

C(2)	-0.6323 (8)	-0.1141 (3)	-1.0136 (7)	0.026 (1)
C(3)	-0.6705 (9)	-0.0758 (4)	-0.7531 (8)	0.030 (2)
C(4)	-0.8304 (9)	-0.0694 (4)	-0.6715 (8)	0.031 (2)
C(5)	-0.5502 (7)	-0.2050 (3)	-0.7901 (7)	0.023 (1)
C(6)	-0.5220 (7)	-0.2799 (3)	-0.8867 (7)	0.024 (1)
C(7)	-0.6237 (8)	-0.3797 (3)	-0.7157 (6)	0.023 (1)
C(8)	-0.7758 (9)	-0.4366 (3)	-0.6999 (7)	0.026 (1)
C(9)	-0.5885 (8)	-0.4137 (3)	-0.9782 (7)	0.024 (1)
C(10)	-0.7176 (8)	-0.4266 (3)	-1.1329 (7)	0.025 (1)
Na(1)	-0.4750 (4)	-0.5115 (2)	-1.4014 (3)	0.0376 (9)
Na(2)	-1.0541 (4)	-0.0066 (2)	-1.3683 (4)	0.044 (1)
O(1W)	-0.3542 (11)	-0.3696 (4)	-1.3551 (8)	0.058 (2)
O(2W)	-0.5370 (2)	-0.6567 (6)	-1.4927 (1)	0.094 (5)
O(3W)	-1.1051 (1)	-0.1491 (5)	-1.4268 (2)	0.097 (5)
O(4W)	-0.9460 (1)	0.1317 (5)	-1.3636 (1)	0.101 (5)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Mo(1)—Mo(2)	2.554 (1)	O(10)—C(4)	1.252 (9)
Mo(1)—O(1)	1.926 (4)	O(11)—C(10)	1.195 (8)
Mo(1)—O(2)	1.941 (4)	O(11)···Na(1)	2.357 (7)
Mo(1)—O(3)	1.691 (5)	O(12)—C(8)	1.218 (8)
Mo(1)—O(5)	2.113 (5)	N(1)—C(2)	1.488 (8)
Mo(1)—O(6)	2.101 (6)	N(1)—C(3)	1.474 (8)
Mo(1)—N(1)	2.419 (5)	N(1)—C(5)	1.485 (7)
Mo(2)—O(1)	1.932 (4)	N(2)—C(6)	1.502 (6)
Mo(2)—O(2)	1.934 (4)	N(2)—C(7)	1.483 (7)
Mo(2)—O(4)	1.696 (4)	N(2)—C(9)	1.487 (7)
Mo(2)—O(7)	2.113 (4)	C(1)—C(2)	1.522 (8)
Mo(2)—O(8)	2.098 (5)	C(3)—C(4)	1.50 (1)
Mo(2)—N(2)	2.397 (4)	C(5)—C(6)	1.542 (8)
O(5)—C(1)	1.277 (9)	C(7)—C(8)	1.515 (8)
O(6)—C(4)	1.277 (8)	C(9)—C(10)	1.534 (8)
O(7)—C(8)	1.302 (7)	Na(1)···O(1W)	2.554 (8)
O(8)—C(10)	1.279 (7)	Na(1)···O(2W)	2.58 (1)
O(9)—C(1)	1.203 (9)	Na(2)···O(3W)	2.458 (9)
O(9)···Na(2)	2.344 (9)	Na(2)···O(4W)	2.455 (9)
O(6)—Mo(1)—N(1)	74.4 (2)	Mo(1)—O(1)—Mo(2)	82.9 (2)
O(5)—Mo(1)—N(1)	69.8 (2)	Mo(1)—O(2)—Mo(2)	82.5 (1)
Mo(1)—O(5)—C(1)	122.2 (4)	Mo(1)—O(6)—C(4)	122.6 (5)
O(3)—Mo(1)—O(6)	94.1 (3)	Mo(2)—O(7)—C(8)	123.3 (3)
O(3)—Mo(1)—O(5)	91.5 (2)	Mo(2)—O(8)—C(10)	124.5 (4)
Mo(1)—N(1)—C(5)	117.5 (3)	O(2)—Mo(1)—O(3)	109.4 (2)
Mo(1)—N(1)—C(3)	106.3 (4)	Mo(1)—N(1)—C(2)	104.7 (3)
O(1)—Mo(1)—O(3)	109.6 (2)	O(1)—Mo(1)—O(2)	92.3 (2)
Mo(2)—N(2)—C(9)	106.9 (3)	Mo(2)—N(2)—C(7)	106.1 (3)
Mo(2)—N(2)—C(6)	119.0 (3)	O(9)—C(1)—C(2)	120.1 (6)
O(5)—C(1)—O(9)	123.0 (7)	O(5)—C(1)—C(2)	116.0 (6)
N(1)—C(2)—C(1)	109.0 (5)	N(1)—C(3)—C(4)	113.9 (5)
O(10)—C(4)—C(3)	119.0 (6)	O(6)—C(4)—C(3)	119.0 (6)
O(8)—Mo(2)—N(2)	74.7 (2)	O(6)—C(4)—O(10)	122.0 (7)
O(7)—Mo(2)—N(2)	70.7 (2)	N(1)—C(5)—C(6)	118.3 (5)
N(2)—C(6)—C(5)	117.6 (4)	N(2)—C(7)—C(8)	109.5 (4)
O(4)—Mo(2)—O(8)	92.1 (2)	O(12)—C(8)—C(7)	119.9 (5)
O(4)—Mo(2)—O(7)	92.0 (2)	O(7)—C(8)—C(7)	115.3 (5)
O(7)—C(8)—O(12)	124.8 (6)	N(2)—C(9)—C(10)	113.7 (4)
O(11)—C(10)—C(9)	120.5 (6)	O(2)—Mo(2)—O(4)	109.6 (2)
O(8)—C(10)—C(9)	116.3 (5)	O(8)—C(10)—O(11)	123.2 (6)
O(1)—Mo(2)—O(4)	109.1 (2)	O(1)—Mo(2)—O(2)	92.4 (2)

Data were collected by the rotating-anode method. No absorption correction was necessary on account of the very small crystal size. The two Mo atoms were obtained from a Patterson map. Subsequent Fourier maps based on these two atoms located the rest of the non-H atoms of the assymmetric unit. All the H-atom positions were generated. The structure was refined by full-matrix least-squares methods using SHELX76 (Sheldrick, 1976). The *x* and *z* coordinates of Mo(1) were fixed to define the origin. The absolute structure of the individual crystal was checked by refinement with the opposite hand, resulting in *R* = 0.045.

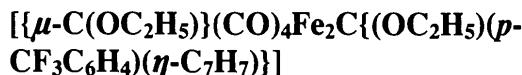
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## Abstract

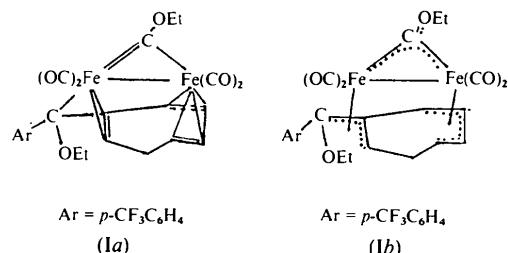
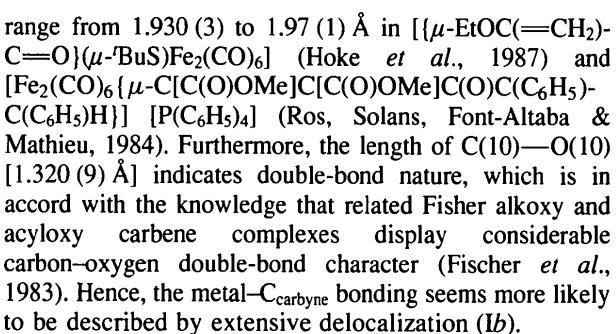
The crystal structure of tetracarbonyl-1 $\kappa^2$ C,2 $\kappa^2$ C- $\mu$ -{2-[ $\alpha$ -ethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene-1 $\kappa$ C<sup>2</sup>]-1(1,2- $\eta$ ):2(3,4,5,6- $\eta$ )-1,3,5-cycloheptatriene}- $\mu$ -ethoxymethylidyne-1:2 $\kappa^2$ C-diiron has been determined by X-ray diffraction analysis. The Fe atoms coordinated by carbonyl and cycloheptatriene groups are unsymmetrically bridged by a carbyne ligand. The extensively delocalized bonding may be found over the entire metal-ligand framework.

## Comment

The structural study of the title compound is one of a series of studies of olefin-coordinated transition metal

carbene complexes (Chen, Lei, Xu & Tang, 1985; Chen, Lei & Tang, 1987; Chen, Yin & Shao, 1987; Chen, Lei & Zhang, 1988; Chen, Yin, Fan & Xu, 1988; Chen, Yin, Lei, Jin & Lin, 1988; Chen, Yin, Lei & Lin, 1989). It is the first bi-metal complex with a bridging carbyne ligand synthesized by the reaction of an olefin-ligated metal carbonyl compound with nucleophiles followed by alkylation with  $\text{Et}_3\text{OBF}_4$  in a one-pot reaction (Chen, Yu, Chen & Zhang, 1994). As shown in Fig. 1, the title compound is an olefin-ligated diiron complex with a bridging carbyne group. The Fe—Fe single bond distance of 2.671 (1) Å is between those in  $[\{\mu\text{-EtOC}(\text{---CH}_2)\text{C=O}\}(\mu\text{-}'\text{BuS})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]$  [2.565 (1) Å; Hoke, Dewan & Seyforth, 1987] and (hexacarbonyl)-(cycloheptatriene)diiron [2.866 (1) Å; Cotton, 1971]. Moreover, it is comparable with those in  $[\{\mu\text{-C(OEt)}\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5\text{H}\}]\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6$  [2.635 (1) Å; Ros & Mathieu, 1984] and in  $[\mu\text{-C(OEt)}(p\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)\text{Fe}_2(\eta\text{-C}_8\text{H}_8)(\text{CO})_4]$  [2.686 (1) Å; Li, 1990].

The metal–metal bond is unsymmetrically bridged by the atom C(10) with distances of 1.857 (7) and 1.804 (6) Å for Fe(1)—C(10) and Fe(2)—C(10), respectively. It may be compared with the asymmetric carbyne bridges in  $[(\mu\text{-MeOCH}=\text{CHC})(\mu\text{-}^t\text{BuS})\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6]$  (average  $\text{Fe}=\text{C}_{\text{carbyne}} = 1.825$  and  $\text{Fe}-\text{C}_{\text{carbyne}} = 1.88$  Å; Seyferth, Ruschke & Davis, 1989). In addition, the Fe(2)—C(10) bond length is comparable to the  $\text{Mo}=\text{C}_{\text{carbyne}}$  distance in  $[\text{FeMo}\{\mu\text{-C}(4\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4)\}(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{CO})_6]$  [1.921 (5) Å; Garcia, Jeffery, Sherwood & Stone, 1987] taking into account the different metal atom radii. These values infer a multiple bond character for Fe(2)—C(10). Thus, each Fe atom may be considered to have 18 valence electrons including the metal–metal bond. With the significantly asymmetric metal–carbyne linkage in the title compound, the metal— $\text{C}_{\text{carbyne}}$  bonding could be described in localized valence–bond terms [(Ib) in scheme below]. However, the observed Fe(1)—C(10) bond distance is significantly shorter than those for a single Fe—C bridging bond, which



The atom C(60) of a carbonyl ligand in the title compound is connected with C(71) of the cycloheptatriene ligand and C(61) of the aryl group. That the sum of C(61)—C(60)—C(71), C(61)—C(60)—O(60) and O(60)—C(60)—C(71) is very close to  $360^\circ$  demonstrates that the C(60) atom is bonded to three adjacent atoms [O(60), C(61) and C(71)] in a trigonal planar geometry.

Examination of the distances between C(60), C(71) and C(72) [C(60)—C(71) = 1.417 (8) and C(71)—C(72) = 1.42 (1) Å] indicates extensive electron delocalization (*Ib*). The three-carbon unit is best described as an allyl group  $\eta$ -bonded to Fe(2) in side-on mode. The slightly longer Fe(2)—C(60) distance may result from the steric effect of the bulky groups around it. The phenomenon of delocalization also explains the partial double-bond linkages in the C(74)—C(77) chain. The similar  $\pi\downarrow$ -bonding mode ( $\pi\downarrow$  is defined as the delocalized  $\pi$ -bonding involving four  $\pi$  electrons and the  $p_z$  orbitals of four atoms) has been observed in [(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Fe{ $\mu$ -C(OEt)(*p*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)}] (Chen, Lei & Tang, 1987).

Fe(1) is surrounded by two carbonyl groups and atoms C(10), C(74), C(75), C(76) and C(77), thus defining a distorted monocapped trigonal prism with C(76) at the cap. On the other hand, the ligands [atoms C(3), C(4), C(10), C(60), C(71) and C(72)] around Fe(2) create a pseudo-octahedral geometry. Both the Fe(1)—(CO)<sub>2</sub> and Fe(2)—(CO)<sub>2</sub> groups have normal iron–carbon distances and iron–carbon–oxygen angles.

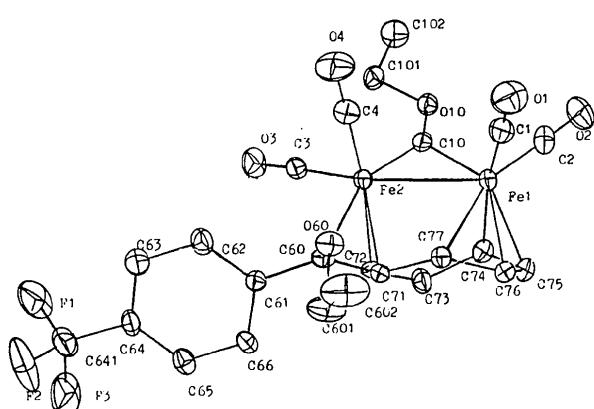


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound drawn using *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1965). The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 23% probability level.

### Experimental

### *Crystal data*

$$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O})(\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O})_2(\text{CO})_4]$$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

*M<sub>r</sub>* = 574.12  
Monoclinic  
*C*2/*c*  
*a* = 24.725 (8) Å  
*b* = 14.544 (2) Å  
*c* = 13.950 (1) Å  
 $\beta$  = 103.10 (6)°  
*V* = 4886.2 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 8  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.561 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

**Data collection**

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4  
diffractometer

$\omega$ – $2\theta$  scans

Absorption correction:  
empirical

*T*<sub>min</sub> = 0.8642, *T*<sub>max</sub> =  
0.9981

5618 measured reflections

5224 independent reflections

2094 observed reflections  
[*I* > 3σ(*I*)]

**Refinement**

Refinement on *F*

*R* = 0.045

*wR* = 0.047

*S* = 4.26

2094 reflections

316 parameters

Some coordinates of H  
atoms refined, other H-  
atom parameters not  
refined

Cell parameters from 25  
reflections  
 $\theta$  = 10.8–16.3°  
 $\mu$  = 1.2447 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 289 K  
0.4 × 0.3 × 0.3 mm  
Brown

C(73)	0.5404 (3)	0.1839 (6)	0.1184 (5)	4.6 (2)
C(74)	0.5638 (3)	0.2103 (6)	0.0315 (5)	5.1 (2)
C(75)	0.6056 (4)	0.1600 (6)	-0.0020 (5)	5.5 (2)
C(76)	0.6534 (3)	0.1370 (5)	0.0641 (5)	4.9 (2)
C(77)	0.6691 (3)	0.1569 (5)	0.1677 (5)	4.7 (2)
C(101)	0.5635 (3)	0.4966 (5)	0.1729 (5)	4.7 (2)
C(102)	0.5412 (4)	0.5806 (6)	0.1181 (7)	6.8 (2)
C(601)	0.7394 (3)	0.0662 (6)	0.3834 (6)	5.6 (2)
C(602)	0.8006 (4)	0.0617 (7)	0.3867 (9)	9.1 (3)
C(641)	0.5815 (4)	0.1180 (6)	0.6857 (6)	6.7 (2)

**Table 2.** Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Fe(1)–Fe(2)	2.671 (1)	O(10)–C(101)	1.460 (9)
Fe(1)–C(1)	1.776 (9)	O(60)–C(60)	1.404 (8)
Fe(1)–C(2)	1.729 (8)	O(60)–C(601)	1.456 (9)
Fe(1)–C(10)	1.857 (7)	C(60)–C(61)	1.49 (1)
Fe(1)–C(74)	2.133 (8)	C(60)–C(71)	1.417 (8)
Fe(1)–C(75)	2.059 (8)	C(61)–C(62)	1.368 (9)
Fe(1)–C(76)	2.061 (8)	C(61)–C(66)	1.38 (1)
Fe(1)–C(77)	2.267 (7)	C(62)–C(63)	1.38 (1)
Fe(2)–C(3)	1.743 (8)	C(63)–C(64)	1.40 (1)
Fe(2)–C(4)	1.797 (7)	C(64)–C(641)	1.45 (1)
Fe(2)–C(10)	1.804 (6)	C(71)–C(72)	1.42 (1)
Fe(2)–C(60)	2.212 (6)	C(72)–C(73)	1.490 (9)
Fe(2)–C(71)	2.011 (6)	C(74)–C(75)	1.43 (1)
Fe(2)–C(72)	2.084 (6)	C(76)–C(77)	1.438 (9)
F(1)–C(641)	1.26 (1)	C(601)–C(602)	1.50 (1)
F(2)–C(641)	1.28 (2)	C(64)–C(65)	1.355 (9)
F(3)–C(641)	1.33 (1)	C(65)–C(66)	1.39 (2)
O(1)–C(1)	1.16 (1)	C(71)–C(77)	1.47 (2)
O(2)–C(2)	1.15 (2)	C(73)–C(74)	1.51 (1)
O(3)–C(3)	1.13 (1)	C(75)–C(76)	1.37 (2)
O(4)–C(4)	1.14 (1)	C(101)–C(102)	1.49 (1)
O(10)–C(10)	1.320 (9)		
Fe(2)–Fe(1)–C(1)	95.8 (1)	C(10)–O(10)–C(101)	121.1 (5)
Fe(2)–Fe(1)–C(10)	42.4 (1)	O(60)–C(60)–C(61)	112.3 (5)
Fe(2)–Fe(1)–C(75)	113.5 (2)	C(61)–C(60)–C(71)	124.4 (6)
Fe(2)–Fe(1)–C(77)	61.99 (2)	C(60)–C(71)–C(77)	114.2 (6)
Fe(2)–Fe(1)–C(2)	138.5 (2)	C(71)–C(72)–C(73)	124.9 (6)
Fe(2)–Fe(1)–C(74)	89.6 (2)	C(73)–C(74)–C(75)	124.8 (7)
Fe(2)–Fe(1)–C(76)	97.9 (1)	C(75)–C(76)–C(77)	128.6 (7)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)–C(3)	144.6 (1)	O(10)–C(101)–C(102)	108.7 (6)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)–C(10)	43.9 (1)	C(60)–O(60)–C(601)	111.6 (5)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)–C(71)	80.0 (1)	O(60)–C(60)–C(71)	118.5 (6)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)–C(4)	101.1 (1)	C(60)–C(71)–C(72)	116.3 (7)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)–C(60)	111.62 (9)	C(72)–C(71)–C(77)	122.9 (6)
Fe(1)–Fe(2)–C(72)	84.2 (1)	C(72)–C(73)–C(74)	117.8 (6)
C(1)–Fe(1)–C(2)	90.5 (5)	C(74)–C(75)–C(76)	118.9 (6)
C(1)–Fe(1)–C(10)	104.7 (3)	C(71)–C(77)–C(76)	128.9 (6)
C(1)–Fe(1)–C(74)	167.5 (3)	O(60)–C(601)–C(602)	106.5 (7)
C(1)–Fe(1)–C(75)	128.1 (4)	Fe(1)–C(10)–Fe(2)	93.7 (2)
C(1)–Fe(1)–C(76)	98.0 (3)	Fe(2)–C(10)–O(10)	140.5 (3)
C(1)–Fe(1)–C(77)	88.1 (3)	Fe(2)–C(60)–C(61)	115.3 (2)
C(2)–Fe(1)–C(10)	96.4 (4)	Fe(2)–C(71)–C(60)	78.2 (2)
C(2)–Fe(1)–C(74)	93.1 (4)	Fe(1)–C(10)–O(10)	125.9 (3)
C(2)–Fe(1)–C(75)	93.7 (4)	Fe(2)–C(60)–O(60)	113.1 (2)
C(2)–Fe(1)–C(76)	121.8 (4)	Fe(2)–C(60)–C(71)	62.9 (2)
C(2)–Fe(1)–C(77)	159.5 (4)	C(3)–Fe(2)–C(60)	97.8 (3)
C(10)–Fe(1)–C(74)	86.9 (4)	C(3)–Fe(2)–C(71)	115.9 (3)
C(10)–Fe(1)–C(75)	126.2 (3)	C(3)–Fe(2)–C(72)	89.2 (4)
C(10)–Fe(1)–C(76)	135.2 (3)	C(4)–Fe(2)–C(10)	97.5 (3)
C(10)–Fe(1)–C(77)	103.8 (3)	C(4)–Fe(2)–C(60)	95.0 (3)
C(74)–Fe(1)–C(75)	39.8 (3)	C(4)–Fe(2)–C(71)	124.0 (4)
C(74)–Fe(1)–C(76)	70.1 (4)	C(4)–Fe(2)–C(72)	163.1 (3)
C(74)–Fe(1)–C(77)	84.5 (3)	C(10)–Fe(2)–C(60)	154.5 (3)
C(75)–Fe(1)–C(76)	38.7 (3)	C(10)–Fe(2)–C(71)	117.0 (3)
C(75)–Fe(1)–C(77)	71.3 (3)	C(10)–Fe(2)–C(72)	97.5 (3)
C(76)–Fe(1)–C(77)	38.4 (3)	C(60)–Fe(2)–C(71)	38.9 (2)
C(3)–Fe(2)–C(4)	95.2 (4)	C(60)–Fe(2)–C(72)	68.2 (2)
C(3)–Fe(2)–C(10)	103.3 (3)	C(71)–Fe(2)–C(72)	40.6 (3)

**Table 1.** Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

$$B_{\text{eq}} = (4/3)\sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j.$$

<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i> <sub>eq</sub>
0.64254 (4)	0.27746 (7)	0.06476 (7)	4.34 (2)
0.63480 (4)	0.29513 (7)	0.25173 (6)	3.22 (2)
0.5652 (3)	0.1891 (4)	0.7209 (4)	14.1 (2)
0.6153 (3)	0.0778 (6)	0.7565 (4)	13.1 (2)
0.5388 (3)	0.0605 (6)	0.6752 (4)	14.1 (2)
0.7600 (2)	0.3300 (5)	0.1018 (5)	9.4 (2)
0.6187 (4)	0.3846 (5)	-0.1129 (5)	11.1 (3)
0.5687 (2)	0.3679 (4)	0.3792 (4)	6.7 (1)
0.7330 (3)	0.4065 (5)	0.3335 (5)	7.8 (2)
0.5841 (2)	0.4351 (3)	0.1064 (3)	4.1 (1)
0.7225 (2)	0.1610 (3)	0.3600 (4)	4.2 (1)
0.7135 (3)	0.3099 (5)	0.0857 (6)	5.8 (2)
0.6278 (4)	0.3407 (4)	-0.0429 (6)	6.5 (2)
0.5953 (3)	0.3409 (5)	0.3291 (5)	4.4 (2)
0.6957 (3)	0.3621 (5)	0.3017 (6)	4.7 (2)
0.6117 (3)	0.3595 (5)	0.1394 (5)	3.8 (2)
0.6645 (3)	0.1705 (4)	0.3387 (5)	3.4 (1)
0.6411 (3)	0.1560 (4)	0.4271 (4)	3.2 (1)
0.6627 (3)	0.2045 (6)	0.5111 (5)	4.5 (2)
0.6439 (3)	0.1925 (6)	0.5964 (5)	5.3 (2)
0.6019 (3)	0.1282 (5)	0.5965 (5)	4.3 (2)
0.5819 (3)	0.0778 (5)	0.5144 (5)	4.2 (2)
0.6013 (3)	0.0902 (5)	0.4294 (5)	3.8 (2)
0.6345 (3)	0.1573 (4)	0.2403 (4)	3.3 (1)
0.5783 (3)	0.1872 (5)	0.2179 (5)	3.6 (1)

The structure was solved using MULTAN11/82 (Main *et al.*, 1982). All calculations were performed on a MicroVAX II using SDP-Plus (B. A. Frenz & Associates, Inc., 1983).

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: HL1042). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

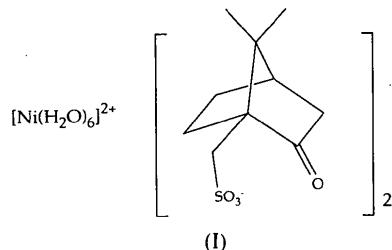
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anions, together with essentially regular octahedral  $\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+}$  cations. An extensive hydrogen-bonded network results in an overall lattice structure in which alternating layers of oppositely charged ions are stacked perpendicular to the *c* axis. The structure contains two independent D-camphor-10-sulfonate anions, with conformations related by rotation about the C(1)–C(10) bond.

## Comment

Metal salts of both phosphonic and sulfonic acids with layered structures have potential applications for ion exchange and for the separation of organic compounds by selective intercalation (Suib, 1993; Cao, Hong & Mallouk, 1992; Zhang, Scott & Clearfield, 1993). Organic derivatives are used to pillar and open-out the inorganic-based layers, and the physical properties of the layered solid can readily be varied by modification of these organic groups (Burwell & Thompson, 1991). Chiral layered materials of this type (Cao, Garcia, Alcalá, Burgess & Mallouk, 1992) offer potential for enantiomeric separations by intercalation and we are investigating layered materials derived from chiral sulfonic and phosphonic acids. Only one simple metal salt (copper) of camphor-10-sulfonic acid has been structurally characterized previously (Couldwell, Prout, Robey, Taylor & Rossotti, 1978). Here we present the crystal structure of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{D-camphor-10-SO}_3]_2$ , (I).



The crystal lattice consists of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  cations and two crystallographically independent D-camphor-10-sulfonate anions. The  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  ion is essentially octahedral with Ni–O distances ranging from 2.029 (3) to 2.073 (5) Å (average 2.051 Å) and O–Ni–O angles between 82.7 (2) and 96.9 (2)°. These Ni–O distances are very similar to those of nickel(II) phenylsulfonate [2.036 (5)–2.073 (5) Å], in which the hexaaquanickel ion is a more regular octahedron with O–Ni–O angles in the range 87.3 (2)–92.7 (2)° (Kosnic, McClymont, Hodder & Squattrito, 1992). There is no coordination of either the sulftonate or the ketone O atoms of the anion, in contrast to observations for related phosphonate salts. This is not unexpected as these ligands show relatively poor coordinating ability when compared

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### Abstract

The structure of the title complex,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot 2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_4\text{S}$ , consists of D-camphor-10-sulfonate