Synthesis and structure of the cluster $Fe_2Mo_2(\mu_3-Se)(\mu_3-AsMe)(\mu_3-CO)(\mu-CO)(CO)_5(\eta^5-Cp)_2$

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The reaction of $(Et_4N)_2[Fe_3(\mu_3-Se)(CO)_9]$ with MeAsI₂ afforded the $[Fe_3(\mu_3-Se)(\mu_3-Se)(CO)_9]$ cluster, which was characterized by ¹H NMR and IR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The reaction of the resulting compound with the dimeric complex $[\eta^5-CpMo(CO)_3]_2$ in m-xylene upon refluxing gave the heterometallic cluster $Fe_2Mo_2(\mu_3-Se)(\mu_3-AsMe)(\mu_3-CO)(\mu_3-CO)(CO)_5(\eta^5-Cp)_2$, whose structure was established by X-ray diffraction analysis.

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The heterometallic clusters $Fe_2M_2(\mu_3-X)_2(CO)_7(\eta^5-Cp)_2$ (M = Mo or W; X = S, Se, or Te) are among the major products of the reactions of $Fe_2(\mu-X_2)(CO)_6$ or $Fe_3(\mu_3-X)_2(CO)_9$ with the dimeric complexes $[\eta^5-CpM(CO)_3]_2$. 1-4 Analogous heterometallic clusters containing two different chalcogen atoms were formed in the reactions with the use of mixed-chalcogenide iron complexes as the initial compounds. 5 In this work, we studied the reaction of the complex $Fe_3(\mu_3-Se)(\mu_3-AsMe)(CO)_9$ (1) with $[\eta^5-CpMo(CO)_3]_2$. It was demonstrated that the major reaction product was a heterometallic cluster with an analogous structure containing simultaneously Groups VA and VIA elements.

Results and Discussion

Compound 1 was prepared by the reaction of the complex $(Et_4N)_2[Fe_3(\mu_3-Se)(CO)_9]$ (2) with MeAsI₂. This reaction can be formally described as the nucleophilic replacement of the halogen atoms in the MeAsI₂ molecule by a double-charged cluster anion (Scheme 1). The structure of complex 1 was proposed based on the data of elemental analysis as well as on the fact that its spectra (IR and ¹H NMR) are similar to those of the known compound $Fe_3(\mu_3-S)(\mu_3-AsMe)(CO)_9$.

The reaction of cluster 1 with $[\eta^5\text{-CpMo(CO)}_3]_2$ was carried out under conditions of copyrolysis of the initial reagents in *m*-xylene at 140 °C (Scheme 2). As a result, we obtained a mixture of compounds containing cluster 3 as the major product. Of the remaining products only the complex $\text{FeMo}_2(\mu_3\text{-Se})(\text{CO})_7(\eta^5\text{-Cp})_2$ was identified.⁷

The structure of molecule 3 is shown in Fig. 1. The selected bond lengths are given in Table 1. Complex 3 is

Scheme 2

$$(CO)_{3}Fe$$

$$Se$$

$$1$$

$$(CO)_{2}Fe$$

$$CO)_{2}Fe$$

$$CO)_{3}Fe$$

$$CO)_{4}Fe$$

$$CO)_{5}Fe$$

$$CO)_{5}Fe$$

$$CO)_{6}Fe$$

$$CO)_{7}Fe$$

$$CO)_{8}Fe$$

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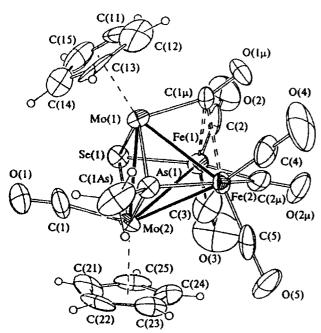


Fig 1. Molecular structure of compound 3 (thermal ellipsoids with the 35% probability).

Table 1. Selected bond lengths (d) in molecule 3

Bond	d/Å	Bond	d/Å
Mo(1)—Mo(2)	2.878(2)	Fe(1)—C(1μ)	2.35(2)
Mo(1)—Fe(1)	2.765(3)	$Fe(1)-C(2\mu)$	1.90(2)
Mo(1)-Fe(2)	2.836(3)	Fe(1)-C(2)	1.79(2)
Fe(1)—Fe(2)	2.449(4)	Fe(1)-C(3)	1.70(2)
Mo(2)-Fe(1)	2.822(3)	$Fe(2)-C(1\mu)$	2.44(2)
Mo(2)—Fe(2)	2.871(3)	$Fe(2)$ — $C(2\mu)$	1.95(2)
Se(1)Mo(1)	2.484(2)	Fe(2)C(4)	1.66(2)
Se(1)-Mo(2)	2.482(2)	Fe(2)—C(5)	1.72(2)
Sc(1)—Fc(1)	2.291(3)	$C(1\mu) - O(1\mu)$	1.18(2)
As(1)-Mo(1)	2.449(2)	$C(2\mu)-O(2\mu)$	1.20(2)
As(1)— $Mo(2)$	2.446(2)	C(1)O(1)	1.12(2)
As(1)— $Fe(2)$	2.241(3)	C(2)-O(2)	1.14(2)
As(1)— $C(1As)$	1.97(1)	C(3)O(3)	1.20(2)
$Mo(1)-C(1\mu)$	1.93(2)	C(4)-O(4)	1.21(2)
Mo(1)-C(11)	2.31(2)	C(5)-O(5)	1.20(2)
Mo(1)-C(12)	2.38(2)	C(11)-C(12)	1.35(3)
Mo(1)-C(13)	2.25(2)	C(11)-C(15)	1.29(3)
Mo(1)-C(14)	2.32(2)	C(12)C(13)	1.39(3)
Mo(1)-C(15)	2.33(2)	C(13)-C(14)	1.38(3)
Mo(2)-C(1)	1.99(2)	C(14)-C(15)	1.32(3)
Mo(2)-C(21)	2.32(2)	C(21)-C(22)	1.36(2)
Mo(2)C(22)	2.31(2)	C(21)-C(25)	1.40(2)
Mo(2)-C(23)	2.36(2)	C(22)-C(23)	1.40(2)
Mo(2)-C(24)	2.40(2)	C(23)-C(24)	1.38(2)
Mo(2)—C(25)	2.36(2)	C(24)—C(25)	1.34(2)

structurally very similar to the cluster $Fe_2W_2(\mu_3-Se)_2(\mu_3-CO)(\mu-CO)(CO)_5Cp^8$ and its analogs. ¹⁻⁴ Molecule 3 contains the tetrahedral Fe_2Mo_2 metal core, the μ_3 -coordinated Se and AsMe ligands at two FeMo₂ faces, CO at the Fe_2Mo face, and the bridging carbonyl

ligand at the Fe—Fe edge (see Fig. 1). In cluster 3 (as in Fe₂W₂(μ_3 -Se)₂(μ_3 -CO)(μ -CO)(CO)₅Cp),⁸ the μ_3 -CO ligand is coordinated unsymmetrically. The Fe—C bonds are noticeably longer than the Mo—C (W—C) bond. The μ -CO ligand is coordinated symmetrically. In the crystal of 3, no shortened nonbonded interactions are observed.

Experimental

The IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker IFS85 spectrometer. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker SXP-4-100 spectrometer (90 MHz) in CDCl₃ relative to Me₄Si.

The solvents used were purified by distillation over the corresponding drying agents. The initial compounds $[\eta^5\text{-CpMo}(CO)_3]_2^{10}$ and $(Et_4N)_2[Fe_3(\mu_3\text{-Se})(CO)_9]$ were prepared according to known procedures. The reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. The remaining operations were performed in air.

Synthesis of the complex Fe₃(μ_3 -Se)(μ_3 -AsMe)(CO)₉ (1). THF (15 mL) was recondensed into a flask containing compound 2 (1.37 g, 1.8 mmol) and cooled with liquid nitrogen in vacuo. Then MeAsI₂ (0.63 g, 1.8 mmol) was added to the solid mixture and the flask was slowly warmed to room temperature. The resulting red-brown solution was filtered and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The solid residue was extracted with boiling hexane (40 mL). Dark-brown crystals of compound 1 were precipitated upon cooling of this solution to -10 °C. The yield was 0.58 g (55%). Found (%): C, 20.4; H, 0.51. C₁₀H₃AsFe₃O₉Se. Calculated (%): C, 20.4; H, 0.51. IR (*n*-hexane), v(CO)/cm⁻¹: 2077 w, 2048 v.s, 2027 s, 2005 m, 1995 m. ¹H NMR, 8: 2.51 (3 H, Me).

Synthesis of the complex $Fe_2Mo_2(\mu_3-Se)(\mu_3-AsMe)(\mu_3-CO)(\mu-CO)(CO)_5(\eta^5-Cp)_2$ (3). A mixture of complex 1 (200 mg, 0.34 mmol) and $[\eta^5-CpMo(CO)_3]_2$ (336 mg, 0.69 mmol) in m-xylene (5 mL) was refluxed for 2.5 h and then concentrated in vacuo with a small amount of silica gel.

Table 2. Crystallographic data for compound 3

Parameter (Conditions and X-ray diffraction data
Molecular formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₃ AsFe ₂ Mo ₂ O ₇ Se
Molecular weight	798.74
System	Orthorhombic
a/A	16.178(2)
b/Å	18.295(2)
c/Å	15.328(2)
V/Å ³	4537(Ì)
Space group	Pbcn
\dot{z}	8
$d_{\rm calc}/{\rm g~cm^{-3}}$	2.339
Diffractometer	Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
Radiation (λ/Å)	Mo-Kα (0.7107)
Crystal dimensions/mn	n 0.08×0.12×0.24
μ/mm ⁻¹	5.423
Number of measured	
reflections	$2119 (2\theta_{\text{max}} = 46^{\circ})$
$R(F)$, $wR(F^2)$	· Max
for 830 $F_{hkl} \ge 4\sigma(F_{hkl})$	(a_{hel}) 0.0318, 0.0373
$R(F)$, $wR(F^{2})$	
for all reflections	0.0983, 0.0482
w^{-1}	$\sigma^2(F_{\rm obs}^2)$

Table 3. Coordinates of nonhydrogen atoms ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ($U_{eq} \times 10^3$)* in the structure of 3

Atom	x	у	ζ	U _{eq} /Å ²
Mo(1)	2952(1)	1087(1)	10484(1)	50(1)
Mo(2)	1664(1)	992(1)	9194(1)	47(1)
As(1)	2968(1)	1657(1)	9039(1)	46(1)
Sc(1)	1649(1)	382(1)	10641(1)	59(1)
Fe(1)	1384(2)	1598(1)	10861(2)	56(1)
Fe(2)	2180(2)	2381(1)	9875(2)	4 9 (1)
C(1As)	3819(10)	1670(9)	8121(10)	98(7)
C(1µ)	2746(12)	1912(10)	11241(12)	86(7)
O(1µ)	2861(9)	2354(7)	11783(8)	104(5)
C(2µ)	1289(12)	2621(10)	10679(11)	65(6)
O(2µ)	898(9)	3144(7)	10903(9)	120(6)
C(1)	2446(14)	193(11)	8891(13)	91(8)
0(1)	2847(10)	-249(9)	8608(9)	150(7)
C(2)	1279(15)	1566(10)	12023(13)	100(8)
O(2)	1195(13)	1535(10)	12758(9)	175(9)
C(3)	347(15)	1578(13)	10701(16)	128(10)
O(3)	-389(9)	1605(14)	10625(13)	233(12)
C(4)	2758(12)	3089(10)	10162(14)	94(8)
O(4)	3162(9)	3604(8)	10411(15)	195(9)
C(5)	1624(12)	2849(9)	9102(13)	78(7)
O(5)	1265(10)	3207(7)	8571(8)	107(6)
C(11)	3842(18)	710(20)	11574(18)	118(13)
C(12)	4286(16)	1205(15)	11120(30)	149(18)
C(13)	4306(14)	820(20)	10341(18)	93(9)
C(14)	3914(18)	154(19)	10320(20)	123(11)
C(15)	3665(19)	127(17)	11150(30)	123(12)
C(21)	750(15)	326(12)	8336(19)	101(9)
C(22)	1185(13)	776(18)	7795(12)	94(8)
C(23)	999(16)	1508(13)	7970(15)	82(8)
C(24)	400(12)	1474(14)	8609(15)	73(7)
C(25)	261(13)	780(18)	8857(13)	97(9)

^{*} U_{eq} was determined as 1/3 of the trace of the normalized U_{ij} tensor.

The residue was transferred to a column (2×20 cm) with silica gel and chromatographed (benzene as the eluent). Two fractions were collected, namely, a red-brown fraction containing a mixture of small amounts of $[\eta^5-CpMo(CO)_3]_2$, FeMo₂(μ_3 -Se)(CO)₇(η^5-Cp)₂, and an unidentified compound that decomposed in air and a brown fraction containing complex 3.

Crystals of complex 3 were obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into a solution of 3 in toluene at -10 °C. The yield was 0.027 g (10%). IR (CHCl₃), ν (CO)/cm⁻¹: 2012 s, 1985 s, 1949 s, 1828 w sh, 1734 w sh. ¹H NMR, δ : 3.22 (3 H, CH₃); 5.01 (5 H, C₅H₅); 5.26 (5 H, C₅H₅).

X-ray diffraction study of compound 3. The crystallographic data and characteristics of X-ray diffraction study (at 20 °C) are given in Table 2. Absorption corrections were applied taking into account two azimuth scanning curves. The structure was solved by the direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method with anisotropic thermal parameters for nonhydrogen atoms using the SHELX-97 program package. II The positions of the hydrogen atoms were calculated geometrically and included in the refinement in the rigid-body approximation. The coordinates of the nonhydrogen atoms are given in Table 3. Selected bond lengths are listed in Table 1.

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