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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 200 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.012 Å R factor = 0.022 wR factor = 0.025 Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.2

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# Heptacarbonylbis( $\mu_3$ - $\eta^2$ -diphenylacetylene)-( $\eta^5$ -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)triiridiumtungsten

The title compound,  $[WIr_3(\eta-C_{10}H_{15})(\mu_3-\eta^2-C_{14}H_{10})_2(CO)_7]$ , is a mixed-metal cluster with a tetrahedral metal core geometry. One diphenylacetylene ligand is  $\mu_3-\eta^2$ -coordinated to the triiridium face, while the other is  $\mu_3-\eta^2$ -coordinated to a diiridiumtungsten face. The W atom is ligated by a pentamethylcyclopentadienyl ligand and a terminal carbonyl, and the Ir atoms are each ligated by two terminal carbonyls.

#### Comment

The chemistry of the cyclopentadienyl-ligated tetrahedral mixed-metal cluster  $WIr_3(CO)_{11}(\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) with diphenylacetylene has been examined in order to enhance understanding of how alumina-supported bimetallic W—Ir particles behave (Shapley *et al.*, 1993). We have now examined the reaction of the pentamethylcyclopentadienyl-ligated cluster  $WIr_3(CO)_{11}(\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) (Usher *et al.*, 2004) with diphenylacetylene, and have structurally characterized the product, (I).



In (I), the tetrahedral core geometry of the precursor is preserved, one alkyne bridges the triiridium face, and the other alkyne bridges a diiridiumtungsten face. Comparison of core bond distances with those of the cyclopentadienylcontaining analogue WIr<sub>3</sub>( $\mu_3$ - $\eta^2$ -C<sub>2</sub>Ph<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>7</sub>( $\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) (Shapley *et al.*, 1993) reveals a *ca* 0.03 Å lengthening of core distances involving tungsten; all other core distances are essentially identical.

### **Experimental**

Diphenylacetylene (19.5 mg, 0.109 mmol) was added to an orange solution of WIr<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>11</sub>( $\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) (20.5 mg, 0.0170 mmol) in toluene (25 ml) and the mixture was heated at reflux for 35 min. The resulting red solution was taken to dryness on a rotary evaporator, and the residue dissolved in a minimum of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (*ca* 3 ml) and applied to preparative thin-layer chromatography plates. Elution with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ petrol (3/7) gave five bands: band 1 was yellow ( $R_F = 0.66$ ); band 2 was purple ( $R_F = 0.51$ ); band 3 was yellow ( $R_F = 0.46$ ); band 4 was purple ( $R_F = 0.42$ ); band 5 was purple ( $R_F = 0.23$ ). Bands 3, 4 and 5 were in trace amounts and could not be identified. The contents of band 1 were identified as Ir<sub>2</sub>{ $\mu$ - $\eta$ <sup>4</sup>-C(Ph)C(Ph)C(Ph)C(Ph)}(CO)<sub>5</sub> (2.5 mg, 0.0290 mmol, 17%) by comparison with literature IR and MS data (Notaras *et al.*, 2001). The contents of band 2 were identified as

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#### Figure 1

A view of the title compound, with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

WIr<sub>3</sub>( $\mu_3$ - $\eta^2$ -C<sub>2</sub>Ph<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>7</sub>( $\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>) (16 mg, 0.011 mmol, 65%). Analysis calculated for C45H35Ir3O7W: C 37.32, H 2.44%; found: C 37.17, H 2.40%. MS (secondary ion, Cs<sup>+</sup>):  $1448 - 28n ([M - nCO]^+, n$ = 0-7. IR (*c*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>):  $\nu$ (CO) 2049 (*s*), 2022 (*vs*), 2012 (*vs*), 1995 (*w*), 1973 (s), 1954 (w), 1928 (w), 1770 (vw). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.20–6.80 (m, 20H, Ph), 2.01 (s, 15H, C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>).

#### Crystal data

[WIr<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>)(C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>7</sub>]  $M_r = 1448.28$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ a = 15.7919 (2) Å b = 14.3952 (2) Å c = 17.9788 (2) Å $\beta = 90.7217 \ (6)^{\circ}$  $V = 4086.75 (9) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 4

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: by integration (Coppens, 1970; Mackay et al., 2000)  $T_{\min} = 0.179, \ T_{\max} = 0.410$ 85630 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on F R = 0.022wR = 0.025S = 1.085135 reflections 505 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

 $D_x = 2.354 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 62525 reflections  $\theta = 3-27^{\circ}$  $\mu = 12.59 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 200 KNeedle, black  $0.22\,\times\,0.10\,\times\,0.08~\text{mm}$ 

9375 independent reflections
5135 reflections with $I > 3\sigma(I)$
$R_{\rm int} = 0.07$
$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
$h = -20 \rightarrow 20$
$k = -18 \rightarrow 18$
$l = -23 \rightarrow 21$

Weighting scheme: Chebychev polynomial with 5 parameters (Carruthers & Watkin, 1979): 0.912, 0.196, 1.01, 0.0217, 0.309  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.006$ -3  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.10 \text{ e Å}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.59 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

Table 1	
Selected geometric parameters	(Å).

Ir1–Ir2	2.6928 (4)	Ir2-C70	2.175 (6)
Ir1–Ir3	2.6657 (4)	Ir3-W4	2.8309 (4)
Ir1-W4	2.7328 (4)	Ir3-C60	2.150 (7)
Ir1-C50	2.217 (7)	Ir3-C80	2.202 (6)
Ir1-C60	2.210 (6)	W4-C70	2.211 (7)
Ir2–Ir3	2.6006 (3)	W4-C80	2.188 (7)
Ir2-W4	2.7825 (4)	C50-C60	1.403 (9)
Ir2-C50	2.114 (7)	C70-C80	1.411 (9)

H atoms were made to ride on their parent C atoms, with C-H =1.00 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ .  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max}$  and  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min}$  are located in the vicinity of the metal atoms.

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 1997-2001); cell refinement: DENZO and SCALEPACK; data reduction: DENZO and SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare et al., 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: CRYSTALS (Watkin et al., 2001); molecular graphics: TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1992–1997); software used to prepare material for publication: CRYSTALS.

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