

THE CRYSTAL AND MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE
DIPHENYLETHYLPHOSPHINE OXIDE ADDUCT OF
TETRAKIS-(μ_3 -HYDROXOTRICARBONYLHYDRIDOTUNGSTEN),
[W(OH)(CO)₃H]₄ · 4 OPPh₂Et

VINCENZO G. ALBANO, GIANFRANCO CIANI, MARIO MANASSERO AND
MIRELLA SANSONI

*Istituto di Chimica Generale e Inorganica dell'Università degli Studi, 21, via Venezian, 20133 Milano
(Italy)*

(Received July 16th, 1971)

SUMMARY

The compound [W(OH)(CO)₃H]₄ · 4 OPPh₂Et crystallizes in the monoclinic space group *C2/c* with the following unit cell constants: $a=25.06(2)$, $b=14.08(1)$, $c=24.60(2)$ Å, $\beta=120^\circ 20'(10')$ and $Z=4$. The structure has been determined from a set of 1246 independent non-zero reflections, measured with counter methods, and refined by least-squares to a final *R* index of 0.049. It consists of tetrameric units [W(OH)(CO)₃H]₄, lying around the two-fold crystallographic axes. The tungsten atoms, which occupy the corners of a regular tetrahedron, are held together by four μ_3 -hydroxo groups, so that the W₄O₄ moiety forms a distorted cube. The W...W distances (mean value 3.48 Å) are definitely non-bonding. The stereochemical arrangement of the ligands around the tungsten atoms identifies the hydridic hydrogen positions. The resulting coordination polyhedron in each (OH)₃W(CO)₃H moiety can be described as a combination, by apex sharing, of one triangular and one square pyramid, the triangle being formed by the OH oxygen atoms and the square by the CO carbon atoms plus the hydridic hydrogen. The four OPPh₂Et molecules are joined to the tetramer through strong hydrogen bonds with the μ_3 -hydroxo groups (O...O contacts of 2.47 and 2.48 Å).

INTRODUCTION

This work is part of a crystallographic investigation on a series of polynuclear hydroxocarbonyl- and hydroxocarbonylnitrosyl complexes of molybdenum and tungsten, which derive from an acidic species formulated by Hieber *et al.* as H₃M₂(CO)₆(OH)₃ with M equal to Mo¹ or W² [compounds (I) and (II) respectively]. We have already described the structure of a derivative, (III), obtained by Canziani *et al.* by reaction of (I) with triphenylphosphine oxide and nitrogen oxide, and originally formulated as dimeric [Mo(OH)(CO)₂(NO)(OPPh₃)₂]₂³; the crystal structure determination showed (III) to be tetrameric, the resulting formulation being that of a four-fold OPPh₃ adduct of tetrakis-(μ_3 -hydroxodicarbonylnitrosylmolybdenum), [Mo(OH)(CO)₂(NO)]₄ · 4OPPh₃⁴. The phosphine oxides are linked to the tetramer only

through hydrogen bonds with the μ_3 -hydroxo groups.

Another species, obtained by reaction of (I) with triphenylphosphine oxide only, and formulated as $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3\text{OPPh}_3$ ¹, (IV), has been found to be strictly isomorphous with (III) (both crystallize in the cubic space group $P\bar{4}3n$)⁴. The isomorphism indicates that (III) and (IV) have a similar molecular framework, but formulation of (IV) as $[\text{Mo}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_3]_4 \cdot 4\text{OPPh}_3$ is not correct because it is not consistent with the diamagnetism of the compound. A subsequent complete determination on (IV) did indeed reveal a similar structure to (III), but some degree of disorder, present in both crystals⁴, probably obscured fundamental structural details.

To get more precise information on type (IV) compounds we have undertaken the investigation of an adduct with a less symmetric tertiary phosphine oxide in order to lessen the crystallographic symmetry and possibly to avoid the observed disorder in the cubic species. We describe below the structure of the compound which separates when (II) is allowed to react in ethanol with diphenylethylphosphine oxide at 70–80° for several minutes⁵. (The corresponding molybdenum adduct cannot be obtained.)

NMR spectra of type (IV) compounds, recorded while the present structure determination was in progress, revealed the presence of hydrogen atoms directly bonded to the metals in a ratio 1/1 with the hydroxylic hydrogens⁵. Thus the complete formulation of the compound is $[\text{W}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_3\text{H}]_4 \cdot 4\text{OPPh}_2\text{Et}$. Full structural evidence for the presence of the hydric hydrogens has been obtained in the present investigation.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

The complex $[\text{W}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_3\text{H}]_4 \cdot \text{OPPh}_2\text{Et}$, $M = 2063.3$, crystallizes in green-yellow monoclinic crystals stable in the air at least for the time necessary for data collection. The crystallographic constants are: $a = 25.06(2)$, $b = 14.08(1)$, $c = 24.60(2)$ Å, $\beta = 120^\circ 20'(10')$, $U = 7492$ Å³, $D_m = 1.85(2)$ g/cm³ (by picnometry), $Z = 4$, $D_c = 1.83$ g/cm³, $F(000) = 3968$. The cell parameters were determined by use of precession photographs taken with Mo- $K\alpha$ radiation (λ 0.7107 Å). On the basis of systematic absences (hkl for $h+k=2n+1$ and $h0l$ for $l=2n+1$) two space groups were possible, Cc (No. 9) and $C2/c$ (No. 15).

The intensities were measured at room temperature on a Pailred single-crystal diffractometer using Mo- $K\alpha$ radiation with a silicon monochromator. The crystal sample, of size $0.51 \times 0.26 \times 0.34$ mm, was mounted along the c axis and a set of reciprocal lattice layers from $hk0$ to $hk20$ up to an equi-inclination angle of $16^\circ 28'$ was recorded by the ω -scan technique. The total number of collected reflections was about 3400. After the Lorentz and polarization factors had been applied, the resulting F_0^2 were corrected for absorption (μ 67.6 cm⁻¹) using a computational procedure described elsewhere⁶. The transmission factors ranged from 0.22 to 0.37. The structure resolution and refinement were based on 1246 independent non-zero reflections having a relative statistical counting error less than 0.23.

STRUCTURE SOLUTION AND REFINEMENT

By inspection of a tridimensional Patterson function it was possible to determine the coordinates of the tungsten atoms and to accept $C2/c$ as the true space group.

This choice was confirmed by the successful refinement of the whole structure. In this space group the four molecules contained in the cell are in special positions around the two-fold axes and the only independent part is the $\text{W}_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{CO})_6\text{H}_2(\text{OPPh}_2\text{Et})_2$ moiety. A difference Fourier map phased only with the tungsten atoms showed the phosphorus atoms positions. Isotropic refinement of tungsten and phosphorus atoms gave, at this stage, a conventional R factor of 0.17. The remaining atoms were subsequently located on a difference Fourier except for the phenyl rings of the phosphine oxide molecules which were treated as rigid bodies and located by means of a trial-and-error program⁷.

The structure was refined by the least-squares method using the block-diagonal approximation. Tungsten and phosphorus atoms were assigned anisotropic thermal parameters, oxygen and carbon atoms isotropic ones. The phenyl rings were constrained in a rigid-body motion (D_{6h} symmetry, C-C 1.392 Å). The minimized function was $\sum w \cdot (F_o - |F_c|)^2$ and the weights were assigned following the Cruickshank criterion $w = 1/(a + b \cdot F_o + c \cdot F_o^2)$ with $a = 10^2$, $b = 0.5$ and $c = 3 \times 10^{-4}$. The atomic scattering factors for all atoms are those given in ref. 8, the value for tungsten and phosphorus atoms being corrected for the real part of the anomalous dispersion⁹. The imaginary part⁹ was also taken into account in the refinement of the same atoms. The agreement indices were, at the end, $R = 0.049$ and $R_w = [\sum w \cdot (F_o - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w \cdot F_o^2]^{1/2} = 0.066$.

The results of refinement are reported in Tables 1-4: Table 1 shows the final agreement between the observed and calculated structure factors. Tables 2 and 3 list, respectively, the positional and thermal parameters of non-group anisotropic and

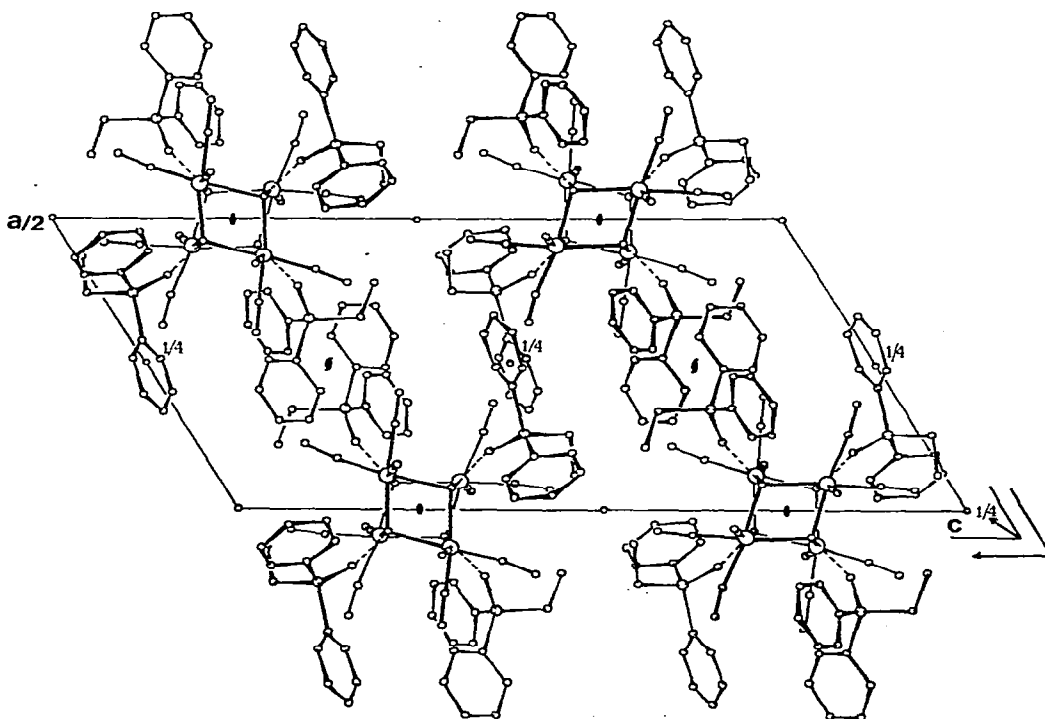


Fig. 1. Projection of the cell content down the b axis.

isotropic atoms, while in Table 4 are listed the derived positional parameters of the rigid groups carbon atoms and the mean group isotropic temperature factors.

A difference Fourier synthesis was computed using the final set of calculated structure factors. The highest residual electron density peaks (0.7 and $0.6 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$) were found at the positions of the carbon atoms C(29) and C(32). The phenyl ring to which these atoms belong [atoms from C(29) to C(34)] has an exceedingly high mean tem-

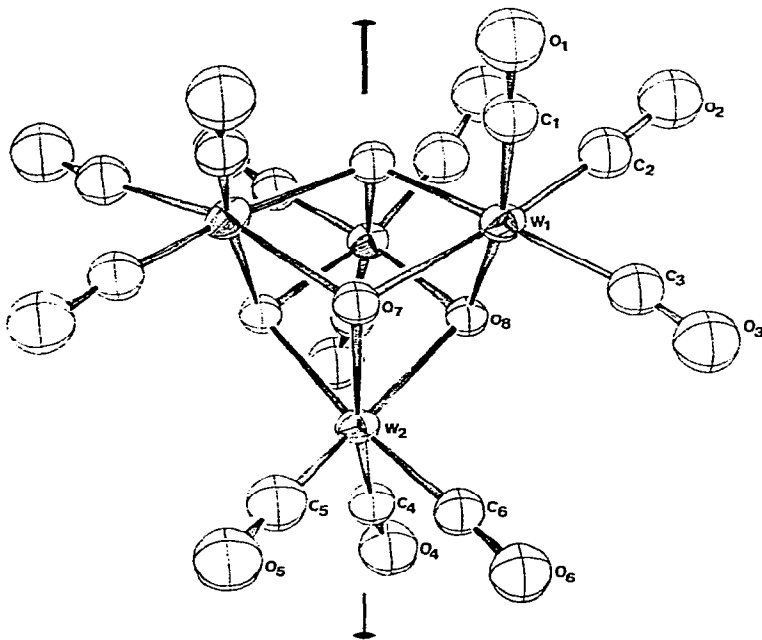


Fig. 2. ORTEP drawing of the tetramer $[\text{W}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_3\text{H}]_4$ (ellipsoids at 30% probability). The hydridic hydrogens are not reported.

TABLE 2

POSITIONAL AND THERMAL PARAMETERS OF THE NONGROUP ANISOTROPIC ATOMS^{a,b,c}

Atom	x/a	y/b	z/c			
W(1)	499 (1)	1962 (1)	3312 (1)			
W(2)	623 (1)	3719 (1)	2379 (1)			
P(1)	1710 (5)	557 (8)	2336 (6)			
P(2)	1277 (5)	5179 (9)	4549 (5)			
Atom	β_{11}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{22}	β_{23}	β_{33}
W(1)	21 (0)	1 (1)	18 (0)	40 (1)	13 (1)	28 (0)
W(2)	21 (0)	-3 (1)	22 (0)	38 (0)	10 (1)	25 (0)
P(1)	29 (3)	24 (9)	39 (6)	68 (9)	18 (10)	45 (4)
P(2)	33 (3)	-24 (9)	21 (5)	77 (9)	-28 (9)	25 (3)

^a All values $\times 10^4$. ^b The β_{ij} are the coefficients of the form: $h^2 \cdot \beta_{11} + k^2 \cdot \beta_{22} + l^2 \cdot \beta_{33} + h \cdot k \cdot \beta_{12} + h \cdot l \cdot \beta_{13} + k \cdot l \cdot \beta_{23}$. ^c The numbers in parentheses here and in the succeeding tables are the esd's on last significant digits.

perature factor (see Table 4). This effect seems to be the result of a rotational disorder of the phenyl group around the C(29)–C(32) axis; in fact an individual refinement for the temperature factors of the carbon atoms in this group converged to reasonable values for C(29) and C(32) and was divergent for the remaining carbon atoms.

DESCRIPTION OF THE STRUCTURE AND DISCUSSION

A projection of the structure down the b axis is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of tetrameric groups $[\text{W}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_3\text{H}]_4$ which lie around the two-fold axes of space group $C2/c$ and are surrounded by four diphenylethylphosphine oxide molecules linked to the tetramers through OH...O bridges. An inspection of all intra- and intermolecular non bonded distances showed only the usual Van der Waals contacts.

The tetramer, which has a rigorous C_2 symmetry, is shown in Fig. 2 with atomic labelling. Interatomic distances and angles are reported in Table 5, along with their standard deviations. The tungsten atoms form a nearly regular tetrahedron held together by four face-bonding hydroxo groups which define a smaller tetrahedron, so that the W_4O_4 core is an irregular cube. The carbonyl groups are linearly bonded, three to each metal atom. The same M_4X_4 arrangement, beside being present in (III), has been also found in the compounds $[\text{Zn}(\text{OCH}_3)(\text{CH}_3)]_4$ ¹⁰ and $[\text{Pt}(\text{OH})(\text{CH}_3)_3]_4$ ¹¹, and more recently in $[\text{OsO}(\text{CO})_3]_4$ ¹² and $[\text{Re}(\text{SCH}_3)(\text{CO})_3]_4$ ¹³, in which four $\text{M}(\text{CO})_3$ units are linked through triple bridging oxo and respectively methylthio groups. Definite non-bonding intermetallic distances have been observed in all these compounds, so that metal–metal interactions can be assumed to occur only

TABLE 3

POSITIONAL AND THERMAL PARAMETERS OF THE NONGROUP ISOTROPIC ATOMS

Atom	x/a^a	y/b	z/c	$B (\text{Å}^2)$
C(1)	387 (16)	709 (28)	3343 (16)	6.2 (10)
O(1)	290 (14)	–171 (24)	3333 (13)	9.3 (9)
C(2)	445 (18)	1862 (31)	4003 (17)	6.6 (11)
O(2)	350 (14)	1785 (24)	4459 (14)	9.6 (9)
C(3)	1321 (18)	2177 (32)	4037 (17)	6.9 (11)
O(3)	1826 (14)	2341 (25)	4400 (13)	9.5 (9)
C(4)	682 (15)	5079 (26)	2475 (15)	5.4 (9)
O(4)	754 (14)	5890 (23)	2588 (13)	9.1 (9)
C(5)	877 (20)	3574 (36)	1825 (19)	8.2 (12)
O(5)	1123 (15)	3405 (25)	1497 (14)	10.1 (10)
C(6)	1459 (17)	3918 (28)	2925 (16)	5.8 (10)
O(6)	2001 (13)	4040 (22)	3237 (12)	8.5 (8)
O(7)	453 (9)	2142 (17)	2385 (9)	4.9 (5)
O(9)	1153 (14)	1098 (21)	2216 (13)	8.2 (7)
C(7)	1705 (22)	313 (34)	1612 (21)	8.6 (12)
C(8)	1070 (24)	–115 (37)	1116 (22)	7.2 (13)
O(8)	390 (9)	3474 (16)	3138 (8)	4.4 (5)
O(10)	986 (14)	4720 (22)	3921 (14)	8.6 (8)
C(21)	1262 (20)	4452 (31)	5147 (19)	9.3 (11)
C(22)	577 (29)	4203 (41)	4898 (25)	12.7 (17)

^a x/a , y/b and $z/c \times 10^4$.

TABLE 4

POSITIONAL PARAMETERS OF THE PHENYLIC CARBON ATOMS AND MEAN ISOTROPIC TEMPERATURE FACTORS OF THE PHENYL RINGS

Atom	x/a^a	y/b	z/c	$B (\text{\AA}^2)$
C(9)	2441 (12)	1164 (21)	2858 (13)	8.6 (5)
C(10)	2983 (16)	1022 (20)	2844 (13)	
C(11)	3515 (12)	1527 (24)	3252 (16)	
C(12)	3504 (12)	2174 (21)	3674 (13)	
C(13)	2961 (16)	2318 (20)	3688 (13)	
C(14)	2429 (12)	1812 (24)	3280 (16)	
C(15)	1768 (19)	-594 (20)	2658 (14)	9.9 (6)
C(16)	1255 (14)	-899 (26)	2688 (15)	
C(17)	1279 (14)	-1749 (29)	2989 (16)	
C(18)	1815 (19)	-2293 (20)	3261 (14)	
C(19)	2329 (14)	-1989 (26)	3230 (15)	
C(20)	2305 (14)	-1140 (29)	2931 (16)	
C(23)	910 (14)	6274 (19)	4499 (16)	7.9 (5)
C(24)	977 (13)	6691 (23)	5044 (11)	
C(25)	647 (15)	7512 (23)	5001 (12)	
C(26)	252 (14)	7917 (19)	4415 (16)	
C(27)	185 (13)	7497 (23)	3871 (11)	
C(28)	515 (15)	6677 (23)	3914 (12)	
C(29)	2097 (15)	5398 (41)	4822 (19)	14.7 (8)
C(30)	2406 (23)	4669 (26)	4712 (17)	
C(31)	3022 (23)	4783 (32)	4878 (18)	
C(32)	3329 (15)	5627 (41)	5154 (19)	
C(33)	3020 (23)	6356 (26)	5263 (17)	
C(34)	2404 (23)	6243 (32)	5097 (18)	

^a x/a , y/b and $z/c \times 10^4$.

through the triple bridging groups. This is certainly the case in the present complex, for which the mean W...W distance (3.48 Å), while very similar to the corresponding Mo...Mo distance observed in (III) (3.43 Å), is much longer than the largest known Mo-Mo and W-W bonding lengths (3.22 and 3.24 Å), which occur in $[(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3]_2$ ¹⁴ and $[(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{W}(\text{CO})_3]_2$ ¹⁵. We also note that a similar value (3.23 Å), found¹⁶ in the dimeric trianion $[\text{W}_2(\text{OH})_3(\text{CO})_6]^{3-}$, has been considered to be non-bonding and that a direct Mo-Mo bond is not involved in the complex $[(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Mo}_2\text{H}[\text{P}(\text{CH}_3)_2](\text{CO})_4]$ in which the intermetallic distance is 3.26 Å¹⁷.

The oxygen atoms of the OH groups show distances from the three nearest tungsten atoms which are not equivalent, one being significantly shorter than the other two. Triple bridging hydroxo groups have been previously characterized in the crystal structures of the already cited $[\text{Pt}(\text{OH})(\text{CH}_3)_3]_4$ and of $\text{Ni}_6(\text{CF}_3\text{COCHCO-CH}_3)_{10}(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ ¹⁸, and demonstrated spectroscopically in the ionic species in solution $[\text{Pb}(\text{OH})]_4^{4+}$ (ref. 19) and $[\text{Ni}(\text{OH})]_4^{4+}$ (ref. 20). The mean value of the W-O distances (2.21 Å) can be compared with the Mo-O distance in III (2.20 Å); the value is somewhat greater than that obtained in the case of double bridging hydroxo groups between two tungsten atoms (2.16 Å)¹⁶. The W-O-W angles have a mean value of 104°. The departure from the tetrahedral angle may be due to the necessity of minimizing the O...O non-bonded interactions (O...O contacts in the range 2.60-2.73 Å). The atomic orbitals of the O atoms, however, are much nearer to an sp^3 hybridization

TABLE 5

SELECTED INTERATOMIC DISTANCES AND ANGLES WITHIN THE TETRAMER $[\text{W}(\text{OH})(\text{CO})_3\text{H}]_4$

Distances (Å)		Angles (°)	
W(1)...W(1')	3.482 (3)	W(1)-O(7)-W(1')	105 (1)
W(1)...W(2)	3.494 (3)	W(1)-O(7)-W(2)	102 (1)
W(1)...W(2')	3.477 (2)	W(2)-O(7)-W(1')	104 (1)
W(2)...W(2')	3.461 (4)	W(1)-O(8)-W(2)	105 (1)
W(1)-O(7)	2.24 (2)	W(1)-O(8)-W(2')	105 (1)
W(2)-O(7)	2.26 (2)	W(2)-O(8)-W(2')	102 (1)
W(1')-O(7)	2.14 (2)	O(7)-W(1)-O(7')	73 (1)
W(1)-O(8)	2.16 (2)	O(7)-W(1)-O(8)	75 (1)
W(2)-O(8)	2.25 (2)	O(8)-W(1)-O(7')	75 (1)
W(2')-O(8)	2.22 (2)	O(7)-W(2)-O(8)	73 (1)
W(1)-C(1)	1.79 (4)	O(7)-W(2)-O(8')	72 (1)
W(1)-C(2)	1.78 (5)	O(8)-W(2)-O(8')	75 (1)
W(1)-C(3)	1.95 (3)	C(1)-W(1)-C(2)	78 (2)
W(2)-C(4)	1.93 (4)	C(1)-W(1)-C(3)	103 (2)
W(2)-C(5)	1.78 (6)	C(2)-W(1)-C(3)	72 (2)
W(2)-C(6)	1.85 (4)	C(4)-W(2)-C(5)	100 (2)
C(1)-O(1)	1.26 (5)	C(4)-W(2)-C(6)	77 (1)
C(2)-O(2)	1.26 (6)	C(5)-W(2)-C(6)	82 (2)
C(3)-O(3)	1.14 (4)	C(1)-W(1)-O(7)	103 (1)
C(4)-O(4)	1.17 (5)	C(1)-W(1)-O(7')	91 (1)
C(5)-O(5)	1.26 (7)	C(1)-W(1)-O(8)	166 (1)
C(6)-O(6)	1.19 (4)	C(2)-W(1)-O(7)	173 (1)
O(7)...O(7')	2.60 (4)	C(2)-W(1)-O(7')	101 (1)
O(7)...O(8)	2.70 (3)	C(2)-W(1)-O(8)	102 (1)
O(7)...O(8')	2.62 (3)	C(3)-W(1)-O(7)	114 (2)
O(8)...O(8')	2.73 (2)	C(3)-W(1)-O(7')	162 (1)
		C(3)-W(1)-O(8)	90 (1)
		C(4)-W(2)-O(7)	168 (1)
		C(4)-W(2)-O(8)	95 (1)
		C(4)-W(2)-O(8')	103 (1)
		C(5)-W(2)-O(7)	92 (2)
		C(5)-W(2)-O(8)	164 (2)
		C(5)-W(2)-O(8')	107 (1)
		C(6)-W(2)-O(7)	107 (1)
		C(6)-W(2)-O(8)	95 (1)
		C(6)-W(2)-O(8')	171 (2)
		W(1)-C(1)-O(1)	177 (3)
		W(1)-C(2)-O(2)	174 (3)
		W(1)-C(3)-O(3)	170 (4)
		W(2)-C(4)-O(4)	174 (3)
		W(2)-C(5)-O(5)	171 (3)
		W(2)-C(6)-O(6)	175 (4)

in the present case than in the double bridging OH groups of $[\text{W}_2(\text{OH})_3(\text{CO})_6]^{3-}$ (mean W-O-W value equal to 97°).

The coordination patterns around the two crystallographically independent tungsten atoms are substantially equivalent. The W-C-O angles show some deviations from linearity up to a maximum of 10° . The metal-carbon bond lengths range between 1.78 and 1.95 Å, the lower values being very short. Correspondingly the carbon-oxygen bond lengths, which fall into the interval 1.14–1.26 Å, vary in such a way that

longer W–C correspond to shorter C–O distances and *vice versa*. This strict correlation indicates that the dispersion of values is not a random effect but is due to some disturbing factor which causes irregularities in the d_{π} – p_{π} interactions (see below). Moreover in the Os and Re tetramers previously cited, as in the anion $[\text{W}_2(\text{OH})_3(\text{CO})_6]^{3-}$, the coordination around each metal atom is octahedral and the local symmetry is C_{3v} . This is no longer true in the present case, in which the O–W–C angles show deviations from the octahedral values and one of the C–W–C angles is markedly larger than the other two in both the independent $\text{W}(\text{CO})_3$ groups (see Fig. 3 and Table 5). As mentioned in the introduction the NMR spectrum of this compound shows a high-field signal (τ 12.34 ppm) which is characteristic of metal-bonded hydrogen atoms. We believe that the presence and the location of one hydrido ligand in the coordination sphere of each tungsten atom is clearly indicated by the opening of one C–W–C angle mentioned above. The resulting heptacoordination polyhedron is therefore a combination of a triangular and a square pyramid sharing their apex, a coordination previously observed around the zirconium atoms in baddeleyite, monoclinic ZrO_2 ²¹, and in the hydrido complex $\text{ReH}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)$ ²². Other cases of formally heptacoordinated metal atoms with similar bonding geometries have been found in $[(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3]_2$ ¹⁴, $[(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{W}(\text{CO})_3]_2$ ¹⁵, $[(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Mo}_2\text{H}[\text{P}(\text{CH}_3)_2](\text{CO})_4]$ ¹⁷, $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{V}(\text{CO})_4$ ²³ and $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{W}(\text{CO})_3\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)$ ²⁴. In these complexes the cyclopentadienyl groups are considered to occupy three coordination sites and the (OC)–M–(CO) and (OC)–M–X (X = Mo, W, H and Au) angles are comparable to the (OC)–W–(CO) angles found in the present structure.

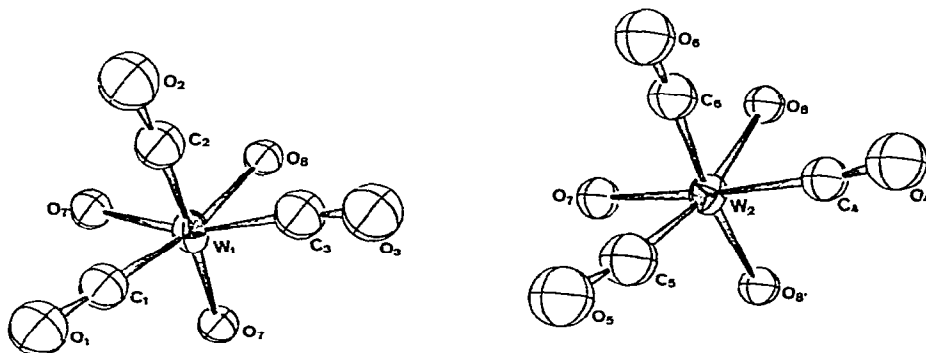


Fig. 3. Coordination pattern around the two independent tungsten atoms projected down the axes of the non-bonded couples W...OH.

The bonding scheme within each $(\text{OH})_3\text{W}(\text{CO})_3\text{H}$ unit may be rationalized in the following way: seven atomic orbitals (one s , three p , three d) of the W atom are employed in the formation of the seven σ bonds, only two d orbitals being therefore available for π -back-donation toward the carbonyl groups. This view is supported by the fact that the mean $\nu(\text{CO})$ stretching frequencies in the present compound as well as in similar molybdenum and tungsten hydroxycarbonylhydrides are higher than in *cis*- $\text{M}(\text{CO})_3(\sigma\text{-L})_3$ complexes (M = Mo, W) in which up to three d orbitals may be used for π -back-donation⁵. An inspection of the W–C distances in the compound now under study shows that the W→CO back-donation seems to involve to a much smaller extent one of the carbonyl groups which lie in the *cis*-positions with respect to the postulated hydrogen atom location.

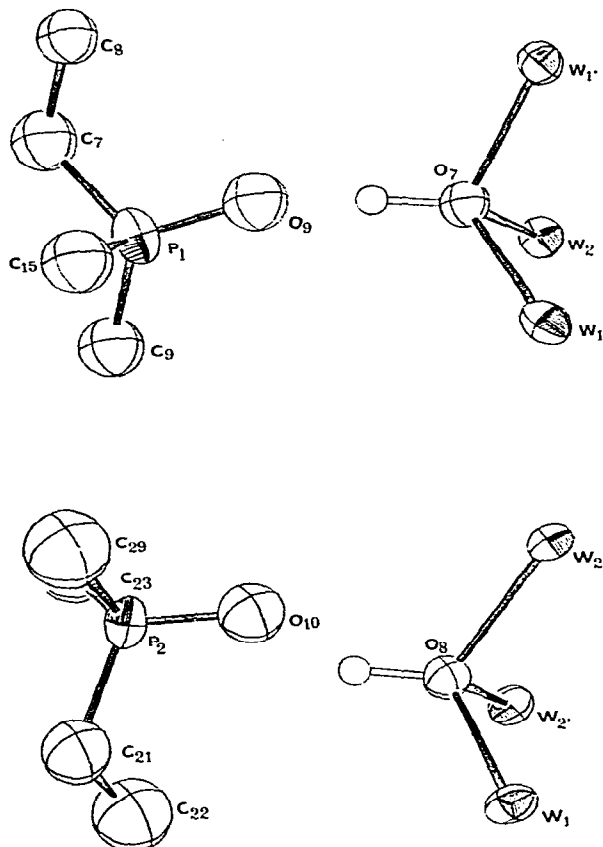


Fig. 4. ORTEP drawing of the two independent diphenyl-ethylphosphine oxide molecules and their linkage with the tetramer, showing only one carbon atom for each phenyl ring. Oxygen and phosphorus atoms lie in the plane of the figure. The postulated positions of the hydrogen atoms are also shown.

THE PHOSPHINE OXIDE MOLECULES AND THE HYDROGEN BONDS

The two independent diphenylethylphosphine oxide molecules are illustrated in Fig. 4; interatomic distances and angles for these molecules are reported in Table 6, along with the estimated standard deviations.

All the P-C distances are equal within experimental error, with a mean value of 1.81 Å. The O-P-C and C-P-C angles exhibit deviations from the tetrahedral angle up to about 6°, with mean values of 112 and 107° respectively. These values are comparable with those found in the free triphenylphosphine oxide (1.76 Å, 112°, 107°)²⁵ and trimethylphosphine oxide (1.81 Å, 112°, 106°)²⁶. The bonding parameters in the ethyl groups, although affected by high uncertainties, show normal values. Both the independent P-O bond lengths are 1.48 Å long, a value which is very close to those of the corresponding bonds in OPPh_3 (1.46 Å) and OPMe_3 (1.48 Å), whereas some lengthening is usually observed when the oxides are bonded to transition metals. The oxygen-phosphorus bond order, thus seems not to be appreciably influenced by the hydrogen bond formation. This can be also inferred from the $\nu(\text{OP})$ stretching fre-

TABLE 6

INTERATOMIC DISTANCES AND ANGLES IN THE DIPHENYLETHYLPHOSPHINE OXIDE MOLECULES WITH ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS IN PARENTHESES

Distances (Å)		Angles (°)	
P(1)-C(7)	1.81 (6)	C(7)-P(1)-C(9)	107 (2)
P(1)-C(9)	1.83 (3)	C(7)-P(1)-C(15)	103 (2)
P(1)-C(15)	1.78 (3)	C(9)-P(1)-C(15)	107 (2)
P(2)-C(21)	1.81 (5)	C(21)-P(2)-C(23)	109 (2)
P(2)-C(23)	1.77 (3)	C(21)-P(2)-C(29)	106 (2)
P(2)-C(29)	1.84 (4)	C(23)-P(2)-C(29)	109 (2)
P(1)-O(9)	1.48 (4)	O(9)-P(1)-C(7)	111 (2)
P(2)-O(10)	1.48 (3)	O(9)-P(1)-C(9)	114 (2)
C(7)-C(8)	1.56 (6)	O(9)-P(1)-C(15)	114 (2)
C(21)-C(22)	1.54 (8)	O(10)-P(2)-C(21)	114 (2)
O(7)...O(9)	2.48 (5)	O(10)-P(2)-C(23)	110 (2)
O(8)...O(10)	2.47 (4)	O(10)-P(2)-C(29)	109 (2)
		P(1)-C(7)-C(8)	110 (4)
		P(2)-C(21)-C(22)	106 (3)
		O(7)...O(9)-P(1)	161 (2)
		O(8)...O(10)-P(2)	155 (2)

quency, which is only slightly lower than that of free $\text{OPPh}_2\text{Et}^{3,5}$.

An interesting feature of the present structure determination concerns the hydrogen bonds $\text{OH}\dots\text{O}$. The $\text{O}\dots\text{O}$ contacts, 0.3 Å lower than the Van der Waals contact (2.80 Å), are among the shortest ever reported²⁷. The reasons for these strong hydrogen bonds must lie on the high acidity of the OH groups, which in turn is due to the large amount of the electron donation from the O atoms to the three nearest W atoms. The nature of these hydrogen bonds can be better understood with the aid of IR data. As expected, in the formation of the $\text{OH}\dots\text{O}$ bonds the $\nu(\text{OH})$ stretching frequencies shift to lower values (2920w, 2850w, 2730m)⁵. The relationships between $\nu(\text{OH})$ values and $\text{O}\dots\text{O}$ contacts have been extensively studied and correlation diagrams are available (see ref. 28 and references therein). The present $\nu(\text{OH})$ values however are rather high with respect to $\text{O}\dots\text{O}$ distances. Although in the range 2.41–2.61 Å both single minimum and double minimum hydrogen bond potentials are possible²⁸, on the basis of the hydroxyl stretching frequencies we can exclude in the present case the single-minimum type.

Finally it is interesting to note some geometrical aspects of the $\text{OH}\dots\text{O}$ bridges. The hydrogen atoms can be approximately located along the axes passing through the O atoms and the baricenters of the three nearest W atoms at a distance from O of about 1.1 Å (see ref. 27 p. 53)*. The resulting $\text{O}-\text{H}\dots\text{O}$ angles are 175°, $\text{O}(7)-\text{H}\dots\text{O}(9)$, and 152°, $\text{O}(8)-\text{H}\dots\text{O}(10)$. In the second case there is a large deviation from linearity; however "linearity is rather the exception than the rule in hydrogen bonding"²⁷. The $\text{H}\dots\text{O}(9)-\text{P}(1)$ and $\text{H}\dots\text{O}(10)-\text{P}(2)$ angles are respectively 163° and 143°, both values being in the range of the $\text{M}-\text{O}-\text{P}$ angles found when the phosphine oxides are bonded to transition metals (see, for example, ref. 29 and references therein).

* Experimental support for the soundness of this value was found in the final difference Fourier for structures (III) and (IV) for which residual electron density peaks (about $0.6 \text{ e}/\text{Å}^3$) were found at approximately 1.1 Å from the oxygen atoms.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This work was financially supported by the Italian Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche. We thank U. Sartorelli for a gift of crystal samples and P. L. Bellon and V. Scatturin for their continued interest in this work and for discussions.

REFERENCES

- 1 W. HIEBER, K. ENGLERT AND K. RIEGER, *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.*, 300 (1959) 295.
 - 2 W. HIEBER AND K. ENGLERT, *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.*, 300 (1959) 311.
 - 3 F. CANZIANI, F. ZINGALES, U. SARTORELLI AND A. CHIESA, *Rend. Ist. Lombardo Sci. Lett.*, 98A (1964) 709.
 - 4 V. G. ALBANO, P. L. BELLON, G. CIANI AND M. MANASSERO, *J. Chem. Soc. D*, (1969) 1242.
 - 5 U. SARTORELLI, L. GARLASCHELLI, G. CIANI AND G. BONORA, *Inorg. Chim. Acta*, 5 (1971) 191.
 - 6 G. CIANI, M. MANASSERO AND M. SANSONI, *J. Appl. Crystallogr.*, 4 (1971) 173.
 - 7 V. G. ALBANO, P. L. BELLON, F. POMPA AND V. SCATTURIN, *Rend. Ist. Lombardo Sci. Lett.*, 100A (1966) 337.
 - 8 D. T. CROMER AND J. B. MANN, *Acta Crystallogr.*, Sect. A, 24 (1968) 321.
 - 9 *International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography*, Vol. III, Kynoch Press, Birmingham, 1962.
 - 10 H. M. M. SHEARER AND C. B. SPENCER, *Chem. Commun.*, (1966) 194.
 - 11 T. G. SPIRO, D. H. TEMPLETON AND H. ZALKIN, *Inorg. Chem.*, 7 (1968) 2165; H. S. PRESTON, J. C. MILLS, C. H. L. KENNARD, *J. Organometal. Chem.*, 14 (1968) 447.
 - 12 D. BRIGHT, *J. Chem. Soc. D*, (1970) 1169.
 - 13 E. W. ABEL, W. HARRISON, R. A. N. MCLEAN, W. C. MARSH AND J. TROTTER, *J. Chem. Soc. D*, (1970) 1531.
 - 14 F. C. WILSON AND D. P. SHOEMAKER, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 27 (1957) 809.
 - 15 F. C. WILSON AND D. P. SHOEMAKER, *Naturwissenschaften*, 43 (1956) 57.
 - 16 V. G. ALBANO, G. CIANI AND M. MANASSERO, *J. Organometal. Chem.*, 25 (1970) C55.
 - 17 R. J. DOEDENS AND L. F. DAHL, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 87 (1965) 2576.
 - 18 F. A. COTTON AND B. H. C. WINQUIST, *Inorg. Chem.*, 8 (1969) 1304.
 - 19 V. A. MARONI AND T. G. SPIRO, *Inorg. Chem.*, 7 (1968) 188.
 - 20 G. B. KOLSKI, N. K. KILDHAL AND D. W. MARGERUM, *Inorg. Chem.*, 8 (1969) 1211.
 - 21 J. D. McCULLOUGH AND K. N. TRUEBLOOD, *Acta Crystallogr.*, 12 (1959) 507.
 - 22 V. G. ALBANO, P. L. BELLON AND V. SCATTURIN, *Rend. Ist. Lombardo Sci. Lett.*, 100A (1966) 989.
 - 23 J. B. WILFORD, A. WHITLA AND H. M. POWELL, *J. Organometal. Chem.*, 8 (1967) 495.
 - 24 J. B. WILFORD AND H. M. POWELL, *J. Chem. Soc. A*, (1969) 8.
 - 25 G. BANDOLI, G. BORTOLOZZO, D. A. CLEMENTE, U. CROATTO AND C. PANATTONI, *J. Chem. Soc. A*, (1970) 2778.
 - 26 H. K. WANG, *Acta Chem. Scand.*, 19 (1965) 879.
 - 27 W. C. HAMILTON AND J. A. IBERS, *Hydrogen Bonding in Solids*, Benjamin, New York, 1968.
 - 28 R. BLINC, D. HADZI AND A. NOVAK, *Ber. Bunsenges. Phys. Chem.*, 64 (1960) 567.
 - 29 C. PANATTONI, R. GRAZIANI, G. BANDOLI, B. ZARLI AND G. BOMBIERI, *Inorg. Chem.*, 8 (1969) 320; R. GRAZIANI, B. ZARLI, A. CASSOL, G. BOMBIERI, E. FORSELLINI AND E. TONDELLO, *Inorg. Chem.*, 9 (1970) 2116.
- J. Organometal. Chem.*, 34 (1972)