Aravamudan, Heijdenrijk \& Schenk, 1990). The short $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ equatorial bond is probably due to steric reasons since the two inversion-related planes $\mathrm{CoO}(1) \mathrm{O}(3) \mathrm{O}(4)$ and $\mathrm{Co}^{\prime} \mathrm{O}(1)^{\prime} \mathrm{O}(3)^{\prime} \mathrm{O}(4)^{\prime}$ are nearly planar and bring about a crowding in the equatorial region. The $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ and $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ bonds are of covalent nature. That the $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ bond is longer may be attributed to the fact that $O(1)$ and $O(2)$ are bonded to $\mathrm{C}(1)$ with $\mathrm{O}(1)$ lying in the equatorial plane and $\mathrm{O}(2)$ in the apical position.

Each dithiodibenzoate ion links three Co atoms through its carboxylate O atoms making the structure polymeric. The polymerization is chain-like and extends along the $a$ axis. The polymeric nature of the compound is depicted in Fig. 2. The chains are packed in layers nearly parallel to the ac plane. The bond parameters in the dithiodibenzoate group are normal when compared with those observed in bis(triethanolamine)nickel(II) dithiodibenzoate (Ramalingam, Aravamudan \& Seshasayee, 1987).

The hexamethylenetetramine moiety is linked to Co through $\mathrm{N}(1)$ and occupies the apical position. The bond parameters in hexamethylenetetramine are normal and compare well with those observed by

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# Structure of (Cl)(NO) $\mathbf{2} \mathbf{C r}\left(\boldsymbol{\eta}^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right) \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O})\left(\boldsymbol{\eta}^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right) \mathrm{Fe}\left(\boldsymbol{\eta}^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)$ 

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#### Abstract

Friedel-Crafts acylation of dicarbonyl[ $\eta^{5}$ -(ferrocenylcarbonylcyclopentadienyl)]nitrosylchromium (3) (hereafter called cynichrodenyl ferrocenyl ketone) with dicarbonyl $\left[\eta^{5}\right.$-(chloroformyl)cyclopentadienyllnitrosylchromium (5) led unexpectedly to chloro $\left[\eta^{5}\right.$-(ferrocenylcarbonylcyclopentadienyl)]dinitrosylchromium (6), $\left[\mathrm{CrFe}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{NO})_{2}\right]$. The structure of (6) has been determined by an X-ray diffraction study: space group $P 2_{1} / c, a=10.938$ (2), $b=12.487$ (2), $c=12.460$ (2) $\AA, \beta=111.43$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}$, and $Z=4$. Compound (6) adopts a transoid conformation at the organic carbonyl carbon. The Cl atom of the $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO})_{2} \mathrm{Cl}$ moiety is located at the site away from the exocyclic organic carbonyl carbon


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with a twist angle of $137.9^{\circ}$. The organic carbonyl plane is turned away from the corresponding ring planes $\mathrm{Cp}^{1}(\mathrm{Fe})$ and $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{Cr})$ by 14.7 and $14.3^{\circ}$, respectively.

Introduction. Several metallocenyl ketones which contain two metalloaromatic substituents are known, for example, diferrocenyl ketone (1), ferrocenyl ruthenocenyl ketone (2) (Rausch, Fischer \& Grubert, 1960), dicymantrenyl ketone, cymantrenyl ferrocenyl ketone (Cais \& Feldkimel, 1961) and cynichrodenyl ferrocenyl ketone (3) (Wang, Hwu \& Wang, 1989). Compounds such as (1) and (3) have served as important precursors for the synthesis and structural elucidation of metallocenyl-stabilized carbonium ions (Cais, Dani, Herstein \& Kapon, 1978; Cais \& © 1990 International Union of Crystallography

Eisenstadt, 1965; Wang \& Hwu, 1990), and X-ray structural investigations of three ketones (1) (Trotter \& MacDonald, 1966), (2) (Small \& Trotter, 1964) and (3) (Wang, Hwu \& Wang, 1989) have been undertaken.

(1) $M=M^{\prime}=\mathrm{Fe}$
(2) $M=\mathrm{Fe}, M^{\prime}=\mathrm{Ru}$



Metallocenyl ketones which contain three metalloaromatic substituents are very few, for example, 1,1'-dicymantrenoylferrocene (4) (Cais \& Feldkimel, 1961). Since (3) has already been prepared (Wang, Hwu \& Wang, 1989), it is of interest to synthesize a new trimetallocenyl ketone, namely, $1,1^{\prime}$-dicynichrodenoylferrocene (England \& Reeves, 1987) by the Friedel-Crafts acylation of (3) with cynichrodenoyl chloride (5). Hierein, we report the structure of chloro[ $\eta^{5}$-(ferrocenoyl)Cp]dinitrosylchromium
( $\mathrm{Cp}=$ cyclopentadienyl), the unexpected product and a new dimetallocenyl ketone. This compound appeared to be the first example of a Cp functionally substituted derivative of $(\mathrm{Cl})(\mathrm{Cp})(\mathrm{NO})_{2} \mathrm{Cr}$.

Experimental. Light dark brown crystals were grown from a solution of methylene chloride/pentane (1/4). A crystal of approximate dimensions $0.31 \times 0.35 \times$ 0.70 mm was mounted on a Nicolet $R 3 \mathrm{~m} / V$ diffractometer equipped with a graphite monochromator (Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ). Unit-cell constants were determined from a least-squares fit to the automatically centered settings for 26 reflections with $8 \cdot 01 \leq 2 \theta \leq 28 \cdot 44^{\circ}$. $\theta / 2 \theta$ scan data were collected at room temperature ( 297 K ) out to a $2 \theta$ limit of $50 \cdot 0^{\circ}$ ( $h 0 \rightarrow 13, k 0 \rightarrow 14, l-14 \rightarrow 13$ ) with a variable scan speed of $2.93-14.65^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$. Three standard reflections were monitored every 50 reflections and showed no signs of crystal deterioration. The data were corrected for absorption, Lorentz and polarization effects. Corrections for absorption were on $\psi$ scans of a few reflections. 3331 reflections were collected, 2797 unique, of which 2193 observed reflections with $I \geq 3.0 \sigma(I)$ were used for refinement of the structure. The space group $P 2_{1} / c$ was determined from the systematic absences: $h 0 l, l=2 n+1$, and
$0 k 0, k=2 n+1$. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1987) and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods based on $F$ values. Neutral atom scattering form factors and anomalous-dispersion terms were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crustallography (1974, Vol. IV). The weights had the form $w=\left[\sigma^{2}(F)+g F^{2}\right]^{-1}$ with $g=0.002$. All of the non-H atoms were obtained from $E$ maps and refined anisotropically. All of the H atoms were calculated and refined with a fixed $U$ of $0.08 \AA^{2}$. Final agreement factors are: $R$ $=0.0357, w R=0.0395$, and GOF $=0.8$. In the final difference Fourier map the deepest hole was $0.71 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$, and the highest peak $0.50 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$. All calculations were performed on a MicroVAX IIbased Nicolet SHELXTL Plus system.

Discussion. The molecular structure of compound (6) is shown in Fig. 1. The view of part of (6) along the normal of $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{Cr})$ and Cr is given in Fig. 2(a) and along the normal of $\mathrm{Cp}^{1}(\mathrm{Fe})$ and $\mathrm{Cp}^{2}(\mathrm{Fe})$ in Fig . $2(b)$. The atomic coordinates of the non- H atoms are listed in Table 1.* Selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 2.

Compound (6) adopts a transoid conformation at the organic carbon. The Cl atom of the ( $\eta^{5}$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO})_{2} \mathrm{Cl}$ moiety is located at the site away from the exocyclic organic carbonyl carbon with twist angle $137.9^{\circ}$. The twist angle is defined as the torsional angle between the Cl atom, the Cr atom, the Cp ring center and the ring C atom bearing the exocyclic carbon.

Both $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}$ distances in compound (6), 1.714 (4) and 1.718 (3) $\AA$, are considerably shorter than the

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Fig. 1. Molecular configuration of (6).
predicted values (Carter, McPhail \& Sim, 1966) and there must be appreciable electron donation from the metal $d \pi$ orbitals to the $\pi^{*}$ orbitals of the nitrosyl groups. The $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}$ length agrees well with the reported values of $1.711 \AA$ in $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO})_{2} \mathrm{Cl}$ and $1.72(1) \AA$ in $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO})_{2}(\mathrm{NCO})$. The $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ distance of $2 \cdot 310(1) \AA$ is comparable with the $2 \cdot 311 \AA$ found in $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO})_{2} \mathrm{Cl}$.
The $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ angles of $169 \cdot 2$ (3) and $169 \cdot 8$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}$ are not significantly different from those of $169^{\circ}$ in $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO}) \mathrm{Cl}($ Carter, McPhail \& Sim, 1966) and $\left[\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO}) \mathrm{NMe}_{2}\right]_{2}$ (Bush \& Sim, 1970), $170^{\circ}$ in $\left[\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{CrCr}(\mathrm{NO}) \mathrm{SPh}\right]_{2}$ (McPhail \& Sim, 1968) and $171^{\circ}$ in $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{NO})_{2}(\mathrm{NCO})$ (Bush, Sim, Knox, Ahmad \& Robertson, 1969).
The Cr -centroid $[\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{Cr})]$ distance of $1.859 \AA$ agrees with $1.844 \AA$ in $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{NO}$ and $1.884 \AA$ in $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}(\mathrm{NO})$ (Atwood, Shakir, Malito, Herberhold, Kremnitz, Bernhagen \& Alt, 1979). The average $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distance in the ring $[\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{Cr})]$ is $1.420 \AA$. The mean angle in the ring is $108^{\circ}$.
The two cyclopentadienyl rings of the ferrocene moiety exhibit an average twist angle of $0 \cdot 8^{\circ}$ (Trotter \& MacDonald, 1966; Palenik, 1970). The two Cp rings of the ferrocene moiety are separated by $3.31 \AA$


Fig. 2. View of part of (6) along the normal (a) of $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{Cr})$ and Cr ; (b) to planes of rings $\mathrm{Cp}^{1}(\mathrm{Fe})$ and $\mathrm{Cp}^{2}(\mathrm{Fe})$.

Table 1. Atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2} \times 10^{3}\right)$

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }}{ }^{*}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Fe | $7531(1)$ | $5788(1)$ | $1087(1)$ | $26(1)$ |
| Cr | $12491(1)$ | $6076(1)$ | $4403(1)$ | $30(1)$ |
| Cl | $14493(1)$ | $6507(1)$ | $5802(1)$ | $75(1)$ |
| O | $9799(3)$ | $8174(2)$ | $2615(3)$ | $50(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $10747(4)$ | $6954(3)$ | $5396(3)$ | $84(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $12030(5)$ | $3899(3)$ | $4879(3)$ | $85(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $11535(3)$ | $6622(3)$ | $5088(3)$ | $45(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $12315(3)$ | $4779(3)$ | $4785(3)$ | $47(1)$ |
| C | $9855(3)$ | $7193(3)$ | $2628(3)$ | $32(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $8700(3)$ | $6548(3)$ | $2545(3)$ | $32(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $7422(3)$ | $7000(3)$ | $2156(3)$ | $36(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $6512(3)$ | $6170(3)$ | $2144(3)$ | $38(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $7246(3)$ | $5208(3)$ | $2528(3)$ | $35(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $8584(3)$ | $5421(3)$ | $2759(3)$ | $32(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $11140(3)$ | $6699(3)$ | $2751(3)$ | $32(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $12305(4)$ | $7337(3)$ | $3103(3)$ | $40(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $13364(4)$ | $6659(4)$ | $3128(3)$ | $50(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $12857(4)$ | $5610(3)$ | $2813(3)$ | $45(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $11506(3)$ | $5634(3)$ | $2586(3)$ | $35(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(31)$ | $8324(5)$ | $5987(4)$ | $-141(4)$ | $55(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(32)$ | $7069(5)$ | $6422(3)$ | $-529(3)$ | $48(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(33)$ | $6173(4)$ | $5594(3)$ | $-552(3)$ | $41(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(34)$ | $6907(4)$ | $4649(3)$ | $-183(3)$ | $40(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(35)$ | $8235(4)$ | $4885(4)$ | $76(3)$ | $49(2)$ |

* Equivalent isotropic $U$ defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized $U_{i j}$ tensor.

Table 2. Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ of (6)

| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 2.035 (3) | $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 2.049 (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 2.068 (4) | $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 2.063 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 2.031 (3) | $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(31)$ | 2.031 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(32)$ | 2.047 (4) | $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(33)$ | 2.053 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(34)$ | 2.050 (3) | $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(35)$ | 2.039 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 2.192 (3) | $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $2 \cdot 215$ (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $2 \cdot 253$ (5) | $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $2 \cdot 236$ (5) |
| $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $2 \cdot 193$ (3) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 1.714 (4) | $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 1.718 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 2.310 (1) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 1.142 (6) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $1 \cdot 160$ (5) | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1.470 (5) |
| C-C(21) | 1.490 (5) | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ | $1 \cdot 226$ (4) |
| Cr -(Cp) | 1.859 | Cr $\cdots$ C | 3.239 |
| $\mathrm{Fe} \cdots \mathrm{C}$ | 3.108 | $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ | 3.981 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cp}^{1}(\mathrm{Fe})\right] \cdots\left[\mathrm{Cp}^{2}(\mathrm{Fe})\right]$ | 3.309 |  |  |
| $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 15) \cdots \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{C} 25)$ | 2.060 | $\mathrm{O}(2) \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ | $4 \cdot 114$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 96.5 (1) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 95.0 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 122.3 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $100 \cdot 5$ (1) |
| $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $169 \cdot 2$ (3) | $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $169 \cdot 8$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $130 \cdot 6$ (3) | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $121 \cdot 3$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | 132.5 (3) | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $120 \cdot 2$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ | $117 \cdot 1$ (3) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ | 120.6 (3) |
| cen- $\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 122.3 | $\mathrm{Cp}-\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 118.0 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cp}-\mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 119.4 |

Dihedral angles between planes
$\mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{N}(2)$ and $\mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{O}(1)$
$\mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{N}(2)$ and $\mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{N}(2), \mathrm{O}(2) \quad 92 \cdot 2$
$\mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{O}(1) \quad 7.5$
$\mathrm{N}(2), \mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{Cr}, \mathrm{N}(2), \mathrm{O}(2) \quad 9.8$
Cp is the center of a cyclopentadiene ring.
(Krukonis, Silverman \& Yannoni, 1972). The average $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distances in the rings are $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Cp}^{1}(\mathrm{Fe})\right]$ $1.43 \AA, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Cp}^{2}(\mathrm{Fe})\right] 1.41 \AA$. The exocyclic $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond is $1 \cdot 470(5)[\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(11)], 1 \cdot 490(5) \AA[\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}(21)]$ and the mean angle in the rings is $108^{\circ}$.

The exocyclic carbon $(\mathrm{C})$ is bent toward Fe and away from Cr , with angles of 0.89 and $-0.64^{\circ}$ respectively, the angle is defined as the angle between the exocyclic $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bond and the Cp ring with positive angle toward metal. The carbonyl plane $[\mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{C}(21)]$ is turned away from the corresponding ring $\mathrm{Cp}^{1}(\mathrm{Fe})$ and $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{Cr})$ by 14.7 and $14.3^{\circ}$, respectively. These rotations might be the result of intramolecular steric interference between atoms $\mathrm{H}[\mathrm{C}(15)]$ and $\mathrm{H}[\mathrm{C}(25)]$. This is supported by the enlargement of bond angles $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}$ to $130 \cdot 6$ (3) and $132 \cdot 5(3)^{\circ}$, respectively.

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# Bis(arene)vanadium Complexes. A Structural Study 

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Abstract. $\quad \operatorname{Bis}\left(\eta^{6}\right.$-mesitylene $)$ vanadium $(0)$, (1): [ $\mathrm{V}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12}\right)_{2}$ ], $M_{r}=291 \cdot 3$, orthorhombic, $C c c a, a=$ 19.529 (1),$\quad b=29.559$ (2), $\quad c=16.446$ (4) $\AA, \quad V=$ 9493 (3) $\AA^{3}, \quad Z=24, \quad D_{x}=1.23 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$, graphitemonochromated Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71069 \AA, \mu$ $=5.64 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, \quad F(000)=3720, T=293 \mathrm{~K}, \quad R=0.058$ for 1522 independent reflections. Potassium bis( $\eta^{6}$-mesitylene) vanadate dioxane/tetrahydrofuran ( $0 \cdot 5 / 1$ ) solvate, (2): $\mathrm{K}\left[\mathrm{V}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot \mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / n$ (the space group assignment was not unambiguous), $a=10.213$ (2), $b=18.518$ (3), $c$ $=13 \cdot 402$ (3) $\AA, \beta=89.58(1)^{\circ}, V=2535$ (1) $\AA^{3}, Z=$ 4, $\quad D_{x}=1.17 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, \quad$ Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=$ $0.71069 \AA, \mu=5.56 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, F(000)=952, T=293 \mathrm{~K}$, $R=0.073$ for 1211 independent reflections. The asymmetric unit of (1) contains one eclipsed sandwich molecule in a general position and half a molecule lying around a crystallographic $C_{2}$ axis. The

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ionic species (2) retains the sandwich structure and establishes contact ion pairs with the $\mathrm{K}^{+}$cations, which also interact with tetrahydrofuran and dioxane solvent molecules in a complex packing pattern.

Introduction. Despite the richness of the organometallic chemistry of Group V elements, the structural data available in the literature on bis(arene) complexes of vanadium are very scarce (Fischer, Fritz, Manchot, Priebe \& Schneider, 1963; Radonovich, Zuerner, Efner \& Klabunde, 1976). Bis(arene)vanadium anions are extremely air sensitive and require great care in both their synthesis and solid-state characterization. In a preliminary report (Fochi, Braga \& Sabatino, 1988) we showed that reduction of bis(arene)vanadium(0) complexes with potassium in coordinating ethereal solvents gives solutions of the corresponding bis(arene)vanadium ( -1 ) derivatives (arene $=$ benzene, mesitylene). Solvated potassium salts were isolated in yields depending on the © 1990 International Union of Crystallography


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