

Table 3. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²) for (2)

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

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{eq}
Pd1	0.02848 (2)	0.96547 (2)	0.88343 (1)	0.02770 (3)
N1	-0.0989 (2)	1.0493 (2)	0.9144 (1)	0.0284 (3)
C1	-0.0825 (3)	1.1310 (2)	0.9216 (2)	0.0303 (3)
C2	0.0074 (2)	1.1822 (2)	0.8880 (2)	0.0344 (3)
C3	0.0103 (3)	1.1676 (2)	0.8056 (2)	0.0411 (3)
C4	-0.0027 (3)	1.2806 (2)	0.9031 (2)	0.0467 (4)
C5	0.1076 (3)	1.1449 (2)	0.9196 (2)	0.0353 (3)
N2	0.1253 (2)	1.0635 (2)	0.9291 (2)	0.0354 (3)
O1	-0.1469 (2)	1.1747 (2)	0.9661 (1)	0.0367 (3)
C6	-0.2114 (3)	1.1076 (3)	1.0018 (2)	0.0390 (3)
C7	-0.1985 (2)	1.0280 (2)	0.9532 (2)	0.0318 (3)
C8	-0.2910 (3)	1.0146 (2)	0.9001 (2)	0.0359 (3)
C9	-0.3254 (2)	1.0970 (2)	0.8634 (2)	0.0373 (2)
C10	-0.2753 (3)	1.1271 (3)	0.8014 (2)	0.0453 (3)
C11	-0.3048 (4)	1.2063 (3)	0.7709 (3)	0.0607 (4)
C12	-0.3836 (4)	1.2557 (3)	0.8020 (3)	0.0717 (4)
C13	-0.4355 (4)	1.2253 (3)	0.8622 (3)	0.0655 (4)
C14	-0.4077 (3)	1.1465 (3)	0.8922 (2)	0.0507 (3)
O2	0.1833 (2)	1.2005 (2)	0.9413 (2)	0.0496 (4)
C15	0.2731 (4)	1.1459 (3)	0.9601 (3)	0.0640 (4)
C16	0.2250 (3)	1.0564 (3)	0.9713 (3)	0.0457 (3)
C17	0.1951 (4)	1.0349 (4)	1.0503 (2)	0.0538 (3)
C18	0.1258 (4)	0.9577 (3)	1.0575 (2)	0.0599 (3)
C19	0.0220 (4)	0.9673 (4)	1.0786 (3)	0.0964 (3)
C20	-0.0424 (5)	0.8936 (4)	1.0826 (4)	0.1145 (4)
C21	-0.0006 (5)	0.8131 (4)	1.0626 (4)	0.1011 (4)
C22	0.1029 (5)	0.8037 (4)	1.0452 (4)	0.1060 (4)
C23	0.1666 (4)	0.8758 (3)	1.0428 (3)	0.0825 (4)
C24	-0.0388 (3)	0.8478 (2)	0.8359 (2)	0.0367 (3)
C25	0.0573 (3)	0.8714 (2)	0.8029 (2)	0.0353 (3)
C26	0.1477 (3)	0.8785 (2)	0.8464 (2)	0.0379 (3)
C27	0.2477 (3)	0.9189 (2)	0.8216 (2)	0.0397 (3)
C28	0.3416 (3)	0.8967 (3)	0.8565 (2)	0.0535 (3)
C29	0.4357 (3)	0.9359 (4)	0.8371 (3)	0.0608 (4)
C30	0.4364 (3)	0.9986 (4)	0.7834 (3)	0.0678 (4)
C31	0.3437 (3)	1.0227 (4)	0.7490 (2)	0.0657 (4)
C32	0.2495 (3)	0.9827 (3)	0.7678 (2)	0.0493 (3)
C33	-0.1413 (3)	0.8488 (2)	0.7987 (2)	0.0362 (3)
C34	-0.1608 (3)	0.9069 (3)	0.7426 (2)	0.0449 (3)
C35	-0.2582 (3)	0.9082 (3)	0.7085 (2)	0.0551 (4)
C36	-0.3359 (3)	0.8494 (4)	0.7287 (3)	0.0655 (4)
C37	-0.3163 (3)	0.7898 (3)	0.7830 (3)	0.0634 (4)
C38	-0.2197 (3)	0.7906 (3)	0.8189 (3)	0.0533 (4)
P1	0.5246 (1)	0.93473 (8)	0.08382 (6)	0.0585 (2)
F1	0.5871 (4)	0.8874 (3)	0.1444 (2)	0.1458 (4)
F2	0.4633 (3)	0.9876 (3)	0.1429 (2)	0.1039 (4)
F3	0.6113 (3)	1.0072 (3)	0.0811 (2)	0.0928 (4)
F4	0.5865 (4)	0.8856 (3)	0.0233 (2)	0.1211 (4)
F5	0.4625 (3)	0.9848 (3)	0.0236 (2)	0.1302 (4)
F6	0.4380 (4)	0.8631 (3)	0.0857 (3)	0.1382 (4)

Table 4. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (2)

Pd1—N1	2.130 (3)	Pd1—C24	2.169 (3)
Pd1—N2	2.105 (3)	Pd1—C26	2.118 (3)
N2—Pd1—N1	84.5 (1)	C26—Pd1—N2	99.3 (1)
C24—Pd1—N1	108.0 (1)	C26—Pd1—C24	68.3 (1)

For compound (1), the origin has been fixed using polar axes restraints (Flack & Schwarzenbach, 1988). The allyl group of compound (1) is disordered; the position of the central C atom was split and the occupancies of the two alternative positions were refined holding the sum equal to 1.

For both compounds, data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf-Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *CRYSTALS* (Watkin, 1990); program(s) used to solve structures: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985); program(s) used to refine structures: *CRYSTALS*.

Lists of anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: NA1124). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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fac- and *mer*-Dipyridiniomethane Trichlorotrifluoroosmate(IV), *fac*- and *mer*-[(C₅H₅N)₂CH₂][OsCl₃F₃]]

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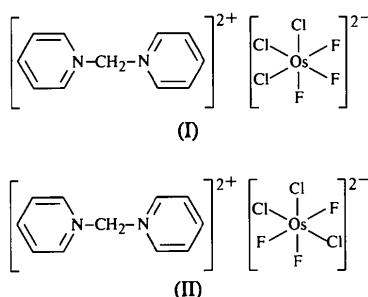
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Abstract

The structures of *fac*-N,N'-methylenedipyridinium trichlorotrifluoroosmate(IV), (I), and *mer*-N,N'-methylene-dipyridinium trichlorotrifluoroosmate(IV), (II), *fac*- and *mer*-[(C₅H₅N)₂CH₂][OsCl₃F₃]], have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at room temperature. The complex anions are completely ordered. The Os—F distances in (I) are equal to within 3 e.s.d.'s, as are the Os—Cl distances. The mean Os—F distance of 1.948 Å and Os—Cl distance of 2.3199 Å are typical for bonds altered in length by the *trans* influence. The asymmetric Cl—Os—F coordination axis in (II) has a longer Os—F distance [1.976 (3) Å] and a shorter Os—Cl distance [2.2782 (13) Å] than the symmetric F—Os—F and Cl—Os—Cl axes, which have mean bond lengths of 1.944 and 2.307 Å, respectively.

Comment

Octahedral mixed-ligand complexes of the type $[MCl_nF_{6-n}]^{2-}$ ($M = Os, Pt; n = 0-6$) have been used as standard species in vibrational and NMR spectroscopy to examine bond interactions arising from the mutual *trans* influence of F and Cl (Preetz, Ruf & Tensfeldt, 1984; Parzich, Peters & Preetz, 1993; Alyoubi, Greenslade, Foster & Preetz, 1990). However, no crystal structures have been available because of the statistical distribution of the ligands in A_2B -type lattices of high symmetry with alkali metal or alkylammonium cations (Keller & Homborg, 1976). Ordered structures can be obtained if doubly charged cations with less regular geometry are used to form *AB*-type salts (Garnier & Bele, 1994; Brüdgam & Hartl, 1986; Bruhn & Preetz, 1994*a,b*, 1995), such as the title compounds (I) and (II).



Compound (II) crystallizes in space group $P2_1/n$. The complex anion *mer*-[OsCl₃F₃]²⁻ has local C_{2v} symmetry and contains three different axes: F—Os—F with Os—F distances of 1.941 (3) and 1.946 (3) Å, Cl—Os—Cl with Os—Cl distances of 2.3039 (15) and 2.3108 (15) Å, and F—Os—Cl with an Os—F distance of 1.976 (3) Å and an Os—Cl distance of 2.2782 (13) Å. These axes are almost linear (they are bent by less than 3°) and are orthogonal to one another, as expected for an octahedral coordination sphere. As a result of the *trans* influence in the asymmetric coordination axis the Os—F distance is 0.032 Å longer and the Os—Cl distance is 0.029 Å shorter than the corresponding average distances for the symmetric axes. Compound (I) crystallizes in space group $P\bar{1}$ with two formula units in the asymmetric unit. The *fac*-[OsCl₃F₃]²⁻ anion has C_{3v} point symmetry and contains three asymmetric F—Os—Cl coordination axes, for which the Os—F distances would be expected to be equal and the Os—Cl distances would be expected to be equal. In fact, the Os—F distances vary over a range of 0.015 Å from 1.941 (2) to 1.956 (3) Å and the Os—Cl distances vary over a range of 0.017 Å from 2.3085 (14) to 2.3258 (11) Å as a result of steric interactions and weak hydrogen bonds between the cations and anions. The Cl—Os—Cl angles are wider [90.18 (5) to 94.28 (4)°] than the F—Os—F angles [86.75 (12) to 88.05 (12)°] because of the larger atomic

radius of Cl compared to F. Views of an asymmetric unit with the atom-labelling scheme for (I) and (II) are given in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively.

The dipyridiniomethane moiety shows closest H···F contacts to the complex anions of 2.36 Å, which may be described as very weak hydrogen bonds. The pyridine rings exhibit different interplanar angles in each of the cations. This has been postulated as one of factors leading to ordering in structures of this type (Bruhn, Drews, Meyhardt & Preetz, 1995). In (I), the normals to the pyridine rings form angles of 63.8 (3) and 61.9 (3)° with the normal to the plane through N1, C1 and N2, and angles of 45.9 (4) and 61.5 (4)° to the plane through N3, C2 and N4. In (II), the normals to the pyridine rings form angles of 84.3 (3) and 72.8 (3)° with the plane through CM, N1 and N2. Stereoscopic views of the unit cells are given in Figs. 3 and 4.

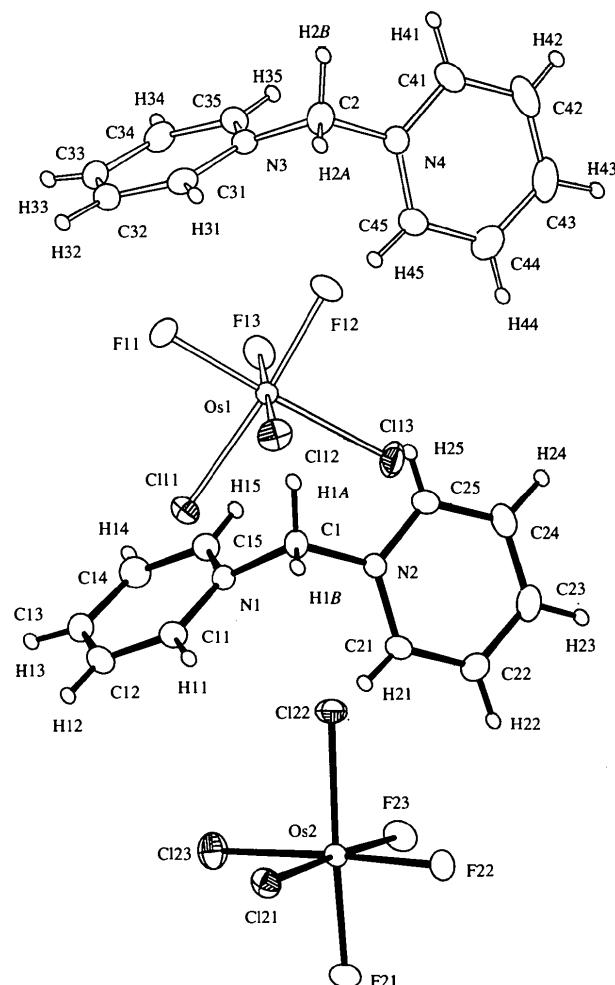


Fig. 1. View of the *fac*-[OsCl₃F₃]²⁻ anions and the [(C₅H₅N)₂CH₂]²⁺ cations in the asymmetric unit of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level for non-H atoms. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

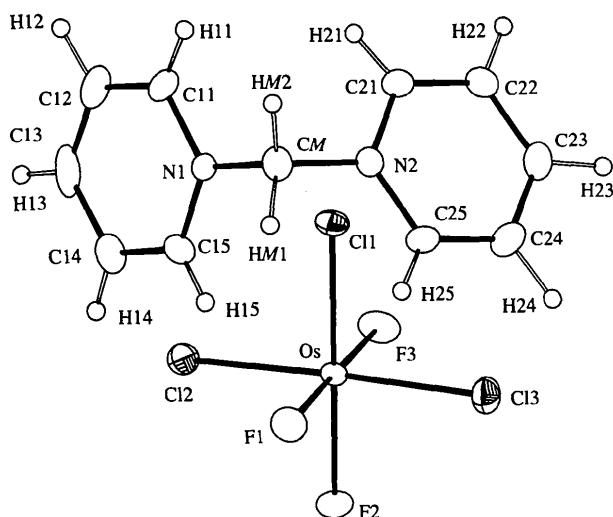
TWO ISOMERS OF $[(C_5H_5N)_2CH_2][OsCl_3F_3]$ 

Fig. 2. View of the $mer\text{-}[OsCl}_3F_3]^{2-}$ anion and the $[(C_5H_5N)_2CH_2]^{2+}$ cation in the asymmetric unit of (II). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level for non-H atoms. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

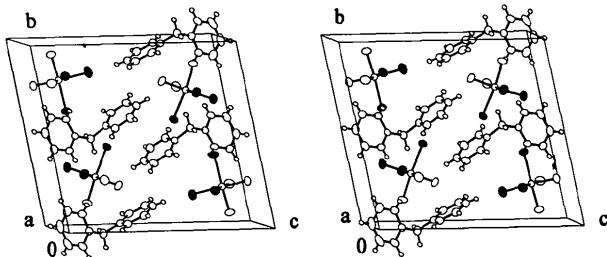


Fig. 3. Stereoscopic plot showing a unit cell of (I).

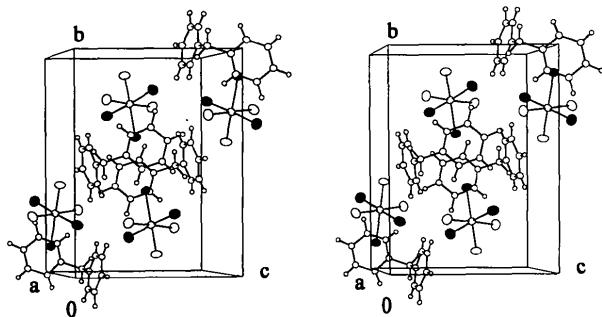


Fig. 4. Stereoscopic plot showing a unit cell of (II).

Experimental

The reaction of $K_2[OsCl_6]$ with BrF_3 at room temperature led to a mixture containing several compounds of the series $[OsCl_nF_{6-n}]^{2-}$, from which *fac*- $[OsCl_3F_3]^{2-}$ and *cis*- $[OsCl_2F_4]^{2-}$ were separated by ion-exchange chromatography on diethylaminoethylcellulose. They were then isolated as their tetra-*n*-butylammonium (TBA) salts. *cis*- $[OsCl_2F_4]^{2-}$ was converted by stereospecific ligand exchange with HCl

gas in CH_2Cl_2 at 278 K to *mer*- $[OsCl_3F_3]^{2-}$ in a 10% yield (Preetz, Ruf & Tensfeldt, 1984). The dipyridiniomethane salts were precipitated from a *N,N*-dimethylformamide solution of the TBA complex salts with dipyridiniomethane dibromide, $[(C_5H_5N)_2CH_2]Br_2$, and recrystallized from water/acetone to give suitable single crystals.

Compound (I)

Crystal data

$[(C_5H_5N)_2CH_2][OsCl_3F_3]$

$M_r = 525.78$

Triclinic

$P\bar{1}$

$a = 7.223(3)$ Å

$b = 13.9130(15)$ Å

$c = 14.9310(15)$ Å

$\alpha = 100.655(9)^\circ$

$\beta = 101.33(3)^\circ$

$\gamma = 90.32(2)^\circ$

$V = 1444.5(5)$ Å 3

$Z = 4$

$D_x = 2.418$ Mg m $^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 0.71069$ Å

Cell parameters from 25

reflections

$\theta = 5.88\text{--}10.43^\circ$

$\mu = 9.404$ mm $^{-1}$

$T = 293(2)$ K

Prism

$0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.1$ mm

Orange

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4-Turbo four-circle diffractometer

$\omega/2\theta$ scans

Absorption correction:

empirical (ψ scans)

$T_{\min} = 0.5209$, $T_{\max} = 0.9986$

5531 measured reflections

5088 independent reflections

4709 observed reflections

$[I > 2\sigma(I)]$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0128$

$\theta_{\max} = 25.00^\circ$

$h = 0 \rightarrow 8$

$k = -16 \rightarrow 16$

$l = -17 \rightarrow 17$

3 standard reflections

monitored every 400

reflections

intensity decay: 1.2%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0187$

$wR(F^2) = 0.0503$

$S = 1.199$

5088 reflections

458 parameters

All H-atom parameters

refined

$$w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0247P)^2 + 2.2353P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = -0.002$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.039$ e Å $^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.607$ e Å $^{-3}$

Extinction correction:

SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993)

Extinction coefficient:

0.0064 (2)

Atomic scattering factors

from *International Tables*

for Crystallography (1992,

Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and

6.1.1.4)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å 2) for (I)

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
Os1	0.08135 (2)	0.743535 (11)	0.716558 (10)	0.02207 (7)
Cl11	0.0457 (2)	0.58840 (8)	0.62422 (7)	0.0320 (2)
Cl12	-0.2303 (2)	0.74164 (9)	0.73219 (9)	0.0394 (3)
Cl13	0.1849 (2)	0.68734 (10)	0.85412 (8)	0.0479 (3)
F11	0.0098 (4)	0.7957 (2)	0.6033 (2)	0.0357 (6)
F12	0.1204 (4)	0.8786 (2)	0.7842 (2)	0.0408 (6)
F13	0.3427 (3)	0.7518 (2)	0.7024 (2)	0.0394 (6)
Os2	0.02144 (2)	0.228196 (11)	0.788450 (11)	0.02409 (7)

C121	-0.2961 (2)	0.22074 (9)	0.71695 (8)	0.0362 (2)	Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
C122	0.0408 (2)	0.39441 (8)	0.78529 (8)	0.0368 (3)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	$\theta = 4.18\text{--}11.79^\circ$
C123	0.1186 (2)	0.18417 (10)	0.64789 (9)	0.0481 (3)	$a = 9.676$ (5) Å	$\mu = 9.620 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
F21	0.0072 (4)	0.0905 (2)	0.7975 (2)	0.0393 (6)	$b = 14.046$ (3) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
F22	-0.0482 (4)	0.2566 (2)	0.9096 (2)	0.0404 (6)	$c = 10.476$ (3) Å	Prism
F23	0.2838 (4)	0.2317 (2)	0.8551 (2)	0.0420 (7)	$\beta = 97.357$ (4)°	$0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$ mm
C1	0.4389 (7)	0.5242 (3)	0.7390 (3)	0.0305 (10)	$V = 1412.1$ (9) Å ³	Pink
N1	0.4770 (5)	0.4584 (3)	0.6562 (2)	0.0250 (7)	$Z = 4$	
N2	0.5584 (5)	0.5044 (3)	0.8245 (2)	0.0249 (7)	$D_x = 2.473 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	
C11	0.3386 (6)	0.3968 (3)	0.6020 (3)	0.0319 (10)		
C12	0.3661 (7)	0.3425 (4)	0.5201 (3)	0.0362 (11)		
C13	0.5364 (8)	0.3504 (4)	0.4942 (3)	0.0372 (11)		
C14	0.6781 (8)	0.4107 (4)	0.5525 (4)	0.0397 (12)		
C15	0.6469 (7)	0.4653 (4)	0.6329 (3)	0.0336 (10)		
C21	0.5385 (7)	0.4175 (3)	0.8507 (3)	0.0298 (9)		
C22	0.6380 (7)	0.4019 (4)	0.9333 (3)	0.0354 (10)		
C23	0.7562 (7)	0.4754 (4)	0.9912 (3)	0.0403 (12)		
C24	0.7749 (8)	0.5627 (4)	0.9640 (3)	0.0415 (12)		
C25	0.6752 (7)	0.5766 (4)	0.8796 (3)	0.0350 (10)		
C2	0.4345 (7)	0.0317 (4)	0.7720 (3)	0.0361 (11)		
N3	0.4748 (5)	-0.0236 (3)	0.6853 (3)	0.0286 (8)		
N4	0.5655 (5)	0.0096 (3)	0.8539 (2)	0.0291 (8)		
C31	0.3276 (7)	-0.0660 (4)	0.6189 (4)	0.0377 (11)		
C32	0.3550 (9)	-0.1103 (4)	0.5335 (4)	0.0446 (13)		
C33	0.5337 (9)	-0.1131 (4)	0.5165 (4)	0.0432 (13)		
C34	0.6842 (8)	-0.0722 (4)	0.5853 (4)	0.0377 (11)		
C35	0.6523 (7)	-0.0270 (3)	0.6698 (3)	0.0303 (9)		
C41	0.6735 (7)	0.0827 (4)	0.9121 (4)	0.0398 (11)		
C42	0.7793 (8)	0.0663 (5)	0.9931 (4)	0.0507 (15)		
C43	0.7785 (8)	-0.0249 (5)	1.0145 (4)	0.0500 (14)		
C44	0.6716 (8)	-0.1007 (5)	0.9521 (4)	0.0464 (13)		
C45	0.5634 (7)	-0.0819 (4)	0.8717 (3)	0.0357 (10)		

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (I)

Os1—F11	1.941 (2)	C13—C14	1.371 (7)	Refinement on F^2	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.518 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Os1—F12	1.953 (3)	C14—C15	1.357 (7)	$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0183$	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.537 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Os1—F13	1.946 (3)	C21—C22	1.355 (7)	$wR(F^2) = 0.0390$	Extinction correction:
Os1—Cl11	2.3194 (11)	C22—C23	1.377 (7)	$S = 1.094$	<i>SHELXL93</i> (Sheldrick, 1993)
Os1—Cl12	2.3085 (14)	C23—C24	1.364 (8)	2474 reflections	Extinction coefficient:
Os1—Cl13	2.3207 (12)	C24—C25	1.370 (7)	230 parameters	0.00092 (8)
Os2—F21	1.949 (3)	C2—N3	1.462 (6)	All H-atom parameters refined	Atomic scattering factors
Os2—F22	1.944 (3)	C2—N4	1.473 (6)	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0142P)^2 + 0.4674P]$	from <i>International Tables for Crystallography</i> (1992, Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)
Os2—F23	1.956 (3)	N3—C31	1.350 (6)	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
Os2—Cl21	2.3252 (14)	N3—C35	1.346 (6)	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = -0.001$	
Os2—Cl22	2.3258 (11)	N4—C41	1.341 (6)		
Os2—Cl23	2.3197 (13)	N4—C45	1.348 (6)		
C1—N1	1.470 (6)	C31—C32	1.361 (8)		
C1—N2	1.466 (5)	C32—C33	1.363 (9)		
N1—C11	1.343 (6)	C33—C34	1.378 (8)		
N1—C15	1.347 (6)	C34—C35	1.365 (7)		
N2—C21	1.353 (6)	C41—C42	1.356 (8)		
N2—C25	1.345 (6)	C42—C43	1.365 (9)		
C11—C12	1.364 (7)	C43—C44	1.386 (9)		
C12—C13	1.370 (7)	C44—C45	1.367 (7)		
F11—Os1—F12	87.53 (12)	F22—Os2—F23	87.00 (13)	$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i U_{ij}a_i^*a_j^*\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$	
F11—Os1—F13	88.05 (12)	F21—Os2—F23	87.18 (12)		
F13—Os1—F12	86.92 (12)	F22—Os2—Cl23	175.40 (9)	x	x
F11—Os1—Cl12	90.08 (9)	F21—Os2—Cl23	89.55 (9)	Os	0.44963 (2)
F12—Os1—Cl12	90.87 (10)	F23—Os2—Cl23	90.09 (10)	Cl1	0.52155 (13)
F13—Os1—Cl12	177.16 (9)	F22—Os2—Cl21	89.89 (10)	Cl2	0.26497 (14)
F11—Os1—Cl11	87.74 (9)	F21—Os2—Cl21	90.88 (9)	Cl3	0.62901 (14)
F12—Os1—Cl11	174.25 (9)	F23—Os2—Cl21	176.42 (9)	F1	0.5627 (3)
F13—Os1—Cl11	89.66 (9)	Cl23—Os2—Cl21	92.90 (5)	F2	0.3839 (3)
Cl12—Os1—Cl11	92.40 (5)	F22—Os2—Cl22	90.76 (9)	F3	0.3345 (3)
F11—Os1—Cl13	176.29 (9)	F21—Os2—Cl22	177.29 (9)	N1	0.6841 (4)
F13—Os1—Cl13	88.85 (9)	F23—Os2—Cl22	91.63 (9)	N2	0.8449 (4)
F12—Os1—Cl13	90.27 (9)	Cl23—Os2—Cl22	92.88 (5)	CM	0.8323 (5)
Cl12—Os1—Cl13	92.94 (5)	Cl21—Os2—Cl22	90.18 (5)	C11	0.6200 (7)
C11—Os1—Cl13	94.28 (4)	N2—C1—N1	111.5 (3)	C12	0.4815 (7)
F22—Os2—F21	86.75 (12)	N3—C2—N4	111.7 (4)	C13	0.4108 (7)

Table 3. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²) for (II)

			x	y	z	U_{eq}
			Os	0.44963 (2)	0.225211 (13)	0.55497 (2)
			Cl1	0.52155 (13)	0.37830 (9)	0.53482 (12)
			Cl2	0.26497 (14)	0.27513 (10)	0.65670 (14)
			Cl3	0.62901 (14)	0.16791 (10)	0.45067 (13)
			F1	0.5627 (3)	0.2095 (2)	0.7206 (3)
			F2	0.3839 (3)	0.0931 (2)	0.5714 (3)
			F3	0.3345 (3)	0.2371 (2)	0.3892 (3)
			N1	0.6841 (4)	0.5026 (3)	0.8098 (3)
			N2	0.8449 (4)	0.4624 (3)	0.6601 (4)
			CM	0.8323 (5)	0.4957 (4)	0.7934 (5)
			C11	0.6200 (7)	0.5884 (4)	0.7916 (5)
			C12	0.4815 (7)	0.5958 (5)	0.8046 (5)
			C13	0.4108 (7)	0.5178 (6)	0.8396 (5)
			C14	0.4773 (6)	0.4304 (5)	0.8561 (5)
			C15	0.6148 (6)	0.4248 (4)	0.8400 (5)
			C21	0.8126 (5)	0.5226 (4)	0.5602 (5)
			C22	0.8210 (6)	0.4917 (4)	0.4376 (5)
			C23	0.8646 (5)	0.3999 (4)	0.4177 (5)
			C24	0.8983 (6)	0.3411 (4)	0.5213 (6)
			C25	0.8866 (6)	0.3729 (4)	0.6428 (5)

Compound (III)*Crystal data*

$[(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_2\text{CH}_2][\text{OsCl}_3\text{F}_3]$
 $M_r = 525.78$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ \AA}$

Os—F1	1.941 (3)	N2—C21	1.351 (6)
Os—F2	1.976 (3)	N2—C25	1.340 (6)
Os—F3	1.946 (3)	C11—C12	1.369 (9)
Os—Cl1	2.2782 (13)	C12—C13	1.367 (10)
Os—Cl2	2.3039 (15)	C13—C14	1.387 (10)
Os—Cl3	2.3108 (15)	C14—C15	1.365 (8)
N1—C11	1.358 (7)	C21—C22	1.369 (7)
N1—C15	1.341 (6)	C22—C23	1.380 (8)
N1—CM	1.469 (6)	C23—C24	1.369 (8)
N2—CM	1.492 (6)	C24—C25	1.367 (7)
F1—Os—F3	178.35 (12)	Cl1—Os—Cl2	91.13 (5)
F1—Os—F2	88.07 (13)	F1—Os—Cl3	90.66 (10)
F3—Os—F2	90.28 (13)	F3—Os—Cl3	89.24 (11)
F1—Os—Cl1	92.64 (9)	F2—Os—Cl3	89.06 (10)
F3—Os—Cl1	89.01 (9)	Cl1—Os—Cl3	91.61 (5)
F2—Os—Cl1	179.02 (9)	Cl2—Os—Cl3	177.09 (5)
F1—Os—Cl2	90.17 (10)	C15—N1—C11	121.5 (5)
F3—Os—Cl2	89.85 (11)	N1—CM—N2	109.2 (4)
F2—Os—Cl2	88.18 (10)		

For both compounds, data collection: CAD-4-PC (Enraf-Nonius, 1993); cell refinement: CAD-4-PC; data reduction: MolEN (Fair, 1990); program(s) used to solve structures: SIR92 (Altomare *et al.*, 1992); program(s) used to refine structures: SHEXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHEXL93.

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$\mu\text{-(1,2,5,6-}\eta\text{:3,4,7,8-}\eta\text{)-1,3,5,7-Cyclooctatetraene-bis[dimethylplatinum(II)]}$

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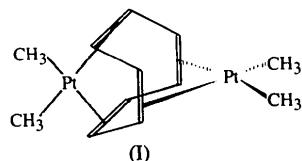
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Abstract

$\mu\text{-(1,2,5,6-}\eta\text{:3,4,7,8-}\eta\text{)-1,3,5,7-Cyclooctatetraene-bis[dimethylplatinum(II)]}$, $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{C}_8\text{H}_8)(\text{CH}_3)_4]$, consists of two $\text{Pt}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ groups bridged by a single cyclooctatetraene molecule. The coordination about each Pt atom is approximately square planar, if each olefinic group is considered as a single ligand. The molecule contains a twofold axis passing through the Pt atoms and the center of the cyclooctatetraene molecule.

Comment

As part of a study concerned with the synthesis and properties of metal–olefin compounds, the NMR spectrum of the title compound, (I), was examined for potential long-range coupling by the Pt^{195} nuclei. Here we report its crystal structure.



The molecular structure and atom-numbering scheme are shown in Fig. 1. The molecule consists of two dimethylplatinum groups bridged by a cyclooctatetraene molecule. The molecule displays a twofold axis passing through the Pt atoms and the center of the cyclooctatetraene molecule. The coordination about each Pt atom is approximately square planar with the third and fourth bonds of the platinum directed towards the midpoints

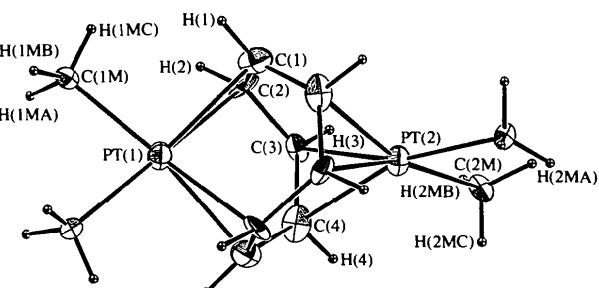


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) view of the title compound with displacement ellipsoids plotted at the 25% probability level.