_5$ with $Na_2C_3S_5$ in methanol afforded mainly $[VO(C_3S_5)_2]^{2-}$ or $[ReO(C_3S_5)_2]^-$ anion complexes.^{4,7} $[NBu^4][Nb(C_3S_5)_3]$ was obtained by a reaction of $NbCl_5$ with $Na_2C_3S_5$ in methanol in the presence of NBu^4Br , while $NbCl_5$ reacted with $[NBu^4]_2[Zn(C_3S_5)_2]$ in acetonitrile to give the dinuclear complex, $[NBu^4]_2-[Nb_2(S_2)_2(C_3S_5)_4]$.⁸ A reaction of WCl_6 with $Na_2C_3S_5$ in ethanol in the presence of NBu^4Br yielded $[NBu^4]_2[W(C_3S_5)_3]$. A similar reaction of $MoCl_5$ with $Na_2C_3S_5$ in methanol yielded $[NBu^4]_2[Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$ in a low yield, together with a large amount of $[NBu^4]_2[MoO(C_3S_5)_3]$.^{5,6}

Reactions of $[NBu^4]_2[M(C_3S_5)_3]$ with $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][BF_4]$ in acetonitrile afforded $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][M(C_3S_5)_3]$ as dark blue and black crystals for $M = W$ and Mo , respectively. Reactions of $[NBu^4]_2[M(C_3S_5)_3]$ with iodine, $[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][PF_6]$ or $[TTF]_3[BF_4]_2$ (TTF^+ = the tetrathiafulvalenium radical cation) afforded black microcrystals of $[NBu^4]_x[M(C_3S_5)_3]$ ($M = W$ and Mo ; $x = 0.05 - 0.4$). Controlled-current electrolysis of a dichloromethane or an acetonitrile solution containing $[NBu^4]_2[M(C_3S_5)_3]$ ($M = W$ or Mo) and $[NBu^4][ClO_4]$ as an electrolyte yielded black microcrystals of $[NBu^4]_{0.3}[W(C_3S_5)_3]$ and $[NBu^4]_{0.8}[Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$, respectively.⁶ The oxidized molybdenum- and tungsten-complexes which were obtained by reactions with various oxidants and by the electrolysis are listed in Table 2 for the electrical conductivities (see below).

The $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^{2-}$ anion complex was oxidized by the N-methylphenazinium cation (NMP^+) to afford $[NMP]_2[V(C_3S_5)_3]$ containing the one-electron-oxidized $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ anion and moieties of the NMP^\cdot radical / the NMP^+ cation.⁴ A reaction of the $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^{2-}$ anion complex with $[TTF]_3[BF_4]_2$ in acetonitrile afforded $[TTF]_2-$

$[V(C_3S_5)_3]$ having moieties of neutral TTF / the $TTF^{\cdot+}$ radical cation and the $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ anion.⁴ The $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^{2-}$ complex was reacted with $[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][PF_6]$ in acetonitrile to give $[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][V(C_3S_5)_3]$ (the one-electron-oxidized species). Similarly, a reaction of the complex with $[Fe(C_5H_4Me)_2][PF_6]$, $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][PF_6]$ or $[Ni(C_5H_5)_2][PF_6]$ in acetonitrile afforded $[Fe(C_5H_4Me)_2]^-$, $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2]^-$ and $[Ni(C_5H_5)_2][V(C_3S_5)_3]$.⁹ These oxidized complexes contain the one-electron-oxidized $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ anion.

Oxidation of the $[Re(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ anion complex by iodine or $[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][PF_6]$ in dichloromethane afforded essentially one-electron-oxidized $[Re(C_3S_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($n = 0.05$ and 0.1) species.⁷ $[NBu^N_4][Nb(C_3S_5)_3]$ was also oxidized by the $[Fe(C_5H_5)_2]^+$ cation in acetonitrile or the $TTF^{\cdot+}$ radical cation in acetone to afford $[NBu^N_4]_{0.05-}[Nb(C_3S_5)_3]$ and $[TTF][Nb(C_3S_5)_3]$, which were identified by elemental (C, H and N) analyses.

Cyclic voltammograms,¹⁰ electronic absorption, ESR and X-ray photoelectron spectra⁶ were measured, as described previously. Electrical conductivities of the complexes were measured for the compacted pellets by the conventional two-probe method.¹¹

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{n-}$ -type anions ($n = 1$, $M = Nb$ and Re ; $n = 2$, $M = V$, Mo and W) are likely to have distorted octahedral or trigonal prismatic geometry around the metal ion. Figure 1 illustrates the molecular structure of the anion of $[NBu^N_4]_2[W(C_3S_5)_3]$.⁶ The structure of the anion indicates three C_3S_5 ligands coordinated to the metal ion. The S_3 (coordinated sulfur atoms) triangles are twisted with respect to each other by an average

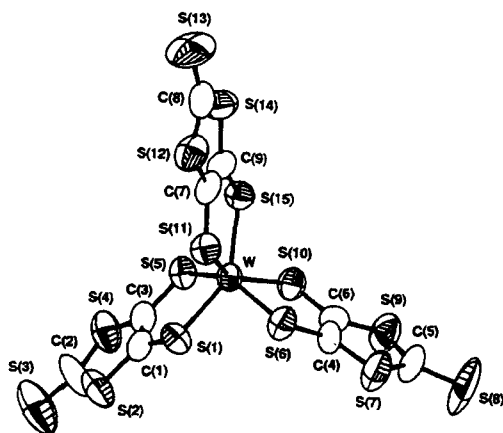


FIGURE 1 Molecular geometry of the anion of $[NBu^N_4]_2[W(C_3S_5)_3]$ together with the atom-labeling scheme.⁶

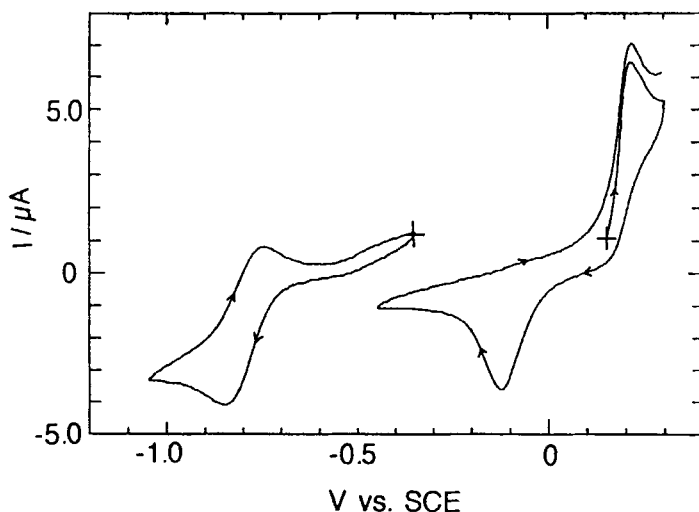


FIGURE 2 Cyclic voltammogram of $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ ($1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$) in dichloromethane; $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} [\text{NBu}_4][\text{ClO}_4]$, sweep rate 100 mV s^{-1} .

of 16° (twist angle, ϕ), assuming a distorted trigonal prismatic coordination around the metal ion. This is very close to that of $[\text{NBu}_4]_2[\text{Mo}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ (average $\phi = 11^\circ$). There are no significant close atom-atom contacts among cation/anions for these complexes.

The cyclic voltammogram of $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ in dichloromethane is shown in Fig. 2. The $[\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ anion is irreversibly oxidized at $+0.24 \text{ V vs. SCE}$, whereas the quasi-reversible $[\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{2-}/[\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ redox wave is observed at -0.80 V vs. SCE . The $[\text{Re}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ anion is also irreversibly oxidized at $+0.76 \text{ V vs. SCE}$ in dichloromethane.⁷ On the other hand, the $[\text{Mo}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{2-}$ and $[\text{W}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{2-}$ anions are stably oxidized at lower potentials; reversible $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{2-}/[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ redox waves are observed at $+0.145$ and $+0.185 \text{ V vs. SCE}$ and reversible $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-/[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^0$ redox waves at $+0.38$ and $+0.325 \text{ V vs. SCE}$ in dimethylformamide, respectively.⁶ The reversible $[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{2-}/[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ and $[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-/[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^0$ redox processes also occur at $+0.15$ and $+0.65 \text{ V vs. SCE}$ in acetonitrile.⁴

Since these $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ -type anion complexes have low oxidation potentials, reactions of them with some oxidants afford oxidized species. Reactions of the $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{2-}$ ($\text{M} = \text{V}, \text{Mo}$ and W) complexes with the $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2]^+$ cation give one-electron-oxidized species $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2][\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$. Oxidation of these complexes with iodine, the $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2]^+$ cation or the TTF^+ radical cation leads to further oxidized $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($n < 1$) species. Oxidation of the $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ ($\text{M} = \text{Nb}$ and Re) anions with iodine or the $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2]^+$ cation yields essentially one-electron-

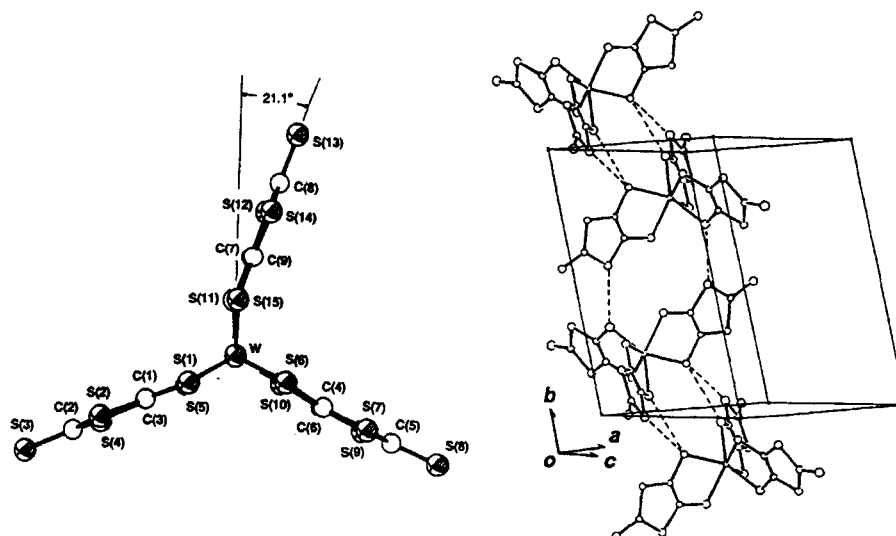


FIGURE 3 Molecular geometry of the anion of $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][W(C_3S_5)_3]$ and packing diagram of the anion. Dashed lines show sulfur-sulfur non-bonded contacts ($< 3.7 \text{ \AA}$).⁶

oxidized $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($n \sim 0$) species.

Crystal structures for the following one-electron-oxidized $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ ($M = W$ and V) complexes have been clarified. Figure 3 shows the geometry of the anion of $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][W(C_3S_5)_3]$ and the packing diagram of the anion moieties.⁶ The anion with a WS_6 core assumes a regular trigonal prismatic geometry (the S-W-S twist angle, 0°), which resembles those of $[Mo(S_2C_2H_2)_3]^0$ ¹² and $[Mo(S_2C_6H_4)_3]^0$ species.¹³ The S(1)-S(5) and the S(6)-S(10) ligand planes are almost straight extended outside from the center of the core, while the S(11)-S(15) plane is caused appreciably bent on the S(11) and S(15) atoms. This is caused by the intermolecular, non-bonded S-S contacts of this ligand moiety through the S(11) and S(14) atoms forming an interaction chain of the anion. The packing diagram of the anions exhibits some intermolecular S-S non-bonded contacts ($< 3.7 \text{ \AA}$, dashed lines). One-dimensional molecular interaction among the anions is deduced in spite of the bulky geometry of the anion. In the crystal structure of $[NMP]_2[V(C_3S_5)_3]$ containing the one-electron-oxidized $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ anion, a two-dimensional molecular interaction through S-S non-bonded contacts ($< 3.7 \text{ \AA}$) is observed among the oxidized C_3S_5 -ligands of the anion moieties.⁴ The $[V(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ anion assumes a distorted octahedral geometry for the VS_6 core. These molecular interactions through the S-S contacts lead to electron-conduction pathways for these oxidized complexes.

The presence of one-electron-oxidized $[W(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ species in $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2]$ -

$[\text{Mo}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ is shown in an intense ESR signal ($g = 1.988$) in solution and a broad signal ($g = 2.0$) in the solid state.⁶ The broad powder ESR signal (the peak-to-peak linewidth = 90 mT) is likely caused by the above-mentioned molecular interaction of the paramagnetic anion species through S-S non-bonded contacts. This is also the same for the powder ESR signal of $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)_2][\text{Mo}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$. $[\text{NBu}^n_4]_{0.05}[\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ also gives a broad signal ($g = 2.011$, the linewidth = 25 mT), showing some interactions of the paramagnetic oxidized species. The $[\text{Re}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($n = 0.05$ and 0.1) complexes exhibit a rather sharp, approximately isotropic powder ESR signals ($g = 2.013$, the linewidth = 7.4 mT).⁷ The $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Mo}$ and W ; $n < 1$) complexes also show sharp powder ESR signals ($g = 1.988$, the linewidth = 1.5 mT). These complexes are essentially two-electron-oxidized species, containing a small amount of the paramagnetic $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ anion. The one-electron-oxidized anion moieties are surrounded by the diamagnetic $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^0$ species, which resembles the situation of the $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ anion in solution.⁶

The valence states of the metal atoms of the oxidized C_3S_5 -metal complexes can be deduced from binding energies of electrons of the metal atom determined by X-ray photoelectron spectra. The binding energy of V $2p_{3/2}$ electrons of $[\text{NBu}^n_4]_2[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ is 523.3 eV, while some one-electron-oxidized $[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ complexes exhibit binding energies of 523.2 - 523.7 eV.^{4,9} These findings indicate that the V(IV) state remains upon the oxidation of these complexes because of the ligand-centered oxidation. For the oxidized $[\text{Re}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($n = 0.05$ and 0.1) complexes the binding energies of Re 4f electrons are also close to those of the $[\text{Re}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ complex.⁷ This is also the same for the binding energies of Nb 3d electrons of the $[\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{0.05-}$ and $[\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$ complexes. Thus, the oxidized species is considered to have the Re(V) and Nb(V) states together with the oxidized C_3S_5 -ligands. The ligand-centered oxidation was also deduced based on X-ray photoelectron spectra for the partially oxidized $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_2]^{m-}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Ni}$, Pd and Pt ; $m < 2$),¹⁴ $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_2]^{n-}$ ¹⁰ and $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_2]^{n-}$ ($n < 1$) complexes.¹⁵

Electrical conductivities of the $[\text{M}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^{n-}$ ($\text{M} = \text{V}$, Nb ; $n \leq 1$) complexes measured for compacted pellets at 25 °C, together with those of $[\text{NBu}^n_4]_2[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ and $[\text{NBu}^n_4][\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$, are listed in Table I. Although the $[\text{NBu}^n_4]_2[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ and $[\text{NBu}^n_4][\text{Nb}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$ are essentially an insulator, their oxidized complexes exhibit appreciable increase in the conductivities and the oxidized vanadium complexes behave as semiconductors in the temperature range of -30 to 25 °C. The electron conduction of these oxidized species is likely to occur through conduction pathways constructed with sulfur-sulfur non-bonded contacts among the C_3S_5 -ligands, as observed for the crystal structure of $[\text{NMP}]_2[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]$.⁴ The $\text{TTF}^{\cdot+}$ radical cation complex behaves as a good electrical conductor. This seems to come from electron-conduction pathways constructed with S-S contacts among the $\text{TTF}/\text{TTF}^{\cdot+}$ and the oxidized $[\text{V}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_3]^-$

TABLE 1 Electrical conductivities (σ) of the $[M(C_3S_5)_3]$ ($M = V$ and Nb) anion complexes measured for compacted pellets at 25°C.

Complex	$\sigma / S\ cm^{-1}$	Lit.
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_2[V(C_3S_5)_3]$	4.5×10^{-10}	3
$[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][V(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.2×10^{-5}	8
$[Fe(MeC_5H_4)_2][V(C_3S_5)_3]$	2.5×10^{-6}	8
$[Ni(C_5H_5)_2][V(C_3S_5)_3]$	4.7×10^{-4}	8
$[NMP]_2[V(C_3S_5)_3]$	2.8×10^{-5}	3
$[TTF]_2[V(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.0×10^{-2}	3
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4][Nb(C_3S_5)_3]$	7.5×10^{-8}	This work
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.05}[Nb(C_3S_5)_3]$	2.4×10^{-5}	This work
$[TTF][Nb(C_3S_5)_3]$	6.1×10^{-6}	This work

moieties. The crystal structure of $[BEDT-TTF]_3[V(C_3S_5)_3]_2$ ($BEDT-TTF =$ bis(ethylenedithio)tetrathiafulvalene) prepared by the electrolysis was reported to reveal more effective molecular interaction networks for the electron-conduction constructed with short S-S contacts within the $BEDT-TTF$ stacks and among the C_3S_5 -ligands and C_3S_5 -ligand- $BEDT-TTF$. This results in a high conductivity ($\sigma_{RT} = 3\ S\ cm^{-1}$) of this complex.¹⁶

Table 2 summarizes electrical conductivities of the oxidized $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^n$ ($M = Mo, W, Re; n < 1$) complexes measured for compacted pellets at room temperature, together with those of $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{2-}$ ($M = Mo$ and W) and $[Re(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ complexes. One-electron-oxidized $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^-$ ($M = Mo$ and W) complexes exhibit raised conductivities ($10^{-4} - 10^{-5}\ S\ cm^{-1}$). The electron-conduction pathways come from molecular interactions through some S-S contacts, as observed for the crystal structure of $[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][W(C_3S_5)_3]$. Some further oxidized complexes and the $[Re(C_3S_5)_3]^n$ ($n = 0.05$ and 0.1) complexes behave as good electrical conductors with high conductivities ($1.1 \times 10^{-1} - 3.3 \times 10^{-3}\ S\ cm^{-1}$). Although crystal structures of them have not yet clarified, more effective molecular packings affording higher conductivities are expected in spite of the bulky anion geometries. The $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^{2-}$ ($M = Mo$ and W) anion complexes can be further oxidized beyond the one-electron oxidized state to become good electrical conductors with more effective interligand S-S contacts for the electrical conduction.

TABLE 2 Electrical conductivities (σ) of $[M(C_3S_5)_3]$ ($M = Mo, W,$ and Re) anion complexes measured for compacted pellets at room temperature.

Complex	$\sigma / S\ cm^{-1}$	Oxidant	Lit.
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_2[Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$	3.0×10^{-8}		5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_2[W(C_3S_5)_3]$	6.0×10^{-8}		5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4][Re(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.8×10^{-8}		6
$[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.1×10^{-4}	$[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][BF_4]$	5
$[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][W(C_3S_5)_3]$	6.0×10^{-5}	$[Fe(C_5Me_5)_2][BF_4]$	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.3}[Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.5×10^{-1}	I_2	4
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.15}[W(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.3×10^{-3}	I_2	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.4}[Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$	6.1×10^{-3}	$[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][PF_6]$	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.3}[W(C_3S_5)_3]$	3.3×10^{-3}	$[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][PF_6]$	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.05}[Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$	4.2×10^{-2}	$[TTF]_3[BF_4]_2$	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.2}[W(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.1×10^{-3}	$[TTF]_3[BF_4]_2$	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.8}[Mo(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.6×10^{-7}	Electrolysis	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.3}[W(C_3S_5)_3]$	1.1×10^{-2}	Electrolysis	5
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.05}[Re(C_3S_5)_3]$	2.2×10^{-2}	I_2	6
$[NBu^{\text{n}}_4]_{0.1}[Re(C_3S_5)_3]$	4.6×10^{-3}	$[Fe(C_5H_5)_2][PF_6]$	6

CONCLUSION

Bulky $[M(C_3S_5)_3]^n$ -type ($M = Nb$ and Re , $n = 1$; $M = V, Mo$ and W , $n = 2$) anion complexes having non-planar distorted octahedral or trigonal prismatic geometries around the metal ions are oxidized at low potentials. The oxidized C_3S_5 -metal complexes exhibit more effective molecular interactions due to the S-S non-bonded contacts, which act as electron-conduction networks. Thus, they exhibit raised electrical conductivities and some of them behave as good electrical conductors with high conductivities because of more effective electron-conduction pathways constructed with S-S contacts of the ligands even if they have bulky geometries around the metal ions.

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