Crystal Structure of Tetracarbonylcobalt-diphenyltin-pentacarbonylmanganese, (CO)₄CoSnPh₂Mn(CO)₅

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Some time ago we undertook a preliminary X-ray study of a series of bimetallic carbonyl derivatives and determined their metal-to-metal bond lengths.¹ We are now determining the detailed structure of some termetallic derivatives containing in their molecules fragments of transition-metal π -complexes and of σ -carbon-metal compounds. We now report some basic structural data on tetracarbonylcobalt-diphenyltin-pentacarbonyl-man-

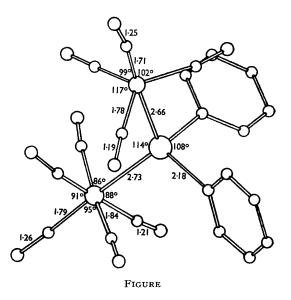
ganese, $(CO)_4CoSnPh_2Mn(CO)_5$ (I), which we have recently synthesized.² There are literature data on the structures of triphenyltin-triphenylphosphinetetracarbonylmanganese Ph₃SnMn(CO)₄PPh₃ (II).³ diphenyltin-bis(pentacarbonylmanganese) Ph₂Sn[Mn(CO)₅]₂ (III),⁴ triphenyltin-pentacarbonylmanganese Ph₃SnMn(CO)₅ (IV),⁵ and trimethyltin-pentacarbonylmanganeseMe₃SnMn(CO)₅ (V),⁶ all of which molecules contain the Sn-Mn bond. Structures of compounds containing the Sn-Co bond, as far as we know, have not been investigated previously.

Crystal data. Lamellar, pale yellow crystals of (I) are orthorhombic. Space group is *Pbca*, a = 8.38, b = 17.25, c = 33.47 Å, V = 4838 Å³, $D_m = 1.71$, $D_c = 1.76$ g.cm.⁻³ for Z = 8, M = 638.89.

From Weissenberg photographs taken with Cu-K radiation the intensities of *ca.* 1250 nonzero independent reflexions were estimated visually, neglecting absorption. The structure was solved by the standard heavy-atom method, and refined by the least-squares full-matrix method (with individual isotropic temperature-factors). At the present stage of refinement (which is being pursued further) the discrepancy index is $R = 0.17_{6}$ with the mean overall temperature-factor $B = 3.8 \text{ Å}^2$.

The geometry of the molecule shown in the Figure is characterized by the Sn-Mn bond length 2.73 ± 0.01 Å, which is somewhat shorter than the sum of Sn tetrahedral and Mn metallic radii (2.78 Å),⁷ but distinctly greater than bond lengths found earlier in analogous compounds: 2.627 in (II), 2.70 in (III), 2.674 Å in (IV) and (V). The Sn-Co bond distance is 2.66 \pm 0.01 Å and coincides with the analogous radii sum of 2.66 Å. The mean Sn-C bond-length 2.18 \pm 0.02 Å does not differ from the values found earlier in similar compounds

[2·17 in (II) and 2·15 Å in (IV)] and is equal to the tetrahedral radii sum of 2·18 Å. The phenyl rings are planar, with the mean values; C-C 1·40 Å and C-C-C 120°.



The equatorial carbonyl groups of the Mn(CO)₅ fragment have mean bond-distances Mn-C 1.84 and C-O 1.21 Å, and for the axial group they are 1.79and 1.26 Å respectively. This shortening of the axial Mn–C bond while the overall $Mn \cdots O$ distance remains constant is usual for metal carbonyls in general; it has been observed in Mn₂(CO)₁₀ (VI),⁸ [BrMn(CO)₄]₂,⁹ and (CO)₅MnH:¹⁰ axial Mn-C 1.79, 1.76, and 1.82 Å; equatorial Mn-C 1.83, 1.87, and 1.84 Å respectively. It may be noted that in (II), which is rather similar to (I) in the Mn-Sn fragment of the structure, the mean Mn-C (1.758 Å) and C-O bond distances (1.184 Å) are considerably shorter. The mean equatorial bond distances are Co-C 1.78 and C-O 1.19 Å. The distances for the axial carbonyl group are 1.71 and 1.25 Å, so that in this case the difference is much more pronounced. Published data (for instance¹¹) on Co-C bond distances show large discrepancies (1.70 - 1.89 Å); the mean C-O distance in cobalt carbonyls is 1.16-1.18 Å.

The Sn atom co-ordination is distorted tetrahedral with the angle Mn-Sn-Co increased to 114° [Mn-Sn-Mn angle in (III) is 117°]. Accordingly, the angle C-Sn-C is decreased to 107.5° [100° in (III), $106 \cdot 0^\circ$ in (IV)]. The Mn co-ordination is distorted octahedral (C-Mn-C angles range from 86 to 98°). As in (VI), the equatorial CO groups are bent from the axial one in the direction of the metal-to-metal bond. The Co atom co-ordination found here is of a rarely observed type: strongly distorted trigonal-bipyramidal. Such co-ordination was found recently, for instance, in the structure of heptacarbonylperfluorocyclopentadienedicobalt.¹¹ In our case the mean C-Co-C

angle in the equatorial plane of the bipyramid is 118 \pm 5°, while the other angles C–Co–C are in the range 78— 102° (instead of 90°).

The mean angles Mn-C-O (170°) and Co-C-O (172°) are typical of the flexibility of metal-C-O groups. These deformations and measurable distortions of the metal-atom co-ordination polyhedra are imposed by intra- and inter-molecular (steric overcrowding) non-valence interactions. In this connection we mention our intention to embark on the conformational analysis of these polymetallic ("cluster") molecules with, as main interest, the potential barriers to rotation around metal-tometal bonds.

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