

## Crystal structure of $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_2\text{-H})_2(\mu_3\text{-C}=\overline{\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2})$

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### Abstract

An X-ray diffraction study of  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_2\text{-H})_2(\mu_3\text{-C}=\overline{\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2})$  at  $-120^\circ\text{C}$  ( $R = 0.039$  for 2227 reflections) has revealed a  $\mu_3\text{-}\eta^2$ -coordination of the methylenecyclobutane ligand, which bridges one Os–Os bond via a methylene carbon and is linked to the third Os atom by the C=C bond.

Complex I,  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_2\text{-H})_2(\mu_3\text{-C}=\overline{\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2})$ , was obtained by thermal reaction of  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$  with methylenecyclobutane [1]. The protonation of I yields the cationic complex  $[\text{Os}_3\text{H}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-C}=\overline{\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2})]^+$  (II). In connection with structural investigation of II and other complexes of the  $[\text{Os}_3\text{H}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu_3\text{-C}=\text{CR}_2)]^+$  type and their supposed fluxional behaviour in solutions we carried out an X-ray single crystal study of I.

Complex I (see Fig. 1 and Table 1) is a 48-electron (i.e. obeys the EAN rule) triangulo-cluster, structurally similar to  $\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_9(\mu\text{-H})_2(\mu_3\text{-C}=\text{CH}_2)$  (III) which has been studied previously [2]. All CO groups are terminal and linear. The methylenecyclobutane ligand is  $\sigma$ -bonded to Os(1) and Os(2) via C(10) and  $\eta^2$ -coordinated to Os(3) by the olefinic C(10)=C(11) bond. The Os(3)C(10)C(11) plane is normal to the mean plane of the olefinic moiety C(14)C(12)C(11)C(10), but the Os(3)–C(10) and Os(3)–C(11) distances of 2.21 and 2.40 Å are very different, this feature is similar to that observed in III (2.17 and 2.35 Å). The C(10)=C(11) bond is tilted away from the Os(1)Os(2)C(10) plane by  $19^\circ$  towards Os(3), while the C(11)C(12)C(14) plane is inclined towards this bond by  $28^\circ$ , on the opposite side. In the 4-membered carbocycle, the C(13) atom is displaced from the plane of the other three atoms by 0.35 Å (on the side opposite to Os(3)).

Hydride ligands in I, as well as in III, were not located in electron density maps. Nevertheless, there is strong evidence that they are  $\mu_2$ -bridging across the Os(1)–Os(2) and Os(2)–Os(3) bonds. Indeed, hydride bridges are known to exert metal–metal bond elongation, and in I the Os(1)–Os(2) and Os(2)–Os(3) bond lengths of 2.894 and 2.911 are ca. 0.1 Å longer than the Os(1)–Os(3) bond length of 2.783 Å (in III, 2.88, 2.92 and 2.80 Å). Furthermore, Os–Os–CO *cis*-angles,

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Table 1  
Bond distances (Å) and angles (°) in the structure of I

Os(1)-Os(2)	2.8936(7)	Os(2)-C(10)	2.09(1)	O(5)-C(5)	1.14(2)
Os(1)-Os(3)	2.7831(7)	Os(3)-C(7)	1.89(2)	O(6)-C(6)	1.13(2)
Os(1)-C(1)	1.97(1)	Os(3)-C(8)	1.89(1)	O(7)-C(7)	1.15(2)
Os(1)-C(2)	1.92(2)	Os(3)-C(9)	1.90(2)	O(8)-C(8)	1.15(2)
Os(1)-C(3)	1.91(2)	Os(3)-C(10)	2.21(1)	O(9)-C(9)	1.16(2)
Os(1)-C(10)	2.05(1)	Os(3)-C(11)	2.40(1)	C(10)-C(11)	1.38(2)
Os(2)-Os(3)	2.9109(8)	O(1)-C(1)	1.11(2)	C(11)-C(12)	1.51(2)
Os(2)-C(4)	1.91(2)	O(2)-C(2)	1.15(2)	C(11)-C(14)	1.52(2)
Os(2)-C(5)	1.90(2)	O(3)-C(3)	1.15(2)	C(12)-C(13)	1.57(3)
Os(2)-C(6)	1.97(2)	O(4)-C(4)	1.14(2)	C(13)-C(14)	1.56(3)
Os(2)-Os(1)-Os(3)	61.66(2)	Os(3)-Os(2)-C(5)	143.1(4)	C(18)-Os(3)-C(9)	92.9(7)
Os(2)-Os(1)-C(1)	111.5(4)	Os(3)-Os(2)-C(6)	119.5(4)	C(18)-Os(3)-Q	95.8(7)
Os(2)-Os(1)-C(2)	145.4(5)	Os(3)-Os(2)-C(10)	49.2(4)	C(9)-Os(3)-Q	104.9(7)
Os(2)-Os(1)-C(3)	103.0(5)	C(4)-Os(2)-C(5)	93.4(7)	Os(1)-C(1)-O(1)	178(1)
Os(2)-Os(1)-C(10)	46.3(4)	C(4)-Os(2)-C(6)	95.0(7)	Os(1)-C(2)-O(2)	178(1)
Os(3)-Os(1)-C(1)	106.3(4)	C(4)-Os(2)-C(10)	101.0(6)	Os(1)-C(3)-O(3)	171(2)
Os(3)-Os(1)-C(2)	90.5(5)	C(5)-Os(2)-C(6)	94.5(6)	Os(2)-C(4)-O(4)	178(1)
Os(3)-Os(1)-C(3)	155.4(5)	C(5)-Os(2)-C(10)	94.2(6)	Os(2)-C(5)-O(5)	175(1)
Os(3)-Os(1)-C(10)	51.7(4)	C(6)-Os(2)-C(10)	161.3(6)	Os(2)-C(6)-O(6)	178(1)
C(1)-Os(1)-C(2)	95.1(6)	Os(1)-Os(3)-Os(2)	61.04(2)	Os(3)-C(7)-O(7)	176(1)
C(1)-Os(1)-C(3)	97.1(7)	Os(1)-Os(3)-C(7)	89.8(4)	Os(3)-C(8)-O(8)	177(1)
C(1)-Os(1)-C(10)	152.4(6)	Os(1)-Os(3)-C(8)	96.2(5)	Os(3)-C(9)-O(9)	178(1)
C(2)-Os(1)-C(3)	94.8(7)	Os(1)-Os(3)-C(9)	164.1(5)	Os(1)-C(10)-Os(2)	88.6(5)
C(2)-Os(1)-C(10)	101.0(6)	Os(1)-Os(3)-Q <sup>a</sup>	61.3(4)	Os(1)-C(10)-C(11)	135(1)
C(3)-Os(1)-C(10)	103.7(7)	Os(2)-Os(3)-C(7)	104.8(4)	Os(2)-C(10)-C(11)	130(1)
Os(1)-Os(2)-Os(3)	57.30(2)	Os(2)-Os(3)-C(8)	151.3(5)	C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	126(1)
Os(1)-Os(2)-C(4)	145.4(5)	Os(2)-Os(3)-C(9)	105.9(5)	C(10)-C(11)-C(14)	129(1)
Os(1)-Os(2)-C(5)	96.0(4)	Os(2)-Os(3)-Q	58.9(4)	C(12)-C(11)-C(14)	92(1)
Os(1)-Os(2)-C(6)	117.3(4)	C(7)-Os(3)-C(8)	91.4(6)	C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	88(1)
Os(1)-Os(2)-C(10)	45.2(4)	C(7)-Os(3)-C(9)	103.1(7)	C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	89(1)
Os(3)-Os(2)-C(4)	97.1(5)	C(7)-Os(3)-Q	150.7(7)	C(11)-C(14)-C(13)	88(1)

<sup>a</sup> Q is the midpoint of the C(10)-C(11) bond.

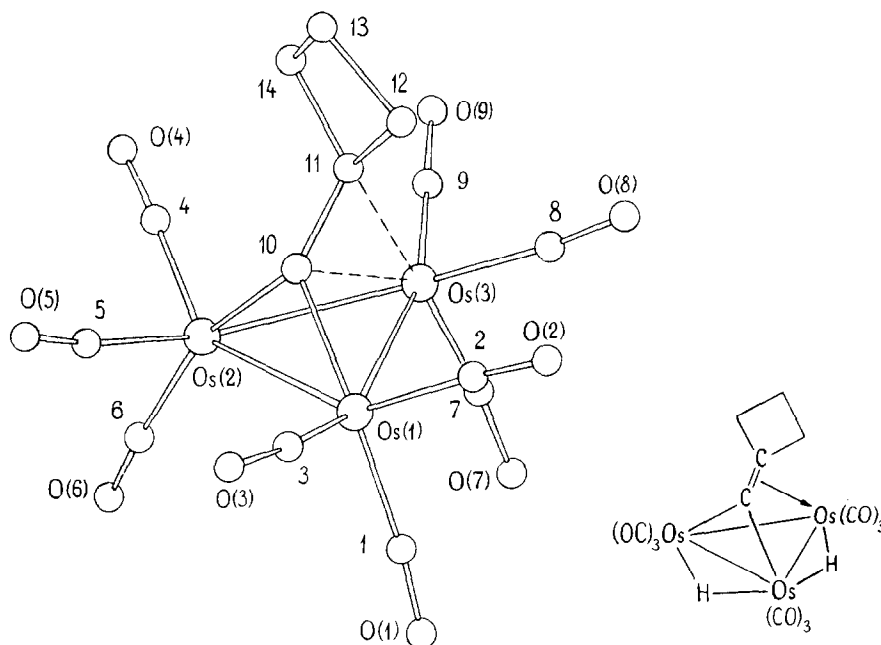


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of I (hydrogen atoms omitted).

Table 2

Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ , for Os  $\times 10^5$ ) and  $B_{\text{eq}}$  for I

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$B_{\text{eq}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )
Os(1)	14566(6)	24147(4)	8323(3)	1.31(2)
Os(2)	8290(7)	24796(4)	25115(3)	1.33(2)
Os(3)	-15199(6)	18115(4)	13425(3)	1.30(1)
O(1)	3204(14)	379(9)	392(7)	3.0(3)
O(2)	114(13)	2822(10)	-834(6)	2.7(3)
O(3)	4153(14)	3958(11)	597(8)	3.8(3)
O(4)	-1437(14)	3193(12)	3791(7)	3.7(4)
O(5)	3112(14)	4256(10)	2893(7)	3.4(3)
O(6)	2486(14)	798(10)	3553(7)	3.2(3)
O(7)	-665(14)	-441(10)	953(7)	3.4(3)
O(8)	-3225(14)	2067(11)	-245(7)	3.3(3)
O(9)	-4618(14)	1622(13)	2238(8)	4.6(4)
C(1)	2564(17)	1114(12)	536(8)	1.6(3)
C(2)	621(18)	2684(11)	-208(10)	2.1(4)
C(3)	3213(19)	3339(16)	730(11)	3.0(5)
C(4)	-611(18)	2920(14)	3302(9)	2.3(4)
C(5)	2303(17)	3559(13)	2756(8)	1.8(4)
C(6)	1887(17)	1423(12)	3186(9)	1.9(4)
C(7)	-1013(17)	399(12)	1128(8)	1.7(4)
C(8)	-2552(17)	1954(13)	348(9)	2.1(4)
C(9)	-3453(18)	1707(14)	1892(10)	2.6(4)
C(10)	-94(17)	3246(12)	1513(8)	1.8(4)
C(11)	-1564(19)	3692(12)	1388(9)	2.1(4)
C(12)	-2036(19)	4367(13)	686(10)	2.4(4)
C(13)	-2723(29)	5179(14)	1291(10)	2.6(5)
C(14)	-2572(21)	4330(15)	1952(11)	2.9(4)

involving the Os(1)–Os(2) and Os(2)–Os(3) bonds, are wider than those involving the Os(1)–Os(3) bond (average values 107 and 96°) owing to steric repulsion by  $\mu_2$ -H ligands. The signals of hydride protons in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of I (two doublets with  $\delta$  –18.71 and –21.16 ppm) are remarkably non-equivalent [1], which is consistent with a non-symmetric arrangement of hydrides relative to the methyl-enecyclobutane ligand.

## Experimental

X-Ray diffraction intensities were measured with a Syntex P2<sub>1</sub> four circle autodiffractometer at –120°C, using graphite monochromated Mo- $K_\alpha$  radiation. All calculations were carried out with an Eclipse S/200 computer using INEXTL programs [3]. Crystal data of I: monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/n$ ,  $a$  8.467(2),  $b$  12.765(3),  $c$  16.889(4) Å,  $\beta$  90.78(2)°,  $V$  1825.1(7) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z$  = 4,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{O}_6\text{Os}_3$ ,  $d_{\text{calc}}$  3.24 g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu(\text{Mo-}K_\alpha)$  221.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Least squares anisotropic refinement of all non-hydrogen atoms converged at  $R_w = 0.039$ ,  $R = 0.048$  for 2227 unique absorption corrected (according to the real shape of the crystal [4]) reflections with  $l \geq 2\sigma$  and  $2\theta \leq 48^\circ$ . The weighting scheme  $W^{-1} = \sigma_f^2 + (0.025F_{\text{meas}})^2$  was used. Atomic coordinates and  $B_{\text{eq}} = 1/3 \sum_{ij} B_{ij} a_i a_j (a_i a_j)$  are listed in Table 2.

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