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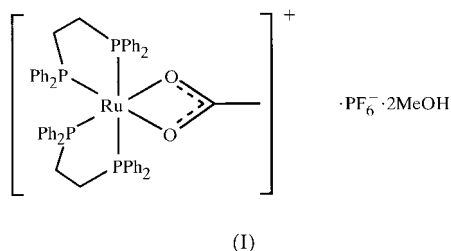
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In the cation of the title complex, *cis,cis,cis*-[Ru(η^2 -O₂CMe)(dppe)₂]PF₆·2MeOH [dppe is 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane, C₂₆H₂₄P₂], the Ru atom is in a pseudo-octahedral coordination environment with two chelating dppe ligands and one chelating acetate ligand. Intra-phosphine and intra-acetate bond lengths and angles are unexceptional. Deviations from idealized octahedral coordination angles at ruthenium [O—Ru—O 59.43 (8)° and P—Ru—P 103.19 (2)°] presumably derive from constraints imposed by the chelate rings. The Ru—P distances for the mutually *trans* P-donor atoms [2.3785 (6) Å] are significantly longer than those for the Ru—P linkages *trans* to the acetate ligand [2.3074 (6) Å]. The Ru1, C1 and C2 atoms lie on a twofold axis, and atom P3 of the anion lies on an inversion centre.

Comment

For the most part, the bond distances and angles of the title complex, (I), are unremarkable. Deviations from idealized octahedral coordination angles at ruthenium [O1—Ru1—O1ⁱ 59.43 (8)° and P1—Ru1—P2 103.19 (2)°; symmetry code: (i) 2 - x, y, $\frac{3}{2}$ - z] presumably derive from constraints imposed



by the chelate rings, as similar angles have been observed in ruthenium complexes with chelating acetate (Boyar *et al.*, 1986) or dppe (Bruce *et al.*, 1986) ligands in earlier work. The Ru—P distances for the mutually *trans* P-donor atoms

[2.3785 (6) Å] are significantly longer than those for the Ru—P linkages *trans* to acetate [2.3074 (6) Å], a result noted previously in the related complex *cis,cis,cis*-[Ru(η^2 -O₂CMe)(dppe)₂]BPh₄ [dppe is bis(diphenylphosphino)methane] and ascribed to the varying *trans* influence of the phosphine and acetate ligands (Boyar *et al.*, 1986).

Experimental

The title complex was prepared by refluxing a solution of *cis*-[RuCl₂(dppe)₂], sodium acetate (20 molar equivalents), and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (1.5 molar equivalents) in dichloromethane for 3 h. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the title complex was purified by being passed through an alumina plug with acetone. It was then recrystallized from dichloromethane/methanol. The following characterization data were collected: MS: 957 ([M⁺ - PF₆], 100), 898 ([M⁺ - PF₆ - CH₃COO], 75); ¹H NMR (δ , 300 MHz, CDCl₃): 6.88–7.79 (*m*, 40H, Ph), 2.96 (*m*, 2H, CH₂), 2.24 (*m*, 2H, CH₂), 1.98 (*m*, 2H, CH₂), 1.47 (*m*, 2H, CH₂), 0.49 (*s*, 3H, CH₃); ³¹P NMR (δ , 121 MHz, CDCl₃): 60.0 (*t*, J_{PP} = 18 Hz, PCH₂), 59.2 (*t*, J_{PP} = 18 Hz, PCH₂), -144.3 (*sept*, J_{PF} = 713 Hz, PF₆); analysis calculated for C₅₄H₅₁F₆O₂P₅Ru·2CH₄O: C 57.69, H 5.10%; found: C 57.38, H 4.85%.

Crystal data

[Ru(C₂H₅O₂)(C₂₆H₂₄P₂)₂]PF₆·2CH₄O
M_r = 1166.01
Monoclinic, C2/c
a = 13.4832 (2) Å
b = 19.6340 (2) Å
c = 20.3112 (3) Å
 β = 98.6340 (8)°
V = 5316.0 (1) Å³
Z = 4

D_x = 1.457 Mg m⁻³
Mo K α radiation
Cell parameters from 41382 reflections
 θ = 2.910–27.485°
 μ = 0.512 mm⁻¹
T = 273.2 K
Block, orange
0.30 × 0.20 × 0.15 mm

Data collection

KappaCCD diffractometer
 ω scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan [SORTAV (Blessing, 1995, 1997) implemented in *maXus* (Mackay *et al.*, 1999)]
T_{min} = 0.847, T_{max} = 0.926
53 848 measured reflections

6127 independent reflections
4464 reflections with I > 2 σ (I)
R_{int} = 0.068
 θ_{max} = 27.51°
h = -17 → 17
k = -25 → 25
l = -25 → 26

Refinement

Refinement on F
R = 0.035
wR = 0.039
S = 0.949
4464 reflections
328 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
w = 1/[\sigma²(F_o) + 0.00040|F_o|²]
(Δ/σ)_{max} = 0.0217
 $\Delta\rho_{max}$ = 0.49 e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min}$ = -0.66 e Å⁻³

The H atoms of the ruthenium cation were placed in calculated positions. The solvent methyl H atoms were placed at calculated positions based on peaks from the Fourier difference map, while the alcoholic proton was located from the difference map and refined with a restraint on the O—H distance.

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 1999); cell refinement: DENZO-SMN (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: DENZO-SMN; program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: TEXSAN (Molecular Structures Corporation, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: TEXSAN.

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