

Absorption correction:  $h = -23 \rightarrow 23$   
 $\psi$  scans (XEMP; Siemens, 1990)  $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$   
 $T_{\min} = 0.155$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.277$   $l = 0 \rightarrow 10$   
 2322 measured reflections 3 standard reflections monitored every 147 reflections  
 1181 independent reflections intensity decay: none  
 986 observed reflections  
 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $R(F)[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0268$   $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 2.289 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.0618$   $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -1.218 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $S(F^2) = 1.045$  Extinction correction: none  
 1181 reflections Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (1992), Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4  
 73 parameters  
 H atoms: see below  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0252P)^2]$  where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

Table 3. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) for (2)

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Au	0.64124 (2)	1/2	0.33587 (4)	0.02612 (14)
Cl1	0.71731 (12)	1/2	0.1453 (2)	0.0263 (5)
P	0.56968 (12)	1/2	0.5249 (3)	0.0213 (5)
F	0.4928 (2)	0.2067 (5)	0.6240 (4)	0.0357 (10)
C1	1/2	0.3227 (13)	1/2	0.027 (2)
C2	0.6049 (5)	1/2	0.7267 (10)	0.028 (2)
C3	0.5530 (5)	1/2	0.8509 (11)	0.037 (3)
C4	0.6491 (4)	0.3237 (11)	0.7393 (8)	0.035 (2)
C5	0.8315 (6)	1/2	0.8319 (11)	0.041 (3)
Cl2	0.8308 (2)	1/2	0.6264 (3)	0.0460 (7)
Cl3	0.9133 (2)	1/2	0.9152 (4)	0.0637 (9)

Table 4. Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for (2)

Au—P	2.212 (2)	F—C1	1.360 (6)
Au—Cl1	2.284 (2)	C2—C3	1.522 (12)
P—C2	1.846 (9)	C2—C4	1.532 (9)
P—C1	1.883 (6)		
P—Au—Cl1	178.55 (10)	F—C1—P	114.7 (2)
C2—P—C1	111.0 (2)	P—C1—P <sup>ii</sup>	96.1 (4)
C1—P—C1 <sup>i</sup>	83.9 (4)	C3—C2—C4	111.0 (5)
C2—P—Au	117.3 (3)	C4 <sup>iii</sup> —C2—C4	109.5 (8)
C1—P—Au	114.53 (12)	C3—C2—P	114.6 (7)
F <sup>iii</sup> —C1—F	105.6 (7)	C4—C2—P	105.2 (4)
F <sup>ii</sup> —C1—P	113.0 (2)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $1-x, y, 1-z$ ; (iii)  $x, 1-y, z$ .

H atoms were refined using a riding model or rigid methyl groups. Similarity restraints (278 in total) were employed for the  $U$  components of neighbouring light atoms of complex (1). The largest features of residual electron density ( $ca 2 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ ) were located near the  $\text{CF}_2$  groups (possibly indicating slight disorder) in (1) and in the solvent region in (2).

For both compounds, data collection: P3 (Nicolet, 1987); cell refinement: P3; data reduction: XSCANS (Siemens, 1994a); program(s) used to solve structures: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structures: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993); molecular graphics: XP (Siemens, 1994b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL93.

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### Tetrafluoroborate Salt of Tricarbonyl-(2-methoxy- $\eta^5$ -cyclohexadienyl)iron(II)

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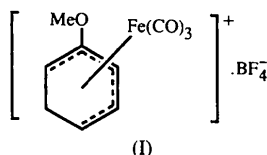
#### Abstract

The structure of tricarbonyl[(1,2,3,4,5- $\eta$ )-2-methoxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl]iron(1+) tetrafluoroborate,  $[\text{Fe}$

(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub>, is reported. Although the tetrafluoroborate salt crystallizes in a different space group to the previously reported hexafluorophosphate salt, the cations are isostructural.

### Comment

The reactivity of cyclohexadienyl cation–metal complexes with nucleophiles has been widely studied (Birch *et al.*, 1981; Pearson, 1981). A mixture of the isomers tricarbonyl[(1,2,3,4- $\eta$ )-1-methoxy-1,3-cyclohexadiene]iron(0) and tricarbonyl[(1,2,3,4- $\eta$ )-2-methoxy-1,3-cyclohexadiene]iron(0) undergoes hydride abstraction with triphenylmethyl tetrafluoroborate, forming the corresponding dienylium isomers tricarbonyl[(1,2,3,4,5- $\eta$ )-1-methoxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl]iron(II) and tricarbonyl[(1,2,3,4,5- $\eta$ )-2-methoxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl]iron(II) cations (Birch & Chamberlain, 1988). The 1-methoxy isomer is readily hydrolyzed by water to form tricarbonyl[(2,3,4,5- $\eta$ )-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-one]iron(0). The 2-methoxy isomer can be recovered by precipitation from the aqueous solution. We recovered the cyclohexadienone complex by extracting with diethyl ether (Birch & Chamberlain, 1988) and crystals of the title complex, (I), were isolated from the aqueous solution.



The structure of the hexafluorophosphate salt of the title complex has been reported previously (Eisenstein, Butler & Pearson, 1984). The two salts crystallize in different space groups (monoclinic and triclinic). There is no statistically significant change in the solid-state structure on changing the cation. Among the Fe—C(dienyl) distances, Fe—C1 and Fe—C2 are significantly longer than Fe—C5 and Fe—C6.

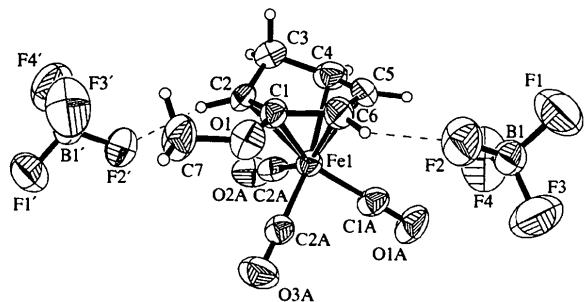


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of [Fe(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> showing the atom-numbering scheme and the hydrogen-bonding interactions between one cation and two anions. Displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 50% probability level.

### Experimental

Following the hydrolysis of a mixture of tricarbonyl[(1,2,3,4,5- $\eta$ )-1-methoxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl]iron tetrafluoroborate and tricarbonyl[(1,2,3,4,5- $\eta$ )-2-methoxy-2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl]iron tetrafluoroborate, the cyclohexadienone complex was extracted with diethyl ether (Birch & Chamberlain, 1988). Crystals were obtained from the aqueous layer which was allowed to sit open to the atmosphere in the dark for 10 d.

#### Crystal data

[Fe(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 335.83  
 Monoclinic  
*P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*  
*a* = 9.3811 (11) Å  
*b* = 13.2775 (12) Å  
*c* = 10.4870 (10) Å  
 $\beta$  = 98.177 (9)°  
*V* = 1293.0 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.725 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
*D<sub>m</sub>* not measured

Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å  
 Cell parameters from 26 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 11.95–12.50°  
 $\mu$  = 1.223 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Prismatic  
 0.42 × 0.30 × 0.24 mm  
 Orange

#### Data collection

Siemens *P4* diffractometer  
 $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 2852 measured reflections  
 2205 independent reflections  
 1459 observed reflections  
 [*I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)]  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.033

$\theta_{\max}$  = 25°  
*h* = -1 → 13  
*k* = -1 → 18  
*l* = -14 → 14  
 3 standard reflections monitored every 100 reflections  
 intensity decay: <2%

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*(*F*) = 0.067  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.150  
*S* = 1.08  
 2140 reflections  
 181 parameters  
 H atoms riding  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0166P)^2 + 6.5923P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> = 0.03  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max}$  = 0.69 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min}$  = -0.55 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: none  
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (1992), Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

$$U_{eq} = (1/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* a_i \cdot a_j$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U<sub>eq</sub></i>
Fe1	0.64400 (10)	0.66823 (7)	0.35034 (9)	0.0379 (3)
C1A	0.5033 (8)	0.6336 (6)	0.4456 (7)	0.052 (2)
C2A	0.6877 (8)	0.7881 (6)	0.4288 (7)	0.048 (2)
C3A	0.7745 (8)	0.5932 (6)	0.4533 (6)	0.045 (2)
O1A	0.4155 (6)	0.6126 (5)	0.5040 (6)	0.078 (2)
O2A	0.7155 (7)	0.8632 (4)	0.4764 (5)	0.071 (2)
O3A	0.8589 (6)	0.5466 (5)	0.5152 (5)	0.073 (2)
C1	0.7444 (7)	0.6112 (5)	0.1885 (6)	0.042 (2)
C2	0.7719 (7)	0.7145 (5)	0.2013 (6)	0.042 (2)
C3	0.6574 (8)	0.7866 (6)	0.1438 (7)	0.053 (2)
C4	0.5233 (8)	0.7494 (6)	0.1915 (7)	0.058 (2)
C5	0.4915 (8)	0.6488 (7)	0.1858 (7)	0.061 (2)
C6	0.6005 (8)	0.5760 (6)	0.1853 (6)	0.050 (2)

O1	0.8455 (5)	0.5395 (4)	0.1983 (5)	0.0544 (13)
C7	0.9908 (8)	0.5693 (7)	0.1927 (9)	0.079 (3)
B1	0.3250 (3)	0.3528 (3)	0.1959 (3)	0.055 (2)
F1	0.2085 (4)	0.3438 (4)	0.1061 (4)	0.114 (2)
F2	0.4454 (3)	0.3430 (4)	0.1412 (4)	0.086 (2)
F3	0.3215 (5)	0.2811 (4)	0.2858 (4)	0.126 (2)
F4	0.3236 (5)	0.4436 (3)	0.2524 (5)	0.129 (2)

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: BK1242). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Fe1—C3A	1.812 (8)	C1—C2	1.399 (9)
Fe1—C2A	1.812 (8)	C1—C6	1.425 (9)
Fe1—C1A	1.824 (8)	C2—C3	1.500 (9)
Fe1—C5	2.095 (7)	C3—C4	1.502 (10)
Fe1—C6	2.112 (7)	C4—C5	1.367 (11)
Fe1—C4	2.163 (7)	C5—C6	1.408 (10)
Fe1—C2	2.189 (6)	O1—C7	1.429 (8)
Fe1—C1	2.191 (6)	B1—F1	1.343 (2)
C1A—O1A	1.129 (8)	B1—F2	1.343 (2)
C2A—O2A	1.129 (8)	B1—F3	1.344 (2)
C3A—O3A	1.133 (8)	B1—F4	1.344 (2)
C1—O1	1.336 (8)		
C3A—Fe1—C2A	97.0 (3)	O2A—C2A—Fe1	179.2 (6)
C3A—Fe1—C1A	90.9 (3)	O3A—C3A—Fe1	178.0 (6)
C2A—Fe1—C1A	96.2 (3)	O1—C1—C2	124.9 (6)
C3A—Fe1—C5	138.4 (3)	O1—C1—C6	115.3 (6)
C2A—Fe1—C5	124.5 (3)	C2—C1—C6	119.0 (7)
C1A—Fe1—C5	87.6 (3)	O1—C1—Fe1	124.4 (5)
C3A—Fe1—C6	101.8 (3)	C2—C1—Fe1	71.3 (4)
C2A—Fe1—C6	152.4 (3)	C6—C1—Fe1	67.7 (4)
C1A—Fe1—C6	103.4 (3)	C1—C2—C3	118.4 (6)
C5—Fe1—C6	39.1 (3)	C1—C2—Fe1	71.4 (4)
C3A—Fe1—C4	165.5 (3)	C3—C2—Fe1	91.9 (4)
C2A—Fe1—C4	88.4 (3)	C4—C3—C2	103.9 (6)
C1A—Fe1—C4	101.9 (3)	C5—C4—C3	119.7 (7)
C5—Fe1—C4	37.4 (3)	C5—C4—Fe1	68.6 (4)
C6—Fe1—C4	68.8 (3)	C3—C4—Fe1	92.8 (5)
C3A—Fe1—C2	100.8 (3)	C4—C5—C6	121.1 (7)
C2A—Fe1—C2	88.0 (3)	C4—C5—Fe1	74.0 (5)
C1A—Fe1—C2	167.0 (3)	C6—C5—Fe1	71.1 (4)
C5—Fe1—C2	80.0 (3)	C5—C6—C1	117.5 (7)
C6—Fe1—C2	68.9 (3)	C5—C6—Fe1	69.8 (4)
C4—Fe1—C2	65.8 (3)	C1—C6—Fe1	73.7 (4)
C3A—Fe1—C1	86.7 (3)	C1—O1—C7	118.1 (6)
C2A—Fe1—C1	124.1 (3)	F1—B1—F2	110.0 (2)
C1A—Fe1—C1	139.6 (3)	F1—B1—F3	109.3 (2)
C5—Fe1—C1	68.8 (3)	F2—B1—F3	109.7 (2)
C6—Fe1—C1	38.6 (2)	F1—B1—F4	109.3 (2)
C4—Fe1—C1	79.1 (3)	F2—B1—F4	109.7 (2)
C2—Fe1—C1	37.3 (2)	F3—B1—F4	108.8 (2)
O1A—C1A—Fe1	179.5 (7)		

The geometry of the BF<sub>4</sub> anion was restrained to tetrahedral symmetry, with B—F 1.342 (2) and F—F 2.192 (3) Å. Orientational disorder of the BF<sub>4</sub> anion, evident from excess electron-density maps, required either acceptance of a highly non-realistic molecular geometry or the above restraint. No model involving split molecular positions was obvious and the remaining excess electron density is probably responsible for the relatively high agreement indices. No absorption correction was attempted due to degradation of the crystal after data collection.

Data collection: XSCANS2.0 (Siemens, 1992). Cell refinement: XSCANS2.0. Data reduction: XSCANS2.0. Program(s) used to solve structure: XS (Siemens, 1994). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1994). Molecular graphics: INSIGHTII (Biosym/MSI, 1995). Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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## A Dinuclear Molybdenum Complex: [MoClO(pyridine)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>(μ-S)<sub>2</sub>·2C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N

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## Abstract

In the title dinuclear molybdenum–chloro–oxo–sulfido–pyridine complex, di-μ-sulfido-bis[chloro(oxo)bis(pyridine-*N*)molybdenum](*Mo—Mo*) bis(pyridine) solvate, [Mo<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(O)<sub>2</sub>(S)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>].2C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N, the two Mo atoms are each coordinated by one chloro, one oxo and two pyridine ligands, and are bridged by two μ-S ligands. The distance between the Mo atoms is 2.837 (1) Å, suggesting the existence of an Mo—Mo single bond.

## Comment

Excision reactions of non-molecular compounds to extract dinuclear or cluster cores as molecular complexes have been extensively studied, especially with group 6 metal halides/chalcogenides (Lee & Holm,