

# Tris[ $\mu$ -bis(diphenylphosphino)methane- $\kappa^2 P:P'$ ]-di- $\mu_3$ -chloro-trisilver(I) hexafluoroantimonate dichloromethane disolvate

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 293 K  
Mean  $\sigma(C-C)$  = 0.017 Å  
*R* factor = 0.072  
*wR* factor = 0.171  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1

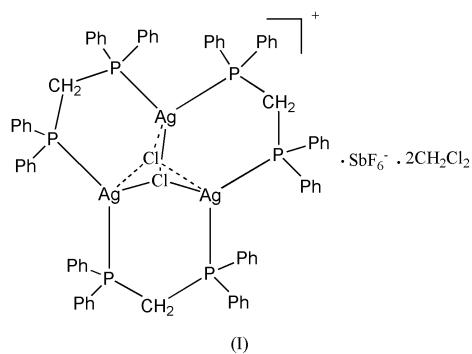
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The title  $\mu_3$ -Cl dicapped trisilver compound,  $[Ag_3Cl_2(C_{25}H_{22}P_2)_3][SbF_6] \cdot 2CH_2Cl_2$ , exhibits distorted trigonal bipyramidal coordination with two  $\mu_3$ -Cl atoms at the apices. The  $Ag^I$  atoms are four-coordinated and exhibit a tetrahedral geometry.

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## Comment

Bis(diphenylphosphino)methane (dppm) is a good bridging ligand which can form polynuclear complexes with many metal ions (Diez *et al.*, 1987; Jitendra *et al.*, 1999). Trinuclear compounds with group 10 and 11 metals can be stabilized by three bridging dppm ligands, which can form the framework  $[M_3(\mu_3\text{-dppm})_3]$  (Diez *et al.*, 1997), examples being  $[Ag_3(\mu_3\text{-}X)_2(\mu_3\text{-dppm})_3]$  (*X* = Cl, Br) (Aly *et al.*, 1978; Franzoni *et al.*, 1989) and  $[Cu_3(\mu_3\text{-}X)_2(\mu_3\text{-dppm})_3]$  (*X* = Cl, Br, I) (Bera *et al.*, 1999). We report here the structure of a new trisilver complex, *viz.*  $[Ag_3(\mu_3\text{-Cl})_2(\mu\text{-dppm})_3][SbF_6] \cdot 2CH_2Cl_2$ , (I).



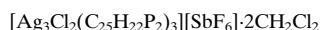
A perspective drawing of the complex cation with the atomic numbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1 and selected bonding parameters are presented in Table 1. The complex consists of an  $[Ag_3(\mu_3\text{-Cl})_2(\mu_3\text{-dppm})_3]^+$  cation, an  $SbF_6^-$  anion, and two dichloromethane solvent molecules. The  $\mu_3$ -Cl dicapped trisilver complex exhibits distorted trigonal bipyramidal coordination with two  $\mu_3$ -Cl atoms at the apices, and three Ag atoms in the equatorial sites. The Ag atoms are located in distorted tetrahedral environments with  $P_2Cl_2$  chromophores. The  $Ag \cdots Ag$  distances range from 3.3546 (9) to 3.4730 (9) Å, comparable to the sum of the van der Waals radii for silver (3.40 Å). The  $Ag - Cl$  distances are in the range 2.690 (2)–2.825 (2) Å, and the  $Ag - P$  bond distances are in the range 2.465 (2)–2.506 (2) Å, close to the values found in the similar complex  $[Ag_3(\mu_3\text{-Cl})_2(\mu_3\text{-dppm})_3]ClO_4$  (Zhang *et al.*, 1990).

## Experimental

The title compound was isolated from the reaction of  $[Ag_2(\mu_2\text{-dppm})_2(MeCN)_2][SbF_6]_2$  (Diez *et al.*, 1987) and CuCl in a 1:2 ratio in

dichloromethane under anaerobic conditions for 12 h. Well shaped pale-yellow crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction study were grown by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into the dichloromethane solution at room temperature.

*Crystal data*



$M_r = 1953.21$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$

$a = 16.0613 (4) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 18.1719 (5) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 28.3500 (7) \text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 95.3030 (10)^\circ$

$V = 8238.9 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.575 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

Cell parameters from 6217 reflections

$\theta = 1.3\text{--}25.6^\circ$

$\mu = 1.39 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$

Prism, pale yellow

$0.60 \times 0.50 \times 0.32 \text{ mm}$

*Data collection*

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)

$T_{\min} = 0.438$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.641$

28476 measured reflections

14352 independent reflections

10131 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.057$

$\theta_{\max} = 25.6^\circ$

$h = -19 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -16 \rightarrow 21$

$l = -32 \rightarrow 34$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.072$

$wR(F^2) = 0.171$

$S = 1.22$

14352 reflections

892 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

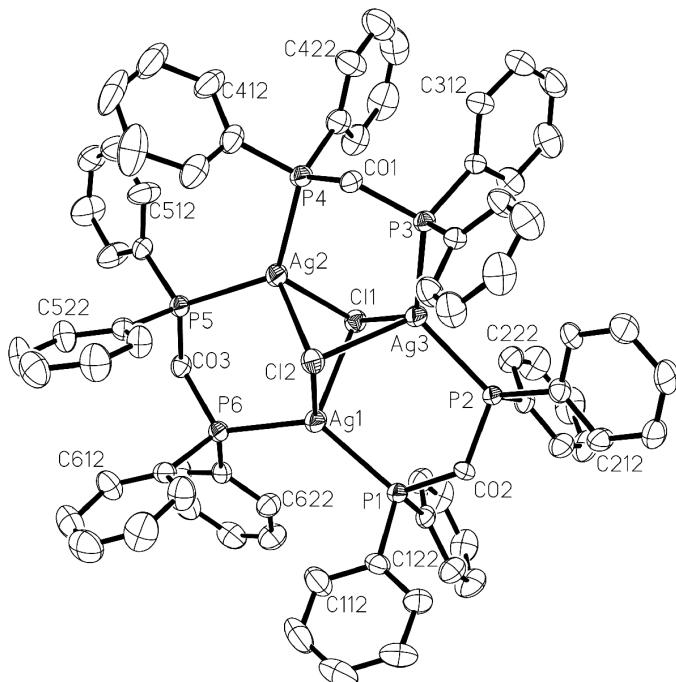
$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0294P)^2 + 55.193P]$$

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

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.094$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.54 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -1.06 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$



**Figure 1**

A view of the cation of (I), with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: SMART and SAINT (Siemens, 1994); data reduction: XPREP (Siemens, 1994); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Siemens, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H distances of 0.93 (phenyl) and 0.97 Å (methylene), and included in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The dichloromethane solvent molecules were restrained to ideal geometries and appear to be loosely held in the lattice, giving the atoms of these molecules larger than normal displacement parameters. The highest electron-density peak in the final difference Fourier map is 1.83 Å from atom P3 and the deepest hole is 0.95 Å from atom Ag3.