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Molecular structure of a new tetranuclear $\mu_2:\mu_3$ -bis-vinylidene cluster, $Cp_2(CO)_4RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)RePd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(\eta^2-dppe)$



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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, M=C=CHR, have been used as building block for the preparation of heteronuclear complexes and clusters containing MM', MM'₂ and MM'M" 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 ReFePd μ_3 -vinylidene clusters by the conversion of the rhenium vinylidene Cp(CO)₂ Re=C=CHPh (1) into the binuclear RePd complex Cp(CO)₂ RePd(μ -C=CHPh)(P-P) (P-P=dppe (2), dppp (3)) followed by the treatment of 2 and 3 with Fe₂(CO)₉ to give the trinuclear complex-

ABSTRACT

The novel tetranuclear di-vinylidene complex $Cp_2(CO)_4RePd(\mu_2-C=CHPh)RePd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ 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 $[Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)]$ fragment to the carbonyl and vinylidene ligands in the $Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ fragment.

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es CpReFePd(μ_3 -C=CHPh)(CO)₅(P–P) (P–P = dppe (**4**), dppp (**5**)). Complexes **4** and **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 Cp₂(CO)₄RePd(μ -C=CHPh)RePd(μ_3 -C=CHPh)(dppe) (**6**) in a very low yield. We report here on an independent and more convenient route to **6**, as well as its molecular geometry determined by X-ray crystallography.

2. Results and discussion

The tetranuclear complex **6** was isolated in a moderate yield as a dark-orange crystalline solid from the reaction of Cp(CO)₂-RePd(μ -C=CHPh)(PPh₃)₂ (**7**) with Cp(CO)₂RePd(μ -C=CHPh)(dppe) (**2**) in dichloromethane. The cluster **6** is quite stable in the solid state, but gradually decomposes in solution. It was characterized by IR, ¹H and ³¹P 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 $[Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)]$ unit (*fragment 1*) and the $Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ 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 π -bond

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between Pd1 and the vinylidene group C1'=C2'HPh of fragment 2. The metal core of the cluster 6 consists of four alternating rhenium and palladium atoms. Re1-Pd1-Re2-Pd2. The Re1-Pd1 and Re2-Pd2 bond lengths are 2.7136(12) and 2.7690(11) Å, respectively. The Pd1…Re2 distance is 3.0105(11) Å, which is 0.1 Å longer than the sum of the covalent radii of the Pd and Re atoms [19] (Table 2). Only one of four carbonyl groups of 6, namely C3O3, is terminal (the Re1-C3-O3 bond angle is 175.6(13)° and the Re1-C3 bond length is 1.854(15) Å). Three other CO groups are semi-bridging. Their bond angles are less than 168°, and the Pd1-C4, Pd1-C5, Pd2-C6 bond lengths are 2.423(15), 2.565(12) and 2.495(12) Å, respectively. It should be noted that the structural characteristics of cluster **6** and its manganese analog Cp₂(CO)₄MnPd(µ-C=CHPh)MnPd(μ_3 -C=CHPh)(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 **6** contains two vinylidene ligands, which coordinate to the Re1–Pd1–Re2–Pd2 core in two different manners. The C1=C2HPh ligand of *fragment 1* bridges the Re1 and Pd1 atoms in a μ_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) Å, respectively. The Re1–C1–Pd1, Pd1–Re1–C1 and Re1–Pd1–C1 bond angles of this triangle are 85.7(6)°, 47.1(4)° and 47.3(4)°, respectively. The μ -C1=C2HPh ligand is located in the plane of the Re1Pd1C1 carbodimetallacycle; the dihedral angle between the Pd1Re1C1 and C1C2C9 planes is 7.9(18)°. These structural parameters of *fragment 1* are close to those of dinuclear μ -vinylidene complexes [12,13,20].

In contrast, the second vinylidene ligand of *fragment 2* coordinates to the Pd1–Re2–Pd2 core in a μ_3 - η^2 : η^1 : η^1 fashion, forming σ -bonds to the Re2 and Pd2 atoms and an unsymmetrical π -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) Å, respectively. The Re2–C1'–Pd2, Pd2–Re2–C1' and Re2–Pd2–C1' bond angles of this triangle are 85.5(4)°, 47.6(3)° and 46.9(3)°, respectively. The



Fig. 1. Molecular structure of $Cp_2(CO)_4RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)RePd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ (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 C ₅₆ H ₄₆ O ₄ P ₂ Pd ₂ Re ₂ ; CF		
Formula weight	1430.07; 84.92	
Temperature (K)	296	
Crystal system	triclinic	
Space group	$P\bar{1}$	
a (Å)	10.843(2)	
b (Å)	14.494(3)	
<i>c</i> (Å)	19.331(4)	
α (°)	106.035(2)	
β (°)	97.323(3)	
γ (°)	103.626(3)	
V (Å ³)	2776.7(10)	
Ζ	2	
$D_{\text{calc}} (\text{g cm}^{-3})$	1.812	
$\mu (\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$	5.180	
F(000)	1456	
Crystal size (mm ³) $0.38 \times 0.35 \times 0.08$		
Radiation	Mo K α (λ = 0.71073)	
2Θ range for data collection (°)	51	
Reflections collected	21014	
Independent reflections [R _{int}]	10271 (0.0691)	
Data/restraints/parameters	10271/3/519	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.998	
Final R_1 $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0578	
Final R1, wR2 [all data]	0.1351, 0.1395	
$\Delta ho_{ m min}/\Delta ho_{ m max}$ (e Å $^{-3}$)	-1.361/1.446	

Table 2

Selected interatomic distances (Å) and angles (°) in $Cp_2(CO)_4RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)RePd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ (6).

Distances (Å)		Angles (°)	
Distances (A) Pd(1)-C(1) Pd(1)-C(1)' Pd(1)-C(2)' Re(1)-C(1) Re(1)-C(3) Re(1)-C(4) Re(2)-C(5)	1.992(13) 2.128(11) 2.358(11) 1.999(14) 1.854(15) 1.891(14) 1.838(17)	Angles (°) Re(1)-Pd(1)-Re(2) C(1)-Pd(1)-Re(1) C(1)'-Pd(2)-Re(2) Pd(2)-Re(2)-Pd(1) C(1)-Re(1)-Pd(1) C(1)'-Re(2)-Pd(2) Re(1)-C(1)-C(2)	$\begin{array}{r} 138.17(4) \\ 47.3(4) \\ 46.9(3) \\ 66.56(3) \\ 47.1(4) \\ 47.6(3) \\ 148.3(10) \end{array}$
Re(2)-C(6) Re(2)-C(1)' Pd(1)-Re(1) Pd(1)-Re(2) Pd(2)-Re(2) Pd(2)-C(1)' C(1)-C(2) C(1)'-C(2)'	1.894(16) 2.030(11) 2.7136(12) 3.0105(12) 2.7690(11) 2.051(10) 1.377(17) 1.345(14)	$\begin{array}{l} Pd(1)-C(1)-C(2)\\ Re(1)-C(1)-Pd(1)\\ C(2)'-C(1)'-Re(2)\\ C(2)'-C(1)'-Pd(2)\\ Re(2)-C(1)'-Pd(2)\\ C(2)'-C(1)'-Pd(1)\\ O(3)-C(3)-Re(1)\\ O(4)-C(4)-Re(1)\\ O(5)-C(5)-Re(2)\\ O(6)-C(6)-Re(2) \end{array}$	$124.9(10) \\ 85.7(6) \\ 143.4(8) \\ 131.1(9) \\ 85.5(4) \\ 82.2(7) \\ 175.6(13) \\ 168.2(12) \\ 164.7(11) \\ 162.5(10) \\ 1000000000000000000000000000000000$

 μ -C1'=C2'HPh ligand is located in the plane of the Re2Pd2C1' carbodimetallacycle; the dihedral angle between the Re2Pd2C1' and C1'C2'C15 planes is 9.9(14)°. The C1', C6, P1 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) Å. At the same time, the structural parameters of the [Pd1Re2Pd2(μ_3 -C1'=C2'HPh)] fragment (for instance, the Pd1Pd2Re2, Pd2Pd1Re2 and Pd2Re1Pd1 bond angles) resemble those found for trinuclear μ_3 -vinylidene complexes [13,21]. However, the Pd1 \cdots Pd2 (3.1778(14) Å) and Pd1 \cdots Re2 (3.0105(12)Å) 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' planes is 87.7(3)°. The C=C bond lengths of the vinylidene ligands are 1.377(17) Å for *fragment 1* and 1.345(14) Å for *fragment 2*. They are similar in length to the C=C bonds found in the Pd-containing complexes $Cl_2Pd_2(\mu$ -C=CCl₂)(μ -dppm)₂ (1.30(2) Å) [22], $Cl_2PdNi(\mu$ -C=CCl₂)(μ -dppm)₂ (1.290(14) Å) [23] and (PPh₃)-ClPd{ μ -[C=C(H)-N=CPh₂]}PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (1.339(4) Å) [24]. The

Re1–Pd1 (2.7136(12) Å) and Re2–Pd2 (2.7690(11) Å) bond lengths are slightly different. Previously, a significant difference between the two Re–Pd bond lengths was observed in the compound $[(\eta^5-C_4H_4BPh)(CO)_3RePd]_2$ (2.866(1) and 2.666(1) Å) [25]. The Re–Pd bond distances are shorter than those in $(\eta^5-7-CB_{10}H_{11})$ (CO)₃RePd(dppe) (2.7858(4) Å) [26], Re₂(CO)₈(µ-SnPh₂) [Pd(PBu^t)₃]₂ (2.8580(5) Å) [27] and [NEt₄][Re₇(CO)₂₁{Pd(η^3 -PhC₃-H₄)](C)] (2.872(5) Å) [28].

The most reasonable route to the Re₂Pd₂ cluster **6** seems to be the coupling of two RePd fragments, one of which is coordinatively unsaturated $[Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)]$ (fragment 1) and the other one is the stable complex 2 (fragment 2). The generation of the former by the spontaneous dissociation of triphenylphosphane from $Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu_2-C=CHPh)(PPh_3)_2$ (7) in the presence of 2 indeed gave 6 in 20% yield (Scheme 1). It is no wonder that the degradation of the trinuclear cluster CpReFePd(u_3 -C=CHPh)(CO)₅(dppe) (4) gave only trace amounts of 6. since generation of both RePd fragments are rather complicated in this case. Indeed, the formation of **2** from **4** requires the elimination of an iron tricarbonyl group, while the generation of *fragment 1* requires abstraction of dppe from **2**, presumably by Fe(CO)₃. Note, the mechanism for the formation of **6** from the binuclear μ -vinylidene complexes **2** and **7** is similar to that proposed for the manganese analog $Cp_2(CO_4MnPd(\mu-C=CHPh)MnPd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ (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 **6** with diphosphane ligands. Thus, after addition of one equiv. of dppe to a benzene solution of **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 **6** is a representative example of rare complexes wherein the metal cores consist of alternating metal atoms. Other known examples are $Cp_2(CO)_4MnPd(\mu-C=CHPh)$ MnPd(μ_3 -C=CHPh)(dppe) [29], [Mn₂Rh₂(μ -CC₆H₅)(μ_3 -CC₆H₅)(μ -CO)₃ $(CO)_3(\eta^5 - C_5 H_5)_2],$ $[Mn_3Rh_2(\mu-CC_6H_5)_2(\mu_3-CC_6H_5)(\mu-Cl)(\mu-CO)_3(CO)_2$ $(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})_{3}], [Re_{2}Rh_{2}(\mu-CC_{6}H_{5})(\mu_{3}-CC_{6}H_{5})(\mu-CO)_{3}(CO)_{3}(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})_{2}]$ [11] and $Pd_2Re_2(CO)_8(\mu-SnPh_2)_2(PBu^t)_2$ [27,30]. Moreover, the presence of two different coordinated vinvlidene ligands in one molecule has been reported previously only for the analogous manganese complex $Cp_2(CO)_4MnPd(\mu-C=CHPh)MnPd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ [29] and the cluster $Cp^*IrOs_3(CO)_9(\mu_4-C=CHPh)(\mu_3-C=CHPh)$, 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 $Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ (2) with $Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)(PPh_3)_2$ (7)

 $Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ (**2**) (55 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added to a solution of $Cp(CO)_2RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)(PPh_3)_2$ (**7**) (62 mg, 0.06 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 7 h at 20 °C. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was washed with hexane (10 mL). The remaining solid was



redissolved in a CH₂Cl₂-hexane mixture (10:1). After the solution was allowed to stand at -20 °C for 2 days, a mixture of darkorange, air-stable crystals of **6** and an undefined violet powder were obtained; these were separated manually (by hand). Yield: 20%.

Anal. Calc. for $C_{56}H_{46}O_4P_2Pd_2Re_2$ (1430.18): C, 46.99; H, 3.22. Found: C, 46.72; H, 3.45%.

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1917s, 1876s, 1850s, 1813 m (v_{CO}).

¹H NMR (C_6D_6 , +25 °C) δ , ppm [J, Hz]: 1.94 (m, 2H, P-CH₂—); 2.08 (m, 1H, P-CH₂—); 2.21 (m, 1H, P-CH₂—); 4.75 (s, 5H, C₅H₅); 4.91 (s, 5H, C₅H₅); 6.75 (s, 1H, =C²HPh); 6.93–7.12 (m, 20H, PC₆H₅); 7.43–7.59 (m, 10H, =C²HC₆H₅ and =C²/HC₆H₅); 7.02 (d, 1H, ⁴J_{PH} = 7.61, =C²/HPh).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ , ppm [*J*, Hz]: 30.68 (d, P^2 , ²*J*_{PP} = 17.8); 35.95 (d, P^1 , ²*J*_{PP} = 17.8).

3.2. Reaction of $Cp_2(CO)_4RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)RePd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ (**6**) with dppe

To 20 mg (0.014 mmol) of **6** dissolved in 5 mL of benzene was added 6 mg (0.015 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 SiO₂ (0.2 × 2 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 °C, complex **2** was obtained (12 mg, 92%) and identified by IR spectroscopy. The formation of Cp(CO)₂-RePd(μ -C=CHPh)(dppe) (**2**) in the reaction mixture was detected by TLC.

IR (CH₂Cl₂, cm⁻¹): 1909, 1833 (*v*_{CO}).

3.3. X-ray diffraction studies of $Cp_2(CO)_4RePd(\mu-C=CHPh)RePd(\mu_3-C=CHPh)(dppe)$ (**6**)

C₅₆H₄₆O₄P₂Pd₂Re₂, triclinic, *P*Ī, *a* = 10.843(2), *b* = 14.494(3), *c* = 19.331(4) Å, α = 106.035(2), β = 97.323(3), γ = 103.626(3)°, *V* = 2776.7(10) Å³, *Z* = 2. The experimental data were collected using a dark-red fragment of a crystal, with dimensions 0.38 × 0.35 × 0.08 mm, using a SMART Apex II diffractometer (CCD area detector, graphite monochromator, Mo Kα-radiation, 2*θ* ≤ 51); 21014 reflections were obtained at 296 K, 10271 were unique. The experimental completeness is 99.3%. Absorption corrections (μ_{Mo} = 5.180 mm⁻¹) have been applied using a multi-scan procedure [32], *R*_{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 (CH₂Cl₂) 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 $F_0 > 4\sigma_{F_0}$ and 0.135 for all 10271 data; *wR*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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