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A Second Crystal Form of Bis- μ -[bis(dimethylphosphino)methane]-bis(tricarbonylrhenium)(Re—Re), $\text{Re}_2(\text{dmpm})_2(\text{CO})_6$

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Abstract

The second crystalline form, (II), of the title compound has the same space group ($P2_1/n$) as form (I) of known structure [Milder, Castellani, Weakley, Tyler, Miskowski, & Stiegman (1990). *J. Phys. Chem.* **94**, 6599–6603] but has a different packing. There is no disorder in (II) [in contrast to (I)] and the Re—Re bond length is significantly longer [3.126 (1) versus 3.105 (1) Å] despite the smaller (*ca* 1.3%) molecular volume.

Comment

The data crystal of form (II) came from the air-stable batch which earlier (Milder *et al.*, 1990) had afforded the crystal of form (I). Both forms have space group $P2_1/n$ with two molecules per cell, but they clearly differ in molecular packing. The unit cell of (II), and hence the molecular volume, is 1.3% smaller. Accurately centrosymmetric $\text{Re}_2(\text{dmpm})_2(\text{CO})_6$ molecules with Re—Re bonds, bridging dmpm ligands, *trans* P—Re—P geometry, and generally similar dimensions, are present in both forms. The principal points of difference are as follows. The Re—Re bond in (II)

[3.126 (1) Å] is significantly longer than in (I) [3.105 (1) Å]. Alternative positions for three of the five dmpm C atoms are discernible in (I), but (II) is free from disorder, a feature that accounts for the more efficient molecular packing in (II) and the fact that the C—P—C angles lie within the range 100.9–104.0 (6)° compared with 86–116 (1)° for the major conformer in (I).

A series of events led us to determine the unit cells of 20 crystals from a stable batch. Eight proved to be of form (II). The two forms, both amber prisms, cannot be readily distinguished under the polarizing microscope. We think it is unlikely that most workers routinely find the cell dimensions for several crystals from an apparently homogeneous sample if the first crystal proves suitable for data collection. We feel, therefore, that the presence of two crystalline forms in one batch may be more common than is generally supposed.

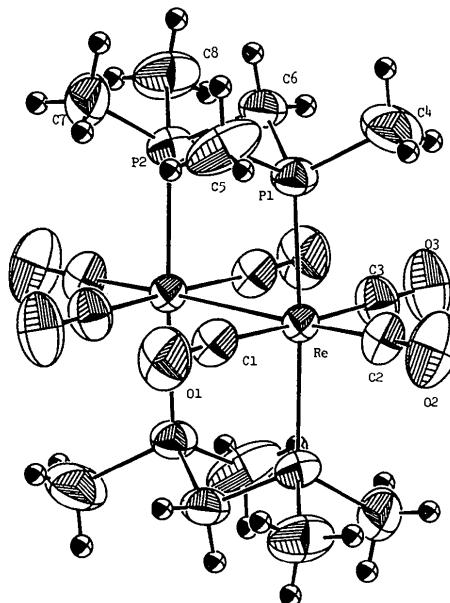


Fig. 1. View of the $\text{Re}_2(\text{dmpm})_2(\text{CO})_6$ molecule showing thermal ellipsoids.

Experimental

Crystal data

$[\text{Re}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{14}\text{P}_2)_2(\text{CO})_6]$

$M_r = 812.70$

Monoclinic

$P2_1/n$

$a = 9.938$ (2) Å

$b = 8.579$ (3) Å

$c = 14.783$ (3) Å

$\beta = 93.53$ (2)°

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 0.71069$ Å

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

$\theta = 11.5$ – 16.1 °

$\mu = 10.0$ mm⁻¹

$T = 297$ K

Prism

$0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.15$ mm

$V = 1258.0$ (9) Å³
 $Z = 2$
 $D_x = 2.145$ Mg m⁻³

Data collection

Rigaku AFC-6R diffractometer
 ω -2 θ scans
 Absorption correction: empirical (DIFABS; Walker & Stuart, 1983)
 $T_{\min} = 0.768$, $T_{\max} = 1.286$
 2532 measured reflections
 2220 independent reflections

Amber
 Crystal source: recrystallized from chloroform/hexane

1463 observed reflections
 $[I > 3\sigma(I)]$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.050$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 11$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 10$
 $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$
 3 standard reflections monitored every 300 reflections
 intensity variation: $\pm 1\%$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Final $R = 0.031$
 $wR = 0.038$
 $S = 1.55$
 1463 reflections
 127 parameters
 H atoms riding, $B(\text{H}) = 1.2 B_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F) + 0.02F^2]$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.15$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.64$ e Å⁻³ (near Re)
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.90$ e Å⁻³
 Extinction correction: none
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (Å²)

$$U_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	U_{eq}
Re	0.35525 (3)	0.50154 (5)	0.53574 (2)	0.0370 (3)
P(1)	0.2926 (3)	0.6832 (3)	0.4195 (2)	0.053 (1)
P(2)	0.5760 (3)	0.6894 (3)	0.3539 (2)	0.051 (1)
O(1)	0.2733 (8)	0.2280 (10)	0.4078 (5)	0.090 (6)
O(2)	0.0773 (8)	0.5147 (11)	0.6080 (6)	0.088 (6)
O(3)	0.4578 (8)	0.7735 (11)	0.6604 (6)	0.092 (6)
C(1)	0.3062 (10)	0.3342 (13)	0.4532 (6)	0.054 (6)
C(2)	0.1808 (10)	0.5124 (12)	0.5801 (6)	0.051 (5)
C(3)	0.4262 (10)	0.6699 (13)	0.6143 (7)	0.060 (7)
C(4)	0.1694 (12)	0.8299 (16)	0.4506 (8)	0.103 (10)
C(5)	0.2157 (12)	0.5958 (18)	0.3134 (7)	0.096 (9)
C(6)	0.4277 (10)	0.8028 (12)	0.3805 (6)	0.057 (7)
C(7)	0.5365 (12)	0.6273 (15)	0.2364 (7)	0.081 (8)
C(8)	0.6977 (11)	0.8444 (15)	0.3375 (8)	0.089 (9)

Table 2. Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Re—Re ⁱ	3.126 (1)	P(1)—C(6)	1.812 (10)
Re—P(1)	2.374 (3)	P(2)—C(6)	1.829 (10)
Re—P(2 ⁱ)	2.382 (3)	P(2)—C(7)	1.836 (11)
Re—C(1)	1.928 (10)	P(2)—C(8)	1.824 (12)
Re—C(2)	1.893 (9)	O(1)—C(1)	1.166 (11)
Re—C(3)	1.957 (11)	O(2)—C(2)	1.132 (12)
P(1)—C(4)	1.834 (12)	O(3)—C(3)	1.152 (12)
P(1)—C(5)	1.860 (12)		
Re ⁱ —Re—P(1)	88.10 (8)	Re—P(1)—C(5)	114.9 (5)
Re ⁱ —Re—P(2 ⁱ)	89.69 (8)	Re—P(1)—C(6)	115.8 (3)
Re ⁱ —Re—C(1)	89.0 (2)	C(4)—P(1)—C(5)	104.0 (6)
Re ⁱ —Re—C(2)	177.6 (3)	C(4)—P(1)—C(6)	102.2 (5)
Re ⁱ —Re—C(3)	84.4 (2)	C(5)—P(1)—C(6)	103.5 (5)
P(1)—Re—P(2 ⁱ)	176.76 (8)	Re—P(2 ⁱ)—C(6 ⁱ)	114.8 (3)
P(1)—Re—C(1)	89.2 (3)	Re—P(2 ⁱ)—C(7 ⁱ)	119.0 (4)
P(1)—Re—C(2)	90.8 (3)	Re—P(2 ⁱ)—C(8 ⁱ)	115.3 (4)
P(1)—Re—C(3)	90.8 (3)	C(6)—P(2)—C(7)	103.3 (5)

P(2 ⁱ)—Re—C(1)	88.4 (3)	C(6)—P(2)—C(8)	100.9 (5)
P(2 ⁱ)—Re—C(2)	91.5 (3)	C(7)—P(2)—C(8)	101.0 (6)
P(2 ⁱ)—Re—C(3)	91.3 (3)	Re—C(1)—O(1)	175.7 (8)
C(1)—Re—C(2)	93.1 (4)	Re—C(2)—O(2)	177.9 (9)
C(2)—Re—C(3)	93.6 (4)	Re—C(3)—O(3)	174.6 (9)
C(1)—Re—C(3)	173.3 (4)	P(1)—C(6)—P(2)	112.9 (5)
Re—P(1)—C(4)	114.8 (4)		

Symmetry code: (i) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$.

Sample preparation: Milder *et al.* (1990). Scan speed: 16° min⁻¹ in ω . Scan width: $(1.00 + 0.30 \tan \theta)^\circ$. Structure analysis package: TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989). Re position: PHASE (subprogram of DIRDIF; Beurskens *et al.*, 1984).

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Structure of Tri- μ -chloro-bis[(η^6 -benzene)-ruthenium(II)] Hexafluoroarsenate

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Abstract

The cationic portion of the tri- μ -chloro-bis[(η^6 -benzene)ruthenium(II)] hexafluoroarsenate molecule consists of two (η^6 -C₆H₆)Ru moieties [Ru to ring plane distances are 1.6392 (4) and 1.6486 (4) Å] symmetrically bridged by three Cl atoms [Ru—Cl_{av} = 2.423 (7) Å]. The benzene rings are planar and lie

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