# Molecular structure of a new tetranuclear $\mu_{2}: \mu_{3}$-bis-vinylidene cluster, $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)\left(\eta^{2}-\right.$ dppe $)$ 

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#### Abstract

The novel tetranuclear di-vinylidene complex $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right) \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)(\mathrm{dppe})$ was isolated and characterized by X-ray diffraction. This cluster consists of two RePd fragments linked to each other through the bonding of the palladium atom in the $\left[\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})\right]$ fragment to the carbonyl and vinylidene ligands in the $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})($ dppe $)$ fragment.


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## 1. Introduction

Heterometallic compounds attract considerable attention, mainly because of their important role in organometallic synthesis and catalysis [1-6]. In this context, the interaction between metal cores and ligands in heterometallic complexes has been extensively studied [7,8]. A variety of methods for the synthesis of heterometallic compounds have been developed [9]. One of the methods is the consecutive addition of unsaturated metal-containing fragments to mononuclear complexes containing unsaturated hydrocarbyl ligands [10-17]. In particular, mononuclear vinylidene complexes, $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHR}$, have been used as building block for the preparation of heteronuclear complexes and clusters containing $\mathrm{MM}^{\prime}, \mathrm{MM}^{\prime}{ }_{2}$ and $\mathrm{MM}^{\prime} \mathrm{M}^{\prime \prime}$ cores $[12,13]$. At the same time, in spite of the eminent role of palladium in organometallic synthesis and homogenous catalysis, Pd-containing heterometallic vinylidenes are still rare.

Recently [18], we prepared the trinuclear $\operatorname{ReFePd} \mu_{3}$-vinylidene clusters by the conversion of the rhenium vinylidene $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}$ $\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}(\mathbf{1})$ into the binuclear RePd complex $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}$ $\operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})(\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P})(\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{dppe}(2)$, dppp (3)) followed by the treatment of $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ with $\mathrm{Fe}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}$ to give the trinuclear complex-

[^0]es $\mathrm{CpReFePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{5}(\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P})(\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{dppe}(\mathbf{4})$, dppp (5)). Complexes $\mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{5}$ are of limited stability and decomposed slowly in solution, which did not allow us to obtain X-ray quality crystals. However, our last attempts to grow crystals of 4 resulted in the unexpected isolation of the tetranuclear complex $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-$ $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)(\mathrm{dppe})(\mathbf{6})$ in a very low yield. We report here on an independent and more convenient route to $\mathbf{6}$, as well as its molecular geometry determined by X-ray crystallography.

## 2. Results and discussion

The tetranuclear complex $\mathbf{6}$ was isolated in a moderate yield as a dark-orange crystalline solid from the reaction of $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2^{-}}$ $\operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(7)$ with $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})(\mathrm{dppe})$ (2) in dichloromethane. The cluster $\mathbf{6}$ is quite stable in the solid state, but gradually decomposes in solution. It was characterized by IR, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectroscopy. The molecular structure of 6 was established by X-ray diffraction (Fig. 1). Crystal data and refinement parameters are provided in Table 1.

The cluster 6 consists of two parts: the $\left[\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\right.$ $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})$ ] unit (fragment 1) and the $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-$ $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})($ dppe $)$ unit (fragment 2). These two fragments are bonded to each other by the interaction of the Pd1 atom of fragment 1 with the semi-bridging C5O5 group of fragment 2 and by a $\pi$-bond
between Pd1 and the vinylidene group $\mathrm{C1}^{\prime}=\mathrm{C}^{\prime} \mathrm{HPh}$ of fragment 2 . The metal core of the cluster $\mathbf{6}$ consists of four alternating rhenium and palladium atoms, Re1-Pd1-Re2-Pd2. The Re1-Pd1 and Re2Pd2 bond lengths are 2.7136(12) and 2.7690(11) Å, respectively. The Pd1 $\cdots \mathrm{Re} 2$ distance is $3.0105(11) \AA$, which is $0.1 \AA$ longer than the sum of the covalent radii of the Pd and Re atoms [19] (Table 2). Only one of four carbonyl groups of $\mathbf{6}$, namely C3O3, is terminal (the $\mathrm{Re} 1-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{O} 3$ bond angle is $175.6(13)^{\circ}$ and the $\mathrm{Re} 1-\mathrm{C} 3$ bond length is $1.854(15) \AA$ ). Three other CO groups are semi-bridging. Their bond angles are less than $168^{\circ}$, and the Pd1-C4, Pd1-C5, Pd2-C6 bond lengths are 2.423(15), 2.565(12) and 2.495(12) $\AA$, respectively. It should be noted that the structural characteristics of cluster 6 and its manganese analog $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{MnPd}(\mu$ $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \operatorname{MnPd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)($ dppe $)(8)$ are similar and most of the differences between them can be attributed to the smaller covalent radius of the Mn atom [19].

The cluster $\mathbf{6}$ contains two vinylidene ligands, which coordinate to the Re1-Pd1-Re2-Pd2 core in two different manners. The $\mathrm{C} 1=\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{HPh}$ ligand of fragment 1 bridges the Re1 and Pd1 atoms in a $\mu_{2}$-coordination mode. The rhenium, palladium and bridged carbonyl carbon atoms form a triangle. The Re1-Pd1, Pd1-C1 and Re1-C1 bond lengths are 2.7136(12), 1.992(13) and 1.999(14) $\AA$, respectively. The Re1-C1-Pd1, Pd1-Re1-C1 and Re1-Pd1-C1 bond angles of this triangle are $85.7(6)^{\circ}, 47.1(4)^{\circ}$ and $47.3(4)^{\circ}$, respectively. The $\mu-\mathrm{C} 1=\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{HPh}$ ligand is located in the plane of the Re1Pd1C1 carbodimetallacycle; the dihedral angle between the Pd1Re1C1 and C1C2C9 planes is 7.9(18) ${ }^{\circ}$. These structural parameters of fragment 1 are close to those of dinuclear $\mu$-vinylidene complexes [12,13,20].

In contrast, the second vinylidene ligand of fragment 2 coordinates to the Pd1-Re2-Pd2 core in a $\mu_{3}-\eta^{2}: \eta^{1}: \eta^{1}$ fashion, forming $\sigma$-bonds to the Re2 and Pd2 atoms and an unsymmetrical $\pi$-bond to the Pd1 atom. The structure of fragment 2 is close to that of fragment 1. The Re2-Pd2, Pd2-C1' and Re2-C1' bond lengths are $2.7690(11), 2.051(10)$ and $2.030(11) \AA$, respectively. The Re2-C1'-Pd2, Pd2-Re2-C1' and Re2-Pd2-C1' bond angles of this triangle are $85.5(4)^{\circ}, 47.6(3)^{\circ}$ and $46.9(3)^{\circ}$, respectively. The


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)($ dppe $)$ (6). The dppe phenyl groups and all hydrogen atoms, except that of the vinylidene ligand, are omitted for clarity.

Table 1
Crystal data and X-ray experimental details for complex 6.

| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Pd}_{2} \mathrm{Re}_{2} ; \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Formula weight | $1430.07 ; 84.92$ |
| Temperature $(\mathrm{K})$ | 296 |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | $P \overline{1}$ |
| $a(\AA)$ | $10.843(2)$ |
| $b(\AA)$ | $14.494(3)$ |
| $c(\AA)$ | $19.331(4)$ |
| $\alpha\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $106.035(2)$ |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $97.323(3)$ |
| $\gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $103.626(3)$ |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | $2776.7(10)$ |
| $Z$ | 2 |
| $D_{\text {calc }}(\mathrm{g}$ cm |  |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-3}\right)$ | 1.812 |
| $F(000)$ | 5.180 |
| $C r y s t a l$ |  |
| Radize (mm |  |

Table 2
Selected interatomic distances ( $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ in $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu$ $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)($ dppe $)(\mathbf{6})$.

| Distances $(\AA)$ |  | Angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.992(13)$ | $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $138.17(4)$ |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}$ | $2.128(11)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\operatorname{Re}(1)$ | $47.3(4)$ |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)^{\prime}$ | $2.358(11)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}-\operatorname{Pd}(2)-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $46.9(3)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.999(14)$ | $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\operatorname{Re}(2)-\operatorname{Pd}(1)$ | $66.56(3)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.854(15)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\operatorname{Re}(1)-\operatorname{Pd}(1)$ | $47.1(4)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.891(14)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}-\operatorname{Re}(2)-\operatorname{Pd}(2)$ | $47.6(3)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.838(17)$ | $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $148.3(10)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.894(16)$ | $\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $124.9(10)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}$ | $2.030(11)$ | $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}(1)$ | $85.7(6)$ |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\operatorname{Re}(1)$ | $2.7136(12)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $143.4(8)$ |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(1)-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $3.0105(12)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}-\operatorname{Pd}(2)$ | $131.1(9)$ |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(2)-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $2.7690(11)$ | $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}-\operatorname{Pd}(2)$ | $85.5(4)$ |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}$ | $2.051(10)$ | $\mathrm{C}(2)^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}-\operatorname{Pd}(1)$ | $82.2(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.377(17)$ | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\operatorname{Re}(1)$ | $175.6(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)^{\prime}-\mathrm{C}(2)^{\prime}$ | $1.345(14)$ | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\operatorname{Re}(1)$ | $168.2(12)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $164.7(11)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $162.5(10)$ |

$\mu-\mathrm{C} 1^{\prime}=\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime} \mathrm{HPh}$ ligand is located in the plane of the Re2Pd2C1' carbodimetallacycle; the dihedral angle between the Re2Pd2C1' and $\mathrm{C1}^{\prime} \mathrm{C} 2^{\prime} \mathrm{C} 15$ planes is $9.9(14)^{\circ}$. The C1 ${ }^{\prime}, \mathrm{C} 6, \mathrm{P} 1$ and P2 atoms of fragment 2 almost form one plane, and the deviation of the central Pd2 atom from this plane is only $0.061(5) \AA$. At the same time, the structural parameters of the $\left[P d 1 R e 2 P d 2\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}^{\prime}=\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime} \mathrm{HPh}\right)\right]$ fragment (for instance, the Pd1Pd2Re2, Pd2Pd1Re2 and Pd2Re1Pd1 bond angles) resemble those found for trinuclear $\mu_{3}$-vinylidene complexes $[13,21]$. However, the Pd1 $\cdots$ Pd2 (3.1778(14) $\AA$ ) and $\operatorname{Pd} 1 \cdots \operatorname{Re} 2(3.0105(12) \AA \AA$ ) distances can be considered only as non-bonding (they are longer than the sum of the covalent radii of the corresponding metals) [19].

The plane of fragment 1 is almost perpendicular to that of fragment 2. The dihedral angle between the Pd1Re1C1 and Pd2Re2C1 ${ }^{\prime}$ planes is $87.7(3)^{\circ}$. The $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bond lengths of the vinylidene ligands are $1.377(17) \AA$ for fragment 1 and $1.345(14) \AA \AA$ for fragment 2. They are similar in length to the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bonds found in the Pd-containing complexes $\quad \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CCl}_{2}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})_{2} \quad(1.30(2) \AA$ ) $\quad[22]$, $\mathrm{Cl}_{2} \operatorname{PdNi}\left(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CCl}_{2}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})_{2} \quad\left(1.290(14) \AA\right.$ ) [23] and $\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)-$ $\mathrm{ClPd}\left\{\mu-\left[\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{H})-\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{CPh}_{2}\right]\right\} \mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2} \quad(1.339(4) \AA) \quad[24]$. The
$\operatorname{Re} 1-\operatorname{Pd} 1(2.7136(12) ~ A ̊)$ and $\operatorname{Re} 2-\operatorname{Pd} 2(2.7690(11) ~ A ̊)$ bond lengths are slightly different. Previously, a significant difference between the two Re-Pd bond lengths was observed in the compound $\left[\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{BPh}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \operatorname{RePd}\right]_{2}(2.866(1)$ and $2.666(1) \AA$ ) [25]. The Re-Pd bond distances are shorter than those in $\left(\eta^{5}-7-\mathrm{CB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right)$ $(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \operatorname{RePd}(d p p e) \quad(2.7858(4) \quad \AA) \quad[26], \quad \operatorname{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}\left(\mu-\mathrm{SnPh}_{2}\right)$ $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PBu}^{t}\right)_{3}\right]_{2}\left(2.8580(5) \AA\right.$ ) [27] and $\left[\mathrm{NEt}_{4}\right]\left[\mathrm{Re}_{7}(\mathrm{CO})_{21}\left\{\mathrm{Pd}\left(\eta^{3}-\mathrm{PhC}_{3}-\right.\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right\}(\mathrm{C})\right](2.872(5) \AA$ ) [28].

The most reasonable route to the $\mathrm{Re}_{2} \mathrm{Pd}_{2}$ cluster $\mathbf{6}$ seems to be the coupling of two RePd fragments, one of which is coordinatively unsaturated $\left[\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})\right]$ (fragment 1$)$ and the other one is the stable complex $\mathbf{2}$ (fragment 2). The generation of the former by the spontaneous dissociation of triphenylphosphane from $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(7)$ in the presence of $\mathbf{2}$ indeed gave $\mathbf{6}$ in $20 \%$ yield (Scheme 1). It is no wonder that the degradation of the trinuclear cluster $\mathrm{CpReFePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{5}(\mathrm{dppe})$ (4) gave only trace amounts of $\mathbf{6}$, since generation of both RePd fragments are rather complicated in this case. Indeed, the formation of $\mathbf{2}$ from $\mathbf{4}$ requires the elimination of an iron tricarbonyl group, while the generation of fragment 1 requires abstraction of dppe from 2, presumably by $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$. Note, the mechanism for the formation of $\mathbf{6}$ from the binuclear $\mu$-vinylidene complexes 2 and $\mathbf{7}$ is similar to that proposed for the manganese analog $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(-$ $\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{MnPd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \mathrm{MnPd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)($ dppe $)(\mathbf{8})$.

It was found that the interaction between the two fragments of the cluster is labile, and fragment 1 can be eliminated in the reactions of cluster $\mathbf{6}$ with diphosphane ligands. Thus, after addition of one equiv. of dppe to a benzene solution of $\mathbf{6}$, fragment 2 is replaced by the diphosphane ligand, giving 2 equiv. of complex 2 quantitatively (IR and TLC monitoring) (Scheme 2).

The tetranuclear complex $\mathbf{6}$ is a representative example of rare complexes wherein the metal cores consist of alternating metal atoms. Other known examples are $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{MnPd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})$ $\operatorname{MnPd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)($ dppe $)$ [29], $\left[\mathrm{Mn}_{2} \mathrm{Rh}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{CC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\right.$ $\left.(\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right], \quad\left[\mathrm{Mn}_{3} \mathrm{Rh}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{CC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{Cl})(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\right.$ $\left.\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3}\right],\left[\mathrm{Re}_{2} \mathrm{Rh}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{CC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right]$ [11] and $\mathrm{Pd}_{2} \mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}\left(\mu-\mathrm{SnPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PBu}^{\mathrm{t}}\right)_{2}[27,30]$. Moreover, the presence of two different coordinated vinylidene ligands in one molecule has been reported previously only for the analogous manganese complex $\quad \mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{MnPd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \mathrm{MnPd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)($ dppe $)$ [29] and the cluster $\mathrm{Cp}^{*} \mathrm{IrOs}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}\left(\mu_{4}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)$, where one vinylidene unit is bounded to all four metal atoms and the second one to two osmium atoms and the iridium atom [31].

## 3. Experimental

### 3.1. Reaction of $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})($ dppe $)(2)$ with $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(7)$

$\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})(\mathrm{dppe})(\mathbf{2})(55 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a solution of $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2} \quad$ (7) ( $62 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(15 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The reaction mixture was stirred for 7 h at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was washed with hexane ( 10 mL ). The remaining solid was


Scheme 2.
redissolved in a $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-hexane mixture (10:1). After the solution was allowed to stand at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 days, a mixture of darkorange, air-stable crystals of $\mathbf{6}$ and an undefined violet powder were obtained; these were separated manually (by hand). Yield: 20\%.

Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Pd}_{2} \mathrm{Re}_{2}$ (1430.18): C, 46.99; H, 3.22. Found: C, 46.72; H, 3.45\%.

IR ( $\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1917s, $1876 \mathrm{~s}, 1850 \mathrm{~s}, 1813 \mathrm{~m}\left(v_{\mathrm{co}}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6},+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \delta, \mathrm{ppm}[J, \mathrm{~Hz}]: 1.94$ (m, 2H, P-CH2-); 2.08 (m, 1H, P-CH2-); 2.21 (m, 1H, P-CH - ); $4.75\left(\mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)$; $4.91\left(\mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) ; 6.75\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{C}^{2} \mathrm{HPh}\right) ; 6.93-7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{PC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) ; 7.43-7.59\left(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{C}^{2} \mathrm{HC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right.$ and $\left.=\mathrm{C}^{2} \mathrm{HC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) ; 7.02(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{PH}}=7.61,=\mathrm{C}^{2} \mathrm{HPh}\right)$.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta, \operatorname{ppm}[J, \mathrm{~Hz}]: 30.68\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{P}^{2},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{PP}}=17.8\right)$; $35.95\left(\mathrm{~d}, P^{1},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{PP}}=17.8\right)$.

### 3.2. Reaction of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)($ dppe $)$ (6) with dppe

To 20 mg ( 0.014 mmol ) of $\mathbf{6}$ dissolved in 5 mL of benzene was added $6 \mathrm{mg}(0.015 \mathrm{mmol})$ of dppe at RT. After stirring for 30 min , the solution changed colour from dark-yellow to bright-yellow. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ ( $0.2 \times 2 \mathrm{~cm}$ ). The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and residue was redissolved in a benzene-hexane mixture (1:2). After crystallization for 12 h at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, complex 2 was obtained ( $12 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ ) and identified by IR spectroscopy. The formation of $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{CO})_{2^{-}}$ $\operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh})(\mathrm{dppe})(2)$ in the reaction mixture was detected by TLC.

IR $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$ : 1909, $1833\left(v_{\mathrm{co}}\right)$.

### 3.3. X -ray diffraction studies of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \operatorname{RePd}(\mu-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}) \operatorname{RePd}\left(\mu_{3}-\right.$ C=CHPh)(dppe)(6)

$\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Pd}_{2} \mathrm{Re}_{2}$, triclinic, $P \overline{1}, \quad a=10.843(2), \quad b=14.494(3)$, $c=19.331(4) \AA, \alpha=106.035(2), \quad \beta=97.323(3), \gamma=103.626(3)^{\circ}$, $V=2776.7(10) \AA^{3}, Z=2$. The experimental data were collected using a dark-red fragment of a crystal, with dimensions $0.38 \times 0.35 \times 0.08 \mathrm{~mm}$, using a SMART Apex II diffractometer (CCD area detector, graphite monochromator, Mo K $\alpha$-radiation, $2 \theta \leqslant 51$ ); 21014 reflections were obtained at $296 \mathrm{~K}, 10271$ were unique. The experimental completeness is $99.3 \%$. Absorption corrections ( $\mu_{\mathrm{Mo}}=5.180 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ ) have been applied using a multi-scan procedure [32], $R_{\text {int }}=0.0691$. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on $F^{2}$, using the


Scheme 1.

SHelxtl program [33]. The solvent $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$ molecule was detected in the asymmetric part of the unit cell. Because of strong disordering of the molecule, it was fixed in a perfect form during the refinement. All phenyl rings were idealized and refined as rigid groups; hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and taken into account in the final stages of refinement in the "riding model" approximation. Refinement converged at a final $R_{1}$ value of 0.0578 for 5339 reflections with $F_{\mathrm{o}}>4 \sigma_{\mathrm{Fo}}$ and 0.135 for all 10271 data; $w R 2=0.1395$, GooF $=0.998,519$ refined parameters.

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## Appendix A. Supplementary data

CCDC 984706 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for compound 6. These data can be obtained free of charge via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html, or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk.

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