

Discussion. Atomic coordinates, bond lengths and angles are given in Tables 1 and 2.* Corresponding bond lengths and angles of the two crystallographically independent molecules are insignificantly different. The molecular structure, illustrated in Fig. 1, shows the compound to be a dimer of the lithiumamide with terminal THF molecules completing the three-coordinated planar Li-atom environment. The Li-bonded N atom has distorted tetrahedral geometry. Bond lengths and angles are comparable to those found in $[(\text{Me}_3\text{Si})_2\text{NLi.OEt}_2]_2$ (Lappert, Slade, Singh, Atwood, Rogers & Shakir, 1983). The Si_3N_3 ring has a strongly distorted boat conformation [torsion angles $\text{Si}(1)-\text{N}(1)-\text{Si}(2)-\text{N}(2)-\text{Si}(3)-\text{N}(3)-\text{Si}(1)$: -36.7 (2), 1.6 (9), 37.6 (9), -29.7 (10), -15.1 (19), 47.6 (17) $^\circ$; Bucourt & Hainant, 1965]. This change in conformation from the almost planar ($RR'\text{SiNH}$) $_3$ rings (Clegg, Sheldrick & Stalke, 1984) to an approximate boat conformation may be caused by the anionic character of the N atom. The Si-N bond lengths in the ring involving either this N or the diagonally opposite Si are short [mean 1.697 (3) Å], whereas the middle Si-N distances are normal [mean 1.735 (3) Å]. The H-bonded N atoms have virtually planar geometry [mean $\text{N}-\text{H}$ 0.75 (7) Å, freely refined].

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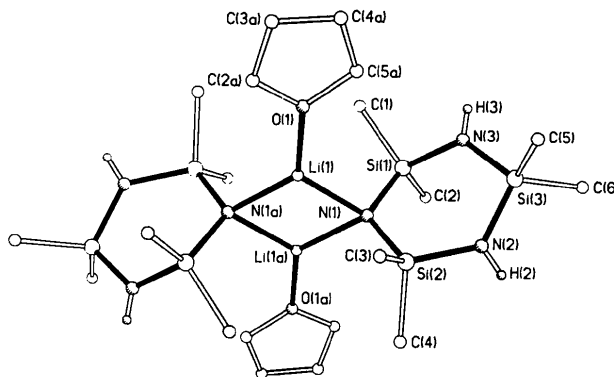


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of the dimer. H atoms of the methyl groups and of the THF molecules are omitted, and the unique atoms plus three symmetry-generated atoms N(1a), Li(1a) and O(1a) are labelled.

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Structure of Decacarbonyl-tetra- μ -hydrido- μ -[methylenebis(diphenylphosphine)- P,P']-tetrahedro-tetraruthenium

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Abstract. $[\text{Ru}_4(\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{P}_2)(\text{CO})_{10}\text{H}_4]$, $M_r = 1072.8$, monoclinic, $P2_1/c$, $a = 10.887$ (2), $b = 19.751$ (3), $c = 18.278$ (2) Å, $\beta = 105.89$ (1) $^\circ$, $V = 3780.1$ (2) Å 3 ,

$Z = 4$, $D_x = 1.89$ g cm $^{-3}$, Mo $K\alpha$, $\lambda = 0.71069$ Å, $\mu = 16.65$ cm $^{-1}$, $F(000) = 2088$, $T = 118$ (1) K, $R = 0.030$ for 5569 observed reflections. The structure consists of a closed tetrahedral metal core involving four hydrido-bridged metal-metal bonds [Ru(1)-Ru(3)

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2.958 (1), Ru(2)–Ru(3) 2.982 (1), Ru(2)–Ru(4) 2.917 (1), Ru(3)–Ru(4) 2.991 (1) Å] and two unsupported metal–metal bonds [Ru(1)–Ru(2) 2.771 (1), Ru(1)–Ru(4) 2.760 (1) Å]. The bis(diphenylphosphino)methane ligand bridges the metal–metal vector Ru(3)–Ru(4).

Introduction. In recent studies of the chemistry of substituted metal clusters involving bridging phosphine ligands, we noticed a different reactivity of Ru₄H₄(CO)₁₀(diphos) [diphos = ethylenebis(diphenylphosphine)] and Ru₄H₄(CO)₁₀(dppm) [dppm = methylenebis(diphenylphosphine)] (Bergounhou, Bonnet, Fompeyrine, Lavigne, Lugan & Mansilla, 1986). Typically, the latter complex was shown to experience facile oxidative cleavage of a C–P bond to yield Ru₄(μ-H)₃(CO)₁₀[μ₃-η²-(C₆H₅)₂PCH₂P(C₆H₅)₂], a reaction as yet unobserved for Ru₄H₄(CO)₁₀(diphos) (Churchill, Lashewycz, Shapley & Richter, 1980). Since a different behaviour might be related to a different structure of the two complexes, we attempted an X-ray structural analysis of Ru₄H₄(CO)₁₀(dppm) in order to confirm the model derived from spectroscopic studies in solution (Bergounhou *et al.*, 1986).

Experimental. The title complex was prepared according to our published procedure (Bergounhou *et al.*, 1986) and crystallized from dichloromethane/ethanol. Selected crystal, 0.08 × 0.24 × 0.35 mm, mounted on an Enraf–Nonius CAD-4F diffractometer, graphite-monochromatized Mo Kα radiation, NJET cooling device (Bonnet & Askenazy, 1983). Cell parameters from 25 accurately centred reflections in the range 12 < θ < 15°. Data measured using ω–2θ scan, scan width 0.42° below Kα₁ to 0.42° above Kα₂. Four standard reflections (0, 12, 1, 506, 663, 4, 10, 1) measured every 2 h of exposure time showed no decay. Data collected: *h*, *k*, *l* range 12, 22, ±20; θ_{max} = 24.0°. 6993 reflections measured, 1424 unobserved [*I* < 3σ(*I*)]. Data corrected for Lorentz, polarization and absorption effects; distances from crystal faces to centre: 0.046 (001, 001̄), 0.119 (100, 100), 0.108 (011), 0.133 (011̄), 0.118 (011), 0.105 mm (011̄); crystal volume 0.0067 mm³; μ = 16.65 cm⁻¹, Gaussian method (Coppens, Leiserowitz & Rabinovitch, 1965); 4 × 6 × 4 grid; min. and max. transmission factors 0.67 and 0.87. Structure solved by direct methods (Main *et al.*, 1980), Fourier syntheses, and refined by full-matrix least squares based on *F*. Function minimized ∑w(|F_o| – |F_c|)², where w⁻¹ = σ_c²(F_o²) + (p|F_o²)²; σ_c based on Poisson counting statistics, *p* an empirical constant (here *p* = 0.02). Ibers' library of programs, implemented on the Multics computer of the Centre Interuniversitaire de Calcul de Toulouse. Phenyl rings treated as rigid groups

(idealized *D*_{6h} symmetry, C–C = 1.395 Å with C–H = 0.95 Å; isotropic thermal parameters of H atoms taken 1 Å² greater than those of corresponding carbon atoms).

The four hydride ligands were located on a Fourier difference map and refined using fixed isotropic thermal parameters (*B* = 3.5 Å²). Model converged with 5569 unique observations for which *F*_o² > 3σ(*F*_o²), 305 variables, *R* = 0.030, *wR* = 0.035, isotropic extinction parameter refined = 0.93 × 10⁻⁸. Max. residual electron density 1.0 e Å⁻³. Highest parameter shift Δ/*σ* is 2.0 [*x* coordinate of the hydride ligand H(2,4)]. Scattering factors were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974).

Table 1. Final positional parameters and isotropic thermal parameters with *e.s.d.*'s in parentheses

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i> (Å ²)
Ru(1)	0.77692 (4)	0.11988 (2)	0.77288 (2)	1.35 (1)
Ru(2)	0.99547 (4)	0.12625 (2)	0.89376 (2)	1.22 (1)
Ru(3)	0.99256 (4)	0.03100 (2)	0.76671 (2)	1.14 (1)
Ru(4)	0.98691 (4)	0.18111 (2)	0.74425 (2)	1.24 (1)
P(1)	1.2038 (1)	0.02506 (6)	0.75798 (7)	1.21 (4)
P(2)	1.1957 (1)	0.18355 (6)	0.73365 (7)	1.24 (4)
C(1)	0.6724 (5)	0.1050 (3)	0.6725 (3)	2.2 (2)
O(1)	0.6071 (4)	0.0953 (2)	0.6129 (2)	3.5 (2)
C(2)	0.6610 (5)	0.0818 (3)	0.8227 (3)	1.8 (2)
O(2)	0.5858 (3)	0.0618 (2)	0.8501 (2)	3.1 (2)
C(3)	0.7257 (5)	0.2114 (3)	0.7745 (3)	2.2 (2)
O(3)	0.6873 (4)	0.2651 (2)	0.7742 (2)	3.2 (2)
C(4)	1.1478 (5)	0.1320 (3)	0.9774 (3)	1.8 (2)
O(4)	1.2286 (4)	0.1370 (2)	1.0322 (2)	3.2 (2)
C(5)	0.9134 (5)	0.2015 (3)	0.9233 (3)	2.1 (2)
O(5)	0.8662 (4)	0.2475 (2)	0.9429 (2)	3.2 (2)
C(6)	0.9086 (5)	0.0643 (3)	0.9416 (3)	1.7 (2)
O(6)	0.8581 (3)	0.0263 (2)	0.9708 (2)	2.3 (2)
C(7)	0.9120 (5)	-0.0108 (2)	0.6727 (3)	1.6 (2)
O(7)	0.8562 (4)	-0.0358 (2)	0.6174 (2)	2.6 (2)
C(8)	0.9987 (5)	-0.0503 (3)	0.8232 (3)	1.7 (2)
O(8)	1.0040 (4)	-0.0977 (2)	0.8593 (2)	2.5 (2)
C(9)	0.8821 (5)	0.1974 (3)	0.6451 (3)	2.1 (2)
O(9)	0.8153 (4)	0.2090 (2)	0.5860 (2)	3.3 (2)
C(10)	0.9800 (5)	0.2713 (3)	0.7706 (3)	2.1 (2)
O(10)	0.9816 (4)	0.3278 (2)	0.7890 (2)	3.5 (2)
C(11)	1.2836 (5)	0.1079 (2)	0.7808 (3)	1.3 (2)
C(21)	1.2312 (3)	-0.0024 (2)	0.6680 (1)	1.34 (8)
C(22)	1.3170 (3)	0.0302 (1)	0.6358 (2)	1.75 (9)
C(23)	1.3372 (3)	0.0058 (2)	0.5685 (2)	2.00 (9)
C(24)	1.2715 (3)	-0.0512 (2)	0.5336 (1)	2.03 (10)
C(25)	1.1856 (3)	-0.0838 (1)	0.5659 (2)	2.18 (10)
C(26)	1.1654 (3)	-0.0594 (2)	0.6331 (2)	1.88 (9)
C(31)	1.3101 (3)	-0.0299 (2)	0.8280 (2)	1.48 (8)
C(32)	1.3125 (3)	-0.0225 (2)	0.9041 (2)	2.26 (10)
C(33)	1.3910 (3)	-0.0638 (2)	0.9591 (1)	2.8 (1)
C(34)	1.4672 (3)	-0.1125 (2)	0.9380 (2)	2.7 (1)
C(35)	1.4648 (3)	-0.1200 (3)	0.8619 (2)	2.7 (1)
C(36)	1.3863 (3)	-0.0786 (2)	0.8069 (1)	2.10 (9)
C(41)	1.2983 (3)	0.2531 (1)	0.7807 (2)	1.69 (9)
C(42)	1.4068 (3)	0.2446 (1)	0.8415 (2)	1.95 (9)
C(43)	1.4808 (3)	0.3004 (2)	0.8725 (2)	2.8 (1)
C(44)	1.4465 (3)	0.3647 (1)	0.8428 (2)	3.2 (1)
C(45)	1.3380 (3)	0.3732 (1)	0.7820 (2)	3.0 (1)
C(46)	1.2639 (3)	0.3174 (2)	0.7509 (2)	2.4 (1)
C(51)	1.2234 (3)	0.1855 (2)	0.6387 (1)	1.44 (8)
C(52)	1.3407 (3)	0.2063 (2)	0.6298 (1)	1.77 (9)
C(53)	1.3622 (2)	0.2048 (2)	0.5581 (2)	2.2 (1)
C(54)	1.2664 (3)	0.1826 (2)	0.4955 (1)	2.4 (1)
C(55)	1.1491 (3)	0.1619 (2)	0.5044 (1)	2.4 (1)
C(56)	1.1276 (2)	0.1633 (2)	0.5760 (2)	1.96 (9)
H(1,3)	0.844 (5)	0.032 (3)	0.781 (3)	3.5
H(3,4)	0.995 (5)	0.097 (3)	0.704 (3)	3.5
H(2,4)	1.091 (5)	0.171 (3)	0.842 (3)	3.5
H(2,3)	1.067 (5)	0.066 (3)	0.852 (3)	3.5

Discussion. Final positional parameters and isotropic thermal parameters are given in Table 1.* Fig. 1 shows a perspective view of the complex. Selected interatomic distances and bond angles are listed in Table 2.

The crystal consists of well separated molecular units of $\text{Ru}_4(\mu\text{-H})_4(\text{CO})_{10}[\mu\text{-}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{PCH}_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2]$. The cluster has a closed tetrahedral metal core, as found in the parent complex $\text{Ru}_4(\mu\text{-H})_4(\text{CO})_{12}$ (Wilson, Wu, Love & Bau, 1978). The bridging methylenebis(diphenylphosphine) ligand spans the metal-metal vector $\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)$; Ru-P vectors are almost coplanar with the cluster face $\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)$ [the dihedral angle between the plane defined by $\text{P}(1)$, $\text{Ru}(3)$ and $\text{Ru}(4)$ and the plane defined by $\text{Ru}(1)$, $\text{Ru}(3)$ and $\text{Ru}(4)$ is $176.1(1)^\circ$, and that between the plane defined by $\text{P}(2)$, $\text{Ru}(3)$ and $\text{Ru}(4)$ and the plane defined by $\text{Ru}(1)$, $\text{Ru}(3)$ and $\text{Ru}(4)$ is $176.4(1)^\circ$]. The environment of $\text{Ru}(3)$ and $\text{Ru}(4)$ is achieved with two terminal CO ligands, while three terminal CO ligands coordinate to $\text{Ru}(1)$ and $\text{Ru}(2)$, respectively. The Ru-Ru distances fall into two distinct classes. Normal metal-metal separations (average 2.765 \AA) are found for $\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(2)$ and $\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)$, while longer metal-metal separations (average 2.962 \AA) are found for the four hydrido-bridged bonds $\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)$, $\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)$, $\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(3)$, $\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)$, in agreement with related observations on $\text{Ru}_4(\mu\text{-H})_4(\text{CO})_{10}(\text{diphos})$ (Churchill *et al.*, 1980). The four hydride ligands were

found in reasonable positions in a difference Fourier map and their refinement proved to be satisfactory. All Ru-H bonds fall in the range $1.7\text{-}1.9 \text{ \AA}$ (average 1.77 \AA) in agreement with the values determined by

Table 2. Selected interatomic distances (\AA) and bond angles ($^\circ$) with *e.s.d.*'s in parentheses

Ru-Ru (normal)			
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(2)$	2.7712 (7)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)$	2.7600 (7)
Average = 2.766			
Ru-Ru (H-bridged)			
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)$	2.9581 (6)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)$	2.9173 (5)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(3)$	2.9821 (5)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)$	2.9913 (5)
Average = 2.962			
Ru-P			
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)$	2.351 (1)	P-C	
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-P}(2)$	2.334 (1)	$\text{P}(1)\text{-C}(11)$	1.846 (4)
		$\text{P}(2)\text{-C}(11)$	1.855 (5)
Ru-C			
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-C}(1)$	1.899 (6)	C-O	
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-C}(2)$	1.902 (5)	$\text{C}(1)\text{-O}(1)$	1.143 (6)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-C}(3)$	1.895 (6)	$\text{C}(2)\text{-O}(2)$	1.141 (6)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-C}(4)$	1.927 (5)	$\text{C}(3)\text{-O}(3)$	1.138 (6)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-C}(5)$	1.888 (6)	$\text{C}(4)\text{-O}(4)$	1.142 (6)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-C}(6)$	1.901 (5)	$\text{C}(5)\text{-O}(5)$	1.148 (6)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-C}(7)$	1.892 (5)	$\text{C}(6)\text{-O}(6)$	1.144 (6)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-C}(8)$	1.900 (5)	$\text{C}(7)\text{-O}(7)$	1.140 (6)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-C}(9)$	1.886 (6)	$\text{C}(8)\text{-O}(8)$	1.138 (6)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-C}(10)$	1.853 (5)	$\text{C}(9)\text{-O}(9)$	1.149 (6)
		$\text{C}(10)\text{-O}(10)$	1.165 (6)
Ru-H			
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-H}(1,3)$	1.88 (6)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-H}(1,3)$	1.70 (6)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-H}(2,3)$	1.72 (6)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-H}(2,3)$	1.69 (5)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-H}(2,4)$	1.81 (5)	$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-H}(2,4)$	1.85 (5)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-H}(3,4)$	1.74 (6)	$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-H}(3,4)$	1.83 (5)
Average = 1.77			

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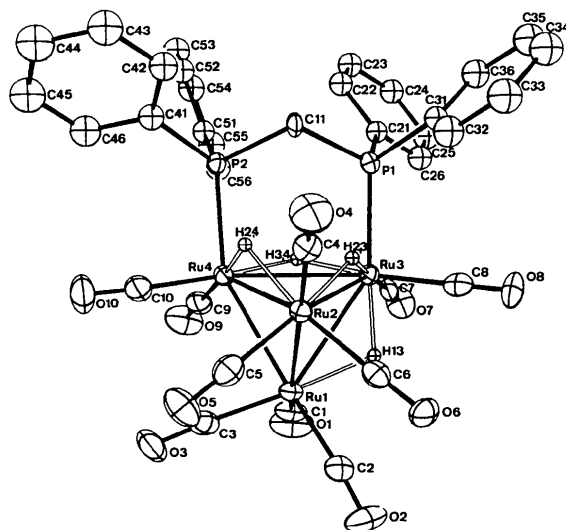


Fig. 1. Perspective view of the cluster complex $\text{Ru}_4(\mu\text{-H})_4(\text{CO})_{10}[\mu\text{-}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{PCH}_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2]$ [ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) diagram, with thermal ellipsoids shown at 60% probability level; hydride ligands are represented by dummy ellipsoids].

Ru-Ru-Ru			
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)$	62.63 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(2)$	55.62 (2)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)$	63.66 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)$	55.28 (1)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)$	62.97 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)$	58.47 (1)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(3)$	61.75 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(2)$	58.36 (1)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)$	57.98 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(3)$	61.75 (2)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)$	60.92 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(3)$	60.61 (1)
Ru-Ru-CO and Ru-Ru-P			
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(1)$	159.1 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)$	146.45 (4)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(1)$	98.2 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)$	106.40 (3)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(1)$	101.1 (2)	$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)$	91.37 (4)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(2)$	100.0 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-C}(7)$	96.8 (2)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(2)$	114.9 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-C}(7)$	152.4 (2)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(2)$	163.1 (1)	$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-C}(7)$	108.7 (2)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(3)$	97.8 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-C}(8)$	112.9 (2)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(3)$	143.8 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-C}(8)$	96.8 (2)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(3)$	81.2 (2)	$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-C}(8)$	155.3 (2)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(4)$	179.2 (4)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-P}(2)$	154.27 (4)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(4)$	118.6 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-P}(2)$	107.66 (4)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(4)$	121.4 (2)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-P}(2)$	92.75 (3)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(5)$	83.9 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-C}(9)$	86.7 (2)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(5)$	144.5 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-C}(9)$	145.0 (2)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(5)$	94.5 (2)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-C}(9)$	106.5 (2)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(6)$	84.9 (2)	$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-C}(10)$	106.1 (2)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(6)$	92.9 (2)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-C}(10)$	96.1 (2)
$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(6)$	141.1 (2)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-C}(10)$	156.7 (2)
CO-Ru-CO and CO-Ru-P			
$\text{C}(1)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(2)$	95.8 (2)	$\text{C}(7)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)$	97.8 (2)
$\text{C}(1)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(3)$	93.6 (2)	$\text{C}(8)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)$	96.1 (2)
$\text{C}(2)\text{-Ru}(1)\text{-C}(3)$	97.7 (2)	$\text{C}(7)\text{-Ru}(3)\text{-C}(8)$	93.7 (2)
$\text{C}(4)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(5)$	95.6 (2)	$\text{C}(9)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-P}(2)$	105.3 (2)
$\text{C}(4)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(6)$	95.8 (2)	$\text{C}(10)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-P}(2)$	96.4 (2)
$\text{C}(5)\text{-Ru}(2)\text{-C}(6)$	92.4 (2)	$\text{C}(9)\text{-Ru}(4)\text{-C}(10)$	91.7 (2)
Ru-C-O			
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-C}(1)\text{-O}(1)$	178.2 (5)	$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-C}(6)\text{-O}(6)$	178.8 (4)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-C}(2)\text{-O}(2)$	175.6 (5)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-C}(7)\text{-O}(7)$	175.5 (5)
$\text{Ru}(1)\text{-C}(3)\text{-O}(3)$	175.8 (5)	$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-C}(8)\text{-O}(8)$	177.7 (4)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-C}(4)\text{-O}(4)$	172.0 (4)	$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-C}(9)\text{-O}(9)$	177.2 (5)
$\text{Ru}(2)\text{-C}(5)\text{-O}(5)$	178.2 (5)	$\text{Ru}(4)\text{-C}(10)\text{-O}(10)$	176.8 (5)
Ru-P-C and C-P-C			
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)\text{-C}(11)$	110.4 (1)	$\text{C}(11)\text{-P}(1)\text{-C}(21)$	109.6 (1)
$\text{Ru}(3)\text{-P}(1)\text{-C}(21)$	118.6 (1)	$\text{C}(11)\text{-P}(1)\text{-C}(31)$	101.5 (2)

neutron diffraction for closely related cluster complexes (Lugan, Savariault, Lavigne & Bonnet, 1983, and references cited therein).

Noticeably, each hydride ligand is coplanar, within experimental error, with one face of the metal tetrahedron. The orientations of carbonyl ligands clearly reflect the presence of hydrides.

Finally, all structural features of Ru₄(μ-H)₄(CO)₁₀⁻(μ-dppm) are analogous to those of Ru₄(μ-H)₄(CO)₁₀⁻(diphos). Thus, the different chemical behaviour of the two complexes cannot be related to any structural difference.

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Structure of (2,2-Biphenylene)(1-pyrrolidinecarbodithioato)iodine(III) Chloroform Solvate

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Abstract. C₁₇H₁₆INS₂.CHCl₃, *M*_r = 544.7, triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$, *a* = 12.082 (3), *b* = 9.859 (4), *c* = 9.638 (3) Å, α = 108.46 (3), β = 108.29 (3), γ = 89.56 (3)°, *V* = 1028.6 Å³, *Z* = 2, *D*_m = 1.765, *D*_x = 1.758 Mg m⁻³, λ (Mo *K*α) = 0.71069 Å, μ = 2.15 mm⁻¹, *F*(000) = 536, *T* = 298 K, final *R* = 0.060 for 1875 independent non-zero reflections. The coordination around each I atom is planar tetragonal comprising two normal bonds to C_{ar} atoms [C–I 2.11 (2), 2.13 (1) Å] and two secondary bonds to S atoms [S··I 3.053 (4), 3.162 (4) Å] of different ligands. Two centrosymmetrically related formula units form a dimer, bis-(2,2'-biphenylene)-μ-bis(1-pyrrolidinecarbodithioato-S,S')-diiodine(III). Different dimers are held together by van der Waals forces.

Introduction. The structural study of the title compound (BPPI hereafter) is the first of a series of systematic structure determinations of diaryliodinanes with an I–S bond, aiming at a better understanding of bonding in this class of hypervalent iodine compounds. The structures of various classes of hypervalent iodine compounds have revealed interesting features (Koser,

1983), yet none of them refers to an I–S bond. The formation of secondary bonds (Alcock, 1972) is a common characteristic of almost all of these structures.

Experimental. Yellow crystals, 0.40 × 0.22 × 0.20 mm, m.p. 414–415 K. *D*_m measured by flotation in 1,2-dibromobutane/carbon tetrachloride. Computer-controlled Philips PW 1100 four-circle single-crystal diffractometer. Cell parameters and standard deviations by least-squares analysis of measured θ angles of 80 strong reflections with θ = 6–15°. Three-dimensional data, graphite-monochromated Mo *K*α, ω -scan mode. Intensity statistics indicated *P* $\bar{1}$. Three standard reflections exhibited same percentage linear decrease in intensity (12%). 2117 measured reflections, θ = 3–25°, index range *h* = 0→13, *k* = –11→11, *l* = –11→9, 1875 with *I* > 2σ(*I*), *R*_{int} = 0.104 from merging 586 symmetry-equivalent reflections. Correction for intensity drop, no absorption correction. I atom located by Patterson synthesis, remaining non-H atoms by Fourier synthesis. Full-matrix least squares using *F*, *XRAY72* (Stewart, Kruger, Ammon, Dickinson & Hall, 1972). H atoms at calculated positions (C–H 1.1 Å) with