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## Tris( $\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl)hafnium(III)

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### Comment

In the reaction of  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Hf}[\text{---C(SiMe}_3\text{)}=\text{C(C}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3\text{)}\text{---C(SiMe}_3\text{)}=\text{C(C}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3\text{)}\text{---}]$  with  $(i\text{-Bu})_2\text{AlH}$  single crystals of the title compound as lone product in very low yield were isolated. Isostructural compounds are known for  $M = \text{Zr}$  (Lukens *et al.*, 1995),  $M = \text{Y}$  (Adam *et al.*, 1991),  $M = \text{Nd}$  (Eggers *et al.*, 1992a),  $M = \text{Sm}$  (Wong *et al.*, 1969; Bel'skii *et al.*, 1991; Eggers *et al.*, 1992b),  $M = \text{Er}, \text{Tm}$  (Eggers *et al.*, 1986),  $M = \text{Yb}$  (Eggers *et al.*, 1987),  $M = \text{Ce}, \text{Dy}, \text{Ho}$  (Baisch *et al.*, 2006).  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_3\text{Hf}$  crystallizes in the hexagonal space group  $P6_3/m$  with unit-cell dimensions isomorphous with the Zr analogue (Lukens *et al.*, 1995). The Hf(III) center is surrounded by three  $\eta^5$ -coordinated cyclopentadienyl ligands in a trigonal planar geometry. The Hf—C distances are with 2.547 (6) and 2.575 (6) Å in the expected range.

### Experimental

An amount of 0.460 g (0.66 mmol) of the five membered metallacycle  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Hf}[\text{---C(SiMe}_3\text{)}=\text{C(C}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3\text{)}\text{---C(SiMe}_3\text{)}=\text{C(C}\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3\text{)}\text{---}]$  was dissolved in 20 ml of *n*-hexane under Ar, and 2.6 ml (2.6 mmol) of a 1.0 M solution of  $(i\text{-Bu})_2\text{AlH}$  in cyclohexane was added to the obtained yellow solution. After one day the obtained red-brown solution was filtered and allowed to stand in argon atmosphere at -40 °C. After 6 month the light-yellow crystals had formed which were separated from the mother liquor by decanting, washed with cooled *n*-hexane, and dried in vacuum to give  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_3\text{Hf}$ . Yield 9.3% (23 mg). *M.p.* 261–263 °C (dec. under Ar). MS (70 eV, *m/z*): 375 ( $M^+$ ), 310 ( $M^+ - \text{C}_5\text{H}_5$ ).

### Refinement

H atoms were placed in idealized positions with  $d(\text{C---H}) = 0.95$  Å and refined using a riding model with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  fixed at 1.2  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

A numerical absorption correction was performed. Hence the largest peak of 0.95 (1.57 Å from Hf1) and the deepest hole of -3.40 e Å<sup>-3</sup> (0.98 Å from Hf1) in the final difference Fourier map were obtained.

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## Figures

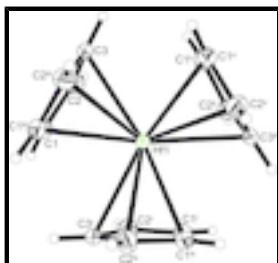


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

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#### Crystal data

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| [Hf(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] | $D_x = 2.187 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$                         |
| $M_r = 373.76$                                     | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ |
| Hexagonal, $P6_3/m$                                | Cell parameters from 4609 reflections                   |
| Hall symbol: -P 6c                                 | $\theta = 1.9\text{--}28.4^\circ$                       |
| $a = 7.9772 (4) \text{ \AA}$                       | $\mu = 9.16 \text{ mm}^{-1}$                            |
| $c = 10.2975 (6) \text{ \AA}$                      | $T = 150 \text{ K}$                                     |
| $V = 567.50 (5) \text{ \AA}^3$                     | Prism, yellow   |
| $Z = 2$  | $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$               |
| $F(000) = 354$                                     |   |

#### Data collection

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| Stoe IPDS II diffractometer  | 362 independent reflections   |
| Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube graphite  | 333 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$                               |
| $\omega$ scans   | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.097$  |
| Absorption correction: numerical ( <i>X-SHAPE</i> and <i>X-RED32</i> ; Stoe & Cie, 2005) | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ, \theta_{\text{min}} = 3.0^\circ$ |
| $T_{\text{min}} = 0.150, T_{\text{max}} = 0.346$   | $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$  |
| 7314 measured reflections  | $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$  |
|  | $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$  |

#### Refinement

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Refinement on $F^2$             | Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods                      |
| Least-squares matrix: full      | Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map                                |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$ | Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites                            |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.076$               | H-atom parameters constrained   |
| $S = 1.22$                      | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0163P)^2 + 5.6136P]$<br>where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |

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| 362 reflections | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$               |
| 27 parameters   | $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.95 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 0 restraints    | $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -3.40 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | x           | y           | z          | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|-------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Hf1 | 0.3333      | 0.6667      | 0.2500     | 0.0342 (3)                       |
| C1  | 0.4331 (9)  | 0.4179 (9)  | 0.1824 (6) | 0.0236 (13)                      |
| H1  | 0.5434      | 0.4592      | 0.1283     | 0.028*                           |
| C2  | 0.2408 (10) | 0.3460 (10) | 0.1393 (7) | 0.0300 (15)                      |
| H2  | 0.1992      | 0.3347      | 0.0517     | 0.036*                           |
| C3  | 0.1229 (14) | 0.2944 (13) | 0.2500     | 0.026 (2)                        |
| H3  | -0.0143     | 0.2344      | 0.2500     | 0.032*                           |

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | $U^{11}$   | $U^{22}$   | $U^{33}$   | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$   | $U^{23}$   |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Hf1 | 0.0126 (3) | 0.0126 (3) | 0.0772 (6) | 0.00632 (15) | 0.000      | 0.000      |
| C1  | 0.022 (3)  | 0.019 (3)  | 0.031 (3)  | 0.011 (3)    | 0.003 (3)  | -0.002 (3) |
| C2  | 0.024 (3)  | 0.027 (4)  | 0.035 (4)  | 0.010 (3)    | -0.004 (3) | -0.001 (3) |
| C3  | 0.017 (4)  | 0.014 (4)  | 0.048 (6)  | 0.008 (4)    | 0.000      | 0.000      |

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^{\circ}$ )*

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| Hf1—C2 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.549 (7) | Hf1—C1               | 2.576 (6)  |
| Hf1—C2 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.549 (7) | Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.576 (6)  |
| Hf1—C2 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.549 (7) | C1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.392 (12) |
| Hf1—C2 <sup>iv</sup>  | 2.549 (7) | C1—C2                | 1.414 (9)  |
| Hf1—C2                | 2.549 (7) | C1—H1                | 0.9500     |
| Hf1—C2 <sup>v</sup>   | 2.549 (7) | C2—C3                | 1.402 (9)  |
| Hf1—C1 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.576 (6) | C2—H2                | 0.9500     |
| Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.576 (6) | C3—C2 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.402 (9)  |
| Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>  | 2.576 (6) | C3—H3                | 0.9500     |

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| Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>                      | 2.576 (6)   |   |             |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>ii</sup>    | 101.55 (19) | C1 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>    | 122.45 (4)  |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>iii</sup>   | 53.1 (3)    | C1 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>  | 112.98 (12) |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>iii</sup>  | 126.86 (8)  | C1 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>   | 31.4 (3)    |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>iv</sup>    | 101.55 (19) | C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1                 | 152.1 (2)   |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>iv</sup>   | 101.55 (19) | C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C1                | 52.7 (2)    |
| C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>iv</sup>  | 126.86 (8)  | C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1               | 130.0 (2)   |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C2                  | 126.86 (8)  | C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1                | 94.8 (2)    |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C2                 | 53.1 (3)    | C2—Hf1—C1                               | 32.0 (2)    |
| C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C2                | 101.55 (19) | C2 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1                 | 81.0 (2)    |
| C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C2                 | 126.86 (8)  | C1 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1                 | 122.45 (4)  |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>v</sup>     | 126.86 (8)  | C1 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1               | 112.98 (12) |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>v</sup>    | 126.86 (8)  | C1 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1                | 122.45 (4)  |
| C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>v</sup>   | 101.55 (19) | C1 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1                 | 112.98 (12) |
| C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C2 <sup>v</sup>    | 53.1 (3)    | C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>   | 130.0 (2)   |
| C2—Hf1—C2 <sup>v</sup>                   | 101.55 (19) | C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>  | 32.0 (2)    |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>i</sup>     | 32.0 (2)    | C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup> | 152.1 (2)   |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>i</sup>    | 81.0 (2)    | C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>  | 81.0 (2)    |
| C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>i</sup>   | 52.7 (2)    | C2—Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>                 | 52.7 (2)    |
| C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>i</sup>    | 130.0 (2)   | C2 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>   | 94.8 (2)    |
| C2—Hf1—C1 <sup>i</sup>                   | 94.8 (2)    | C1 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>   | 112.98 (12) |
| C2 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>i</sup>     | 152.2 (2)   | C1 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup> | 122.45 (4)  |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup>   | 52.7 (2)    | C1 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>  | 112.98 (12) |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup>  | 94.8 (2)    | C1 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>   | 122.45 (4)  |
| C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup> | 32.0 (2)    | C1—Hf1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>                 | 31.4 (3)    |
| C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup>  | 152.2 (2)   | C1 <sup>ii</sup> —C1—C2                 | 108.3 (4)   |
| C2—Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup>                 | 81.0 (2)    | C1 <sup>ii</sup> —C1—Hf1                | 74.32 (14)  |
| C2 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup>   | 130.0 (2)   | C2—C1—Hf1                               | 72.9 (4)    |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iii</sup>   | 31.4 (3)    | C1 <sup>ii</sup> —C1—H1                 | 125.9       |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>    | 81.0 (2)    | C2—C1—H1                                | 125.9       |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>   | 130.0 (2)   | Hf1—C1—H1                               | 118.7       |
| C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>  | 94.8 (2)    | C3—C2—C1                                | 107.3 (6)   |
| C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>   | 32.0 (2)    | C3—C2—Hf1                               | 75.3 (5)    |
| C2—Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>                  | 152.2 (2)   | C1—C2—Hf1                               | 75.0 (4)    |
| C2 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>    | 52.7 (2)    | C3—C2—H2                                | 126.4       |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>    | 112.98 (12) | C1—C2—H2                                | 126.4       |
| C1 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>iv</sup>  | 122.45 (4)  | Hf1—C2—H2                               | 115.6       |
| C2 <sup>i</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>     | 94.8 (2)    | C2—C3—C2 <sup>ii</sup>                  | 108.7 (8)   |
| C2 <sup>ii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>    | 152.2 (2)   | C2—C3—Hf1                               | 73.0 (5)    |
| C2 <sup>iii</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>   | 81.0 (2)    | C2 <sup>ii</sup> —C3—Hf1                | 73.0 (5)    |

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| C2 <sup>iv</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup> | 52.7 (2)  | C2—C3—H3                | 125.6 |
| C2—Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>                | 130.0 (2) | C2 <sup>ii</sup> —C3—H3 | 125.6 |
| C2 <sup>v</sup> —Hf1—C1 <sup>v</sup>  | 32.0 (2)  | Hf1—C3—H3               | 120.2 |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+y, -x+1, -z+1/2$ ; (ii)  $x, y, -z+1/2$ ; (iii)  $-x+y, -x+1, z$ ; (iv)  $-y+1, x-y+1, -z+1/2$ ; (v)  $-y+1, x-y+1, z$ .

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Fig. 1

