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Octadecacarbonylhexaosmium Chloroform Solvate

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Abstract

The hexaosmium clusters in octadecacarbonyl-1 κ^3 C,-2 κ^3 C,3 κ^3 C,4 κ^3 C,5 κ^3 C,6 κ^3 C-hexaosmium-chloroform (1/1), [Os₆(CO)₁₈].CHCl₃, have essentially the same internal geometry as in unsolvated Os₆(CO)₁₈ but participate in O··H and O··Cl contacts with the chloroform solvate molecules.

Comment

The structure of the title compound (I) consists of bi-capped tetrahedral Os₄ clusters within molecules of Os₆(CO)₁₈, each of which interacts with molecules of the chloroform solvate through O··H contacts [O(9)··H(1Sⁱⁱ) = 2.65 (3), O(16)··H(1Sⁱⁱⁱ) = 2.55 (3) Å] and O··Cl contacts [O(9)··Cl(3ⁱ) = 3.010 (19) Å; symmetry codes: (i) -1 + x, y, z; (ii) 1 - x, -y, -z; (iii) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z]. The Os··Os distances within the Os₄ tetrahedron range from 2.7395 (11) to 2.8159 (12) Å, while those involving the μ_3 -capping Os atoms average 2.808 (18) Å; these values are similar to those of the unsolvated molecule (Mason, Thomas & Mingos, 1973). The Os—C—O angles range from 169.6 (16) to 179.6 (17)°.

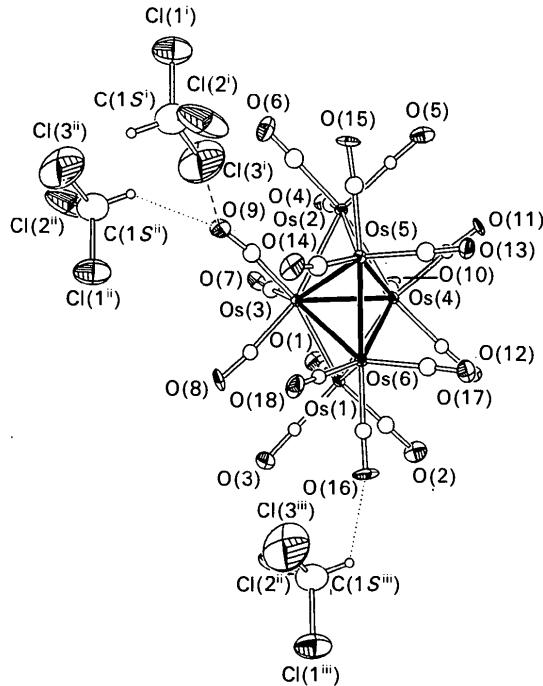
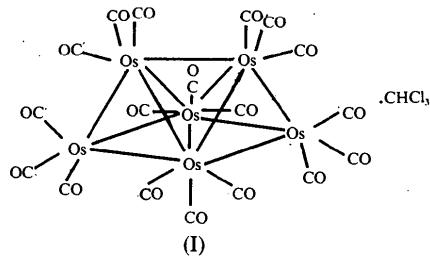


Fig. 1. One Os₆(CO)₁₈ molecule and the CHCl₃ solvate molecules with which it interacts are shown. The C atoms of the carbonyl groups bear the same numbers as the corresponding O atoms. The central Os₄ tetrahedron is indicated by solid bonds, O··H interactions by dotted lines and the Cl··O interaction by a dashed line. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% level for Os, Cl and O atoms. [Symmetry codes: (i) -1 + x, y, z; (ii) 1 - x, -y, -z; (iii) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z.]

