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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 180 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.012 Å R factor = 0.082 wR factor = 0.234 Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.4

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# [1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene- $\kappa^2 P, P'$ ](1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) trifluoromethanesulfonate dichloromethane disolvate

The title compound,  $[Rh(C_8H_{12})(C_{34}H_{28}P_2Fe)]CF_3SO_{3}$ ·2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or  $[RhFe(C_8H_{12})(C_{17}H_{14}P)_2]CF_3SO_{3}$ ·2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, was synthesized by reacting 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (dppf) with  $[Rh(1,5\text{-cyclooctadiene})(THF)_2]^+$  in tetrahydrofuran (THF), and shows dppf acting as a *P*,*P'*-bidentate chelating ligand. The compound crystallizes in the space group  $P2_1/n$  and features one crystallographically unique Rh<sup>+</sup> metal centre, which appears in a distorted square-planar geometry.

#### Comment

Ferrocene was first synthesized in 1951 (Cotton & Wilkinson, 1966) and, since then, literally thousands of systems include this 'sandwich' compound as a moiety in their structure. The electronic properties of ferrocene derivatives are severely influenced by the different functional groups attached to the cyclopentadienyl (Cp) rings (Oberhoff et al., 1996). In particular, 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (dppf) still remains one of the most interesting and commonly used ferrocene derivatives due to its unique chemical reactivity and interesting potential applications in catalysis and industry. To the best of our knowledge, the title compound, (I), is one of the simplest Rh-dppf adducts. It was synthesized in the course of our research for novel Rh<sup>+</sup> catalysts (Jones et al., 2003), using a synthetic method previously described (Longato et al., 1991).



The structure contains the complex [Rh(1,5-cyclooctadiene)(dppf)]<sup>+</sup> cation (Fig. 1), showing the Rh<sup>+</sup> metal centre present in a slightly distorted square-planar geometry (Fig. 1 and Table 1). Dppf appears as a *P*,*P'*-bidentate ligand, forming a chelating ring with Rh<sup>+</sup> and imposing an Fe···Rh separation of 4.4388 (10) Å. The ferrocene moiety shows the typical eclipsed conformation for the cyclopentadienyl rings (Cp), although these are slightly non-parallel (interplanar angle *ca*  $1.7^{\circ}$ ). The Rh–P, Rh– $\pi$  and Fe–Cp bond distances are consistent with those found in similar complexes (see Table 1) (Jones *et al.*, 2003; Beller *et al.*, 1998; Dinoto *et al.*, 1995).

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A view of the complex cation present in (I), showing the labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



Figure 2 Perspective view of (I) along the c direction.

## **Experimental**

All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification. Solvents were dried and degassed using appropriate methods. Standard Schlenk line techniques were also employed. [RhCl(1,5-cyclooctadiene)]<sub>2</sub> (100 mg) was dissolved in THF (10 ml), followed by the addition of AgCF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (104 mg). The resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h, after which it was filtered in order to remove AgCl. The filtrate was added to a solution of 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (dppf, 225 mg) in THF and stirred for another hour. The addition of ca 20 ml of hexane led to the precipitation of the title compound as an orange powder, which was washed with diethyl ether  $(3 \times ca \ 20 \text{ ml})$  and then dried *in vacuo*. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained using recrystallization methods from a  $CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O$  solution. Elemental composition, calculated (using single-crystal data): C 56.46, H 4.38, P 6.78%; found: C 56.16, H 4.43, P 7.01%.  $M^+$  = 764 g mol<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.16 (br, m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> cod), 2.35 (br, m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub> cod), 4.2-4.4 (m, 12H, Cp CH cod), 7.5-7.9 (m, 20H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.5 (d,  $J_{C-Rh}$  = 90 Hz, CH), 99.3, 129.1, 131.7, 134.1 (Cp, Ph). <sup>31</sup>P NMR: 22.7 (d,  $J_{P-Rh} = 150$  Hz).

#### Crystal data

$[RhFe(C_8H_{12})(C_{17}H_{14}P)_2]$ -	$D_x = 1.627 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	
CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ·2CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation	
$M_r = 1084.36$	Cell parameters from 51598	
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	reflections	
$a = 15.1298 (2) \text{\AA}$	$\theta = 1.0-27.5^{\circ}$	
b = 16.5875(3) Å	$\mu = 1.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	
c = 19.1186 (4) Å	T = 180 (2)  K	
$\beta = 112.723 \ (1)^{\circ}$	Block, yellow	
$V = 4425.69 (14) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.16 \times 0.07 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$	
Z = 4		

8021 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $R_{\rm int}=0.048$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -19 \rightarrow 19$ 

 $k = -21 \rightarrow 21$ 

 $l = -24 \rightarrow 24$ 

+ 36.1684*P*] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer Thin-slice  $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SORTAV; Blessing, 1995)  $T_{\min} = 0.896, T_{\max} = 0.958$ 32010 measured reflections 10110 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1147P)^2]$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.082$  $wR(F^2) = 0.234$ S = 1.05 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 2.99 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 10110 reflections  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -2.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 496 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

# Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Rh1-C1	2.221 (7)	Fe1-C42	2.032 (7)
Rh1-C2	2.234 (7)	Fe1-C39	2.039 (7)
Rh1-C6	2.240 (6)	Fe1-C37	2.041 (6)
Rh1-C5	2.248 (7)	Fe1-C34	2.043 (7)
Rh1-P2	2.3255 (16)	Fe1-C41	2.069 (7)
Rh1-P1	2.3488 (16)	Fe1-C40	2.073 (7)
Fe1-C33	2.009 (6)	Fe1-C36	2.074 (7)
Fe1-C38	2.012 (6)	Fe1-C35	2.075 (7)
C1-Rh1-C2	35.8 (3)	C6-Rh1-P2	168.8 (2)
C1-Rh1-C6	79.9 (3)	C5-Rh1-P2	154.2 (2)
C2-Rh1-C6	92.7 (3)	C1-Rh1-P1	156.7 (2)
C1-Rh1-C5	86.8 (3)	C2-Rh1-P1	165.9 (2)
C2-Rh1-C5	78.3 (3)	C6-Rh1-P1	87.11 (18)
C6-Rh1-C5	35.4 (3)	C5-Rh1-P1	93.76 (18)
C1-Rh1-P2	93.44 (19)	P2-Rh1-P1	95.95 (6)
C2-Rh1-P2	86.89 (19)		

H atoms bound to C atoms were placed in calculated positions and allowed to ride during subsequent refinement, with  $U_{iso}(H) =$  $1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The trifluoromethanesulfonate anion is poorly resolved; atoms in the moiety were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters, and bond-length restraints were also applied in order to ensure a reasonable geometry for the trifluoromethanesulfonate. The highest peak and deepest hole were located 0.63 and 0.54 Å, respectively, from atom S1.

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: HKL SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: HKL DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and SCALEPACK; program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare et al., 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2001); molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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