# 257. Transition Metal Complexes with Bidentate Ligands Spanning trans-Positions 

Part XIII 1)

# Preparation, Properties and Crystal and Molecular Structures of Chlorocarbonyl-2,11-bis(diphenylphosphinophenyl)benzo[c]phenanthreneiridium (I) and 

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## Summary

The complex $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})\right](\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{1}=2,11$-bis(diphenylphosphinomethyl)benzo $[c]$ phenanthrene) has been prepared by $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$-oxidation of $[\operatorname{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})](\mathbf{2 a})$. It is shown that the chlorine oxidation of 2a gives a mixture of products whose composition depends on the reaction conditions. The X-ray crystal structures of 2a and 4 have been determined. The small conformational differences observed for the trans-spanning ligand $\mathbf{1}$ in the two complexes are likely to be caused by the difference in Ir-P bond lengths in square planar 2a and octahedral 4 ( $2.310(4)$ and $2.411(3) \AA$, respectively).

Introduction. - In an earlier publication [2] it was reported that the ligand 2,11bis(diphenylphosphinomethyl)benzo[c]phenanthrene (1) forms complexes of the type trans-[ $\mathrm{MX}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})](\mathbf{2} ; \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Ir}, \mathrm{Rh} ; \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{I}, \mathrm{SCN})$ and that the addition of $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ to trans-[ $\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})](\mathbf{2} \mathbf{a})$ gives a complex mixture of products. In the same publication the formation of some $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{III})$ six-coordinate species containing ligand $\mathbf{1}$ was also reported, e.g., $\left[\mathrm{IrHCl}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})(1)\right]$ (3), prepared by oxidatively adding HCl to 2 a , and it was concluded that: '... the presence of fligand 1 does not prevent the formation of six-coordinate species and that compounds of this type are best obtained if at least one of the ligands is hydrogen'. It was, therefore, of interest to establish whether $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})(1)\right](4)$ could be prepared and, if this proved to be the case, to get a better understanding of the complex reaction between

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chlorine and $2 \mathbf{a}$. This contrasts the $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-oxidation of the corresponding complexes with monodentate phosphines, $\left[\operatorname{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PR}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$, which produces smoothly the corresponding Ir(III)-species [3].

Formation of $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{( C O ) ( 1 ) ] ( 4 ) . ~ - ~ T h i s ~ c o m p l e x ~ i s ~ e a s i l y ~ o b t a i n e d ~ i n ~ h i g h ~ y i e l d s ~ b y ~}\right.$ reacting 2a with $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$ as described by Cash \& Harris [4] for the preparation of $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{2}(\mathrm{NCO})(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ from trans- $\left[\mathrm{Ir}(\mathrm{NCO})(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ :

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[\operatorname{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})]+2 \mathrm{CuCl}_{2} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})\right]+2 \mathrm{CuCl} .
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While this reaction runs smoothly at room temperature, most of the product decomposes in the reaction medium already at $40-50^{\circ}$.

The complex trans-[ $\left.\mathrm{Ir}(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)(1)\right]\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]$ can also be used as a starting material for the preparation of 4 by the above method.

The smooth oxidation of $\mathbf{2 a}$ to $\mathbf{4}$ by $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$ is in marked contrast with the action of other oxidants on 2a. Thus, $i$. the addition of a solution of $\left[\mathrm{PPh}_{4}\right]_{2}\left[\operatorname{IrCl} l_{6}\right]$, in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ containing $\left[\mathrm{PPh}_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}$, to a $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$-solution of $\mathbf{2 a}$ led to rapid decomposition of complex 2a and ii. as mentioned earlier [2] the reaction of $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with $\mathbf{2 a}$ gives a mixture of products. As it was found that this mixture contained 4 , the $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-oxidation of 2 a was reexamined as follows: the stoichiometric amount of chlorine, in $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$, was added to a solution of 2 a in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ which had been cooled down to liquid $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ temperature ${ }^{2}$ ). The mixture was then allowed to warm up and examined by ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{NMR}$ spectroscopy. The results are summarized in Table 1. As can be seen, initially two products, corresponding to

Table 1. The Time-Dependence of the Product-Distribution in the Reaction of trans-[ $\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})]$ and $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$

| Temp.$\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathbf{K}\right]$ | Time <br> [h] | ${ }^{31}$ P-Resonances observed [ ppm$]^{\text {a }}$ ) |  |  | Other low-intensity resonances observed [ppm] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | A | B | C |  |
| 230 | 0.1 | 12.5 (4) | - | -3.7 (10) |  |
| 240 | 1.0 | 12.5 (3.8) | - | -3.7(10) | -23.5 |
| 260 | 1.8 | 12.5 (2.5) | 6.5 (1.5) | -3.7(10) |  |
| 280 | 2.2 | 12.5 (1.8) | 6.5 (2.2) | -3.7 (10) |  |
| 298 | 4.0 | 12.5 (1.3) | 6.5 (2.7) | -3.7(10) | $8.9-22.7,-24.0$ |
| 298 | 340 | - | 6.5 (4) | -3.7(10) | 0.8, -2.1, -22.7, -24.0 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ ) The approximate values of the relative intensities of the signals are given in brackets and are expressed relative to that of the signal at -3.7 ppm which is given the arbitrary value of 10 .

[^1]the resonances $A$ and $C$, are formed. While resonance $C$ could be assigned to 4 , the species giving rise to resonance A is still unidentified. It is, however, significant that A gradually disappears with the concomitant formation of $\left[\mathrm{IrHCl}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})(1)\right]$ (3, resonance B at 6.5 ppm ). Mention should also be made that in addition to these resonances one also observes low-intensity signals, some of which gradually disappear with time while others appear.

Further studies of the $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-oxidation of $\mathbf{2 a}$ have established that the product distribution is strongly dependent on the reaction conditions. Thus, the addition of a $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$-solution of $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ to a $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$-solution of $\mathbf{2 a}$ at room temperature resulted in the formation of four major products as indicated by their ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{NMR}$ resonances occurring at $3.61,1.93,-5.31$ (compound 4 ) and -24.00 ppm with relative intensities of $3: 10: 1: 1$; i.e., under these conditions 4 is only a minor component of the mixture. On the other hand when $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was kept in contact with solid 2a, at room temperature, for two days, the resulting solid gave a ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$-NMR spectrum showing resonances at $21.59,-5.31$ (4) and 24.01 ppm with relative intensities $1: 10: 2$.

The differing product mixtures obtained by varying the reaction conditions suggested that this variable behaviour arose from the availability of multiple kinetic pathways of similar activation energies. As these pathways are likely to be related to the molecular structure of 2a and 4 the molecular structures of these two complexes were determined by X -ray diffraction.

The Molecular Structures of $\boldsymbol{t r a n s}-[\operatorname{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(1)](2 a)$ and trans-[IrCl $(\mathbf{C O})(1)]$ (4). Relevant bond lengths and angles are reported in Table 2. Fig. 1 and 2 show the molecular structures of the two complexes.

The coordination about the metal atom is distorted square-planar in $\mathbf{2 a}$ and distorted octahedral in 4. In both compounds the two P-atoms are trans to each other.

The angles subtended at the metal centres deviate significantly from the values of $90^{\circ}$ and $180^{\circ}$ defining the regular conformation. Also the Ir-C-O angle, especially in 4 , is far from $180^{\circ}$.

These distortions from the basic geometries appear to result either from the rigidity of ligand 1 (P-Ir-P angles), or from the minimization of its interactions with the other ligands [ $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ and $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{C}$ angles in 4].

The orientation of the coordination plane containing the P -atoms and the carbonyl group, with respect to the skeleton of ligand 1, differs in 2a and $\mathbf{4}$ by a rotation of $\mathrm{ca} .90^{\circ}$ around the $\mathrm{P}(1) \ldots \mathrm{P}(2)$ direction.

The overall structure of $\mathbf{2 a}$ closely resembles that of its Rh -analog $\mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})]$ [5] (see Tables 3 and 4). In this context it should be noted that 2 a , when recrystallized from $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$, gives single crystals which are isomorphous with those of $[\mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{CO})(1)]$ [5].

The Ir-Cl bond length in $\mathbf{2 a}$ [2.355(4) $\AA$ ] differs only slightly from the average value $2.366(3) \AA$ of those found in 4 (for a comparison with Ir-Cl bond lengths found for some square-planar $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{I})$ - and octahedral $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{III})$-complexes see Table 3).

The Ir-CO lengths $[1.85(2) \AA$ in $2 \mathbf{a}, 1.90(1) \AA$ in 3$]$ fall within the range ( $1.81-2.08 \AA$ ) quoted for distances of second- and third-row transition-metal carbonyls [6] (see Table 3).

The mutually trans-Ir-P bonds in $\mathbf{2 a}$ [average length $2.310(4) \AA$ ] are noticeably shorter than in 4 [average length $2.411(3) \AA$ ]. These values fall at the extremes of the range (2.30-2.40 $\AA$ ) found for $\operatorname{Ir}-\mathrm{P}$ bond lengths in a number of $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{I})$ - and $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{III})$-complexes [7].

Table 2. A Selection of Interatomic Distances $(\AA)$ and Angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ in 2a and 4. Standard deviations are given in parentheses ${ }^{2}$ ).

|  | 2a | 4 |  | 2a | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | - | 2.357(3) | X-Ir-P(1) | 87.3(2) | 91.4(1) |
| $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | - | 2.366 (3) | $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 87.4(2) | 91.3(1) |
| $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{X}$ | 2.355(4) | 2.371 (3) | $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{C}$ | 168.9(7) | 172.6(4) |
| $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $2.310(4)$ | 2.403(3) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 173.9(2) | 170.7(1) |
| $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | $2.310(4)$ | 2.419(3) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{C}$ | 91.8(5) | 89.8(4) |
| Ir-C | 1.846(17) | 1.895(13) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{C}$ | 94.0(5) | 88.7(4) |
| C-0 | $1.109(21)$ | 1.032(16) | Ir-C-0 | 178.0(14) | 171.5(11) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 1.849(15) | 1.854(11) | Ir-P(1)-C(19) | $113.8(5)$ | 112.0(4) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 1.820(14) | $1.816(8)$ | Ir-P(1)-C(21) | 111.6(4) | 115.3(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 1.821(9) | 1.824(9) | Ir-P(1)-C(27) | 116.3(4) | 119.7(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 1.856(19) | 1.862(12) | $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 103.9(7) | 101.8(5) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(33)$ | 1.831(13) | 1.828(7) | $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 102.8(6) | 102.8(4) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(39)$ | 1.829(13) | 1.816(8) | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 107.3(6) | 103.2(4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | - | 168.9(1) | $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 116.1(5) | 113.0(4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{X}$ | - | 83.6(1) | Ir-P(2)-C(33) | 118.0(4) | 119.1(3) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | - | 83.6(1) | $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(39)$ | 109.9(4) | 112.2(3) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | - | 87.8(1) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(33)$ | 101.0(7) | 103.1(5) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{C}$ | - | 103.7(4) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(39)$ | 103.9(7) | 103.1(5) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{X}$ | - | 85.3(1) | $\mathrm{C}(33)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(39)$ | 106.6(5) | 104.7(4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | - | 96.5(1) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 112.1(11) | 114.1(8) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | - | 92.6(1) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 117.0(11) | 116.6(8) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{C}^{i}$ | - | 87.4(4) |  |  |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ ) X is for Cl in 2 a and $\mathrm{Cl}(3)$ in 4.


Fig. 1. A computer-generated drawing of the molecule [IrCl(CO)(1)]

Ir-P distances found for some square-planar $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{I})$ - and octahedral $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{III})$-complexes are reported in Table 3, together with $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{CO}$ distances.

The difference in the Ir-P bond lengths of $c a .0 .1 \AA$ on passing from the fourcoordinate $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{I})$-complex 2 a to the six-coordinate $\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{III})$-complex 4, is the largest between


Fig. 2. A computer-generated drawing of the molecule [IrCl$(\mathrm{CO})(1)]$

Table 3. Selected Ir-P, Ir-Cl and Ir-CO Bond Distances in Some Ir-Phosphine Complexes

|  | $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{P}^{\mathrm{a}}$ ) | $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{Cl}^{\mathrm{b}}$ ) | $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{CO}^{\text {b }}$ ) | Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ir (I) Square-Planar Complexes |  |  |  |  |
| $\left[\mathrm{Ir}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) 4\right]^{+}$ | $2.319(4)$ |  |  | [8] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})\left\{(t-\mathrm{Bu})_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{10} \mathrm{P}(t-\mathrm{Bu})_{2}\right\}\right]$ | $2.362(3)$ | 2.405(3) | 1.912(9) | [9] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{P}(a-\mathrm{Tol})_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ | $2.338(5)$ | 2.43(1) ${ }^{\text {c }}$ ) | 1.67(4) ${ }^{\text {c }}$ ) | [10] |
| $\left[\operatorname{Ir}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ | 2.316(4) |  |  | [11] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})\left\{(t-\mathrm{Bu})_{2} \mathrm{PC} \equiv \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5} \mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CP}(t-\mathrm{Bu})_{2}\right\}\right]$ | $2.335(2)$ | 2.366(2) | 1.808(7) | [12] |
| [ $\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(1)]$ | 2.310 (4) | $2.355(4)$ | 1.846(17) | Present work |
| $\left.[\mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})]^{\mathrm{d}}\right)$ | $2.315(3)$ | $2.377(2)$ | 1.798(8) | [5] |
| Ir(III) Octahedral Complexes |  |  |  |  |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{Ph}_{3}\right)(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]^{+}$ | 2.365(5) |  |  | [13] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CN})(\mathrm{NCS})(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ | 2.418(3) | 2.37(1) | $1.84(4)^{\text {c }}$ ) | [14] |
| [ $\left.\mathrm{IrCl}\left(4-\mathrm{fluorophenyldiimide-2C}, \mathrm{~N}^{\prime}\right)(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]^{+}$ | $2.386(8)$ |  |  | [15] |
| [ $\mathrm{IrCl}_{2}$ (4-methoxyphenyldiimide-2 $\left.\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}\right)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ ] | $2.370(2)$ |  |  | [16] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CHF}_{2}\right)(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ | $2.421(8)$ | 2.375(8) | 1.85 | [17] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrH}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]($ mer-isomer) | $2.286(3)$ |  |  | [18] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrHBr}(\mathrm{Ph})(\mathrm{CO})\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ | $2.333(5)$ |  |  | [19] |
| $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})\right]$ | 2.411(3) | 2.371(3) | 1.895(13) | Present work |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ ) Only the average length of mutually trans Ir-P bonds are quoted.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ ) Only the length of $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{Ir}-\mathrm{CO}$ bonds trans to each other are quoted.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ ) Because of the crystallographically imposed symmetry chlorine and carbonyl ligands were treated as randomly disordered: bond distances are therefore not of high precision.
${ }^{\text {d }}$ ) Also the $\mathrm{Rh}-\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Rh}-\mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{Rh}-\mathrm{CO}$ bond lengths found in the Rh -analog of 2a are reported for comparison purposes.
the two structures and is perhaps responsible for other small differences. In fact the longer Ir-P bonds increase the strain imposed by the rigid trans-spanning ligand 1 in complex 4 which is relieved by closing up the P-Ir-P angle to $170.7(1)^{\circ}$.

The conformation of the twelve-membered ring, formed by ligand 1 and the Ir-atom is almost the same in the two complexes. It is characterized by the two methylene- P bonds, $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ and $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{P}(2)$, oriented in the same direction with respect to the tetranuclear part of the ligand. Some dihedral angles describing this conformation are given in Table 4.

Table 4. Some Dihedral Angles Characterizing the Conformation of Ligand 1 in the Complexes 2a, 4 and [ $\mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{CO})(1)]$

|  | $\mathbf{2 a}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $[\mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})]$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | $79(2)^{\circ}$ | $93(1)^{\circ}$ | $80.9(9)^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{M}$ | $-71(1)^{\circ}$ | $-65(1)^{\circ}$ | $-69.2(7)^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | $-51(2)^{\circ}$ | $-59(1)^{\circ}$ | $-43.7(10)^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{M}$ | $65(1)^{\circ}$ | $74(1)^{\circ}$ | $66.5(7)^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{P}(1) \ldots \mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | $1(1)^{\circ}$ | $-16(1)^{\circ}$ | $-7.5(4)^{\circ}$ |

Geometry and dimensions of 1 are similar to those found in other complexes [5]. The out-of-plane distortion of the overcrowded tetranuclear system confers chirality on the complexes. Complex $\mathbf{2 a}$ is present in the centrosymmetric crystals as a racemate. For complex 4 with space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ only one of the two enantiomers is present.

The shortest contact distances between Cl - and H -atoms in idealized positions are 2.65 and $2.85 \AA$ in $2 \mathrm{a}[\mathrm{Cl} \ldots \mathrm{HC}(1), \mathrm{C}(19)]$ and between 2.51 and $2.59 \AA$ in 4 $[\mathrm{Cl}(1) \ldots \mathrm{HC}(1), \mathrm{C}(12), \mathrm{C}(19), \mathrm{C}(20)$ and $\mathrm{Cl}(2) \ldots \mathrm{HC}(22), \mathrm{C}(30)]$. These values are less than the sum of the van der Waals radii [20].

The $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-molecule in the crystals of $\mathbf{4}$ has regular geometry $[\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}=1.73(2) \AA$, $\left.\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}=108.4(10)^{\circ}\right]$ and its heavy atoms are at distances greater than $4 \AA$ from other heavy atoms.

Comparison of these two molecular structures shows that the formation of a square pyramidal addition complex between 2 a and $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ should not require a particularly high activation energy. However, the subsequent steps, i.e., those leading to the formation of the octahedral product 4, could well involve high activation energy as a lengthening of the Ir-P bonds requires significant distortions of the chelate ring. This high energy barries could then be competitive with other pathways, e.g. radical reactions, leading to the formation of several products.

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## Experimental Part

Physical measurements were carried out as described elsewhere [21]. Ligand 1 and complex 2a were prepared as described by Reed \& Venanzi [2].
$\left.\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{3} / \mathrm{CO}\right)(\mathbf{1})\right](4)$. A mixture of $2 \mathrm{a}(200 \mathrm{mg}, 0.23 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} 0(90 \mathrm{mg}, 0.53 \mathrm{mmol})$ was suspended in 80 ml acetone/ $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3: 1)$ and the mixture stirred for 2 h . The solvents were evaporated i.v. and the residue extracted twice with $\mathrm{MeOH}(5 \mathrm{ml})$ to remove unreacted $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$. The residual solid was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( 50 ml ), the solution filtered through Celite and evaporated i.v. to a small volume ( $c a .4 \mathrm{ml}$ ). $\mathrm{MeOH}(10 \mathrm{ml})$ was then added to precipitate the product. This was obtained in $87 \%$ yields as the $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ monosolvate after filtering off the
mother liquor, washing the residue twice with MeOH and drying i.v. Decomp. pt. $>270^{\circ}$. Found: $\mathrm{C}, 53.20 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.48$; $\mathrm{P}, 6.02 ; \mathrm{Cl}, 17.08 \%$. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{Cl}_{5} \mathrm{IrOP}=\mathrm{C}, 53.32 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.50 ; \mathrm{P}, 5.98 ; \mathrm{Cl}, 17.11 \%$.

Yellow crystals of $[\operatorname{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})](\mathbf{2 a})$ and of $\left[I \mathrm{ICl}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})\right](4)$ were obtained by recrystallization from $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}-$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-solutions, respectively. A molecule of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ per molecule of complex 4 was found during the X-ray analysis.

Crystals of $\mathbf{2 a}$ are triclinic, space group $\bar{P} 1$; those of 4 are orthorhombic, space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$.
Unit cell dimensions were determined from the angular positions of 15 reflections measured with a Syntex $P 2$, automated diffractometer. In Table 5 a summary of crystal data is reported.

Table 5. Crystal Data for 2a and $\mathbf{4}$

| Compound | [ $\mathrm{IrCl}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1})]$ | $\left[\mathrm{IrCl}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})(\mathbf{1}) \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{45} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{ClIrOP}{ }_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{Cl}_{5} \mathrm{IrOP} 2$ |
| Formula wt. | 880.4 | 1036.2 |
| Cell constants | $a=9.978(3) \AA \quad \alpha=101.76(2)^{\circ}$ | $a=13.168(10) \AA$ |
|  | $b=12.017(3) \quad \beta=93.11(3)$ | $b=10.116(9)$ |
|  | $c=15.889(6) \quad \gamma=1.04 .13(2)$ | $c=30.861(15)$ |
|  | $V=1798(1) \AA^{3}$ | $V=4111(5) \AA^{3}$ |
| Space group | $P \overline{1}$ | $P 2.1{ }_{1} 2_{1}$ |
| Density calcd. | $1.626 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}$ | $1.674 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}$ |
| Experimental ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ) | $1.63(1) \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}$ | $1.63(1) \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}$ |
| Crystal dimension | $0.04 \times 0.13 \times 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ | $0.32 \times 0.38 \times 0.62 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Radiation | Graphite monochromatized MoK $\alpha$$(\lambda=0.71069 \AA)$ |  |
| $\mu(\mathrm{MoK} \alpha)$ | $39.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ | $36.8 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ ) Measured by flotation in $\mathrm{ZnI}_{2}$-solution.

Intensity data were collected by the $\omega$-scan technique on a computer controlled automatic diffractometer Syntex $P 2_{1}$. The data were processed as previously described [22]. The ignorance factor, $p$, was assigned values of 0.010 and 0.014 (for $\mathbf{2 a}$ and 4) according to the variance of the standard reflections [23].

The values of $I$ and $\sigma(I)$ were corrected for Lorentz, polarization and shape anisotropy effects. For the latter correction the procedure described in [24] [25] was followed. For $\mathbf{2 a}$ and 4, 2511 and 4960 reflections respectively with $F_{0}^{2}>3 \sigma\left(F_{0}^{2}\right)$ were considered observed and used in subsequent calculations.

Both structures were solved by Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by least-squares methods. The isotropic refinements converged at $R=0.079$ (2a) and $R=0.060$ (4). In the subsequent least-squares cycles the contributions of the H -atoms, geometrically positioned ${ }^{3}$ ), were included while the heavier atoms and the C -atoms not belonging to the phenyl rings or to the benzo[ $c$ ]phenanthrene systems, were allowed to vibrate anisotropically. Phenyl rings were refined as rigid groups ( $D_{6 h}$-symmetry, $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}=1.392 \AA$ ). The H -atoms were then repositioned and included in the final structure factor calculation: $R=0.058$ and 0.047 ( $R_{w}=0.030$ and 0.048 ) for 2a and 4, respectively.

The refinements were carried out with a two-block (2a) and three-block (4) approximation of the normal equation matrix, the function minimized being $\Sigma w\left(\left|F_{0}\right|-\left|F_{\mathrm{c}}\right|\right)^{2}$ with $w=4 F_{0}^{2} /^{2}\left(F_{0}^{2}\right)$.

Atomic scattering factors and anomalous dispersion terms were taken from the International Tables for $X$-Ray Crystallography [26].

The calculations were performed, using local programmes, on the UNIVAV 1100/20 computer of the University of Rome [27] and on the HP $21 M X$ minicomputer of the CNR Research Area [28]. The programmes used are described in [29].

The positional parameters for the non-H-atoms are given in Tables 6 and 7.

[^2]Table 6. Final Positional Parameters ( $\times 10^{4}$ ) for the $\mathrm{Non}-\mathrm{H}$-Atoms of 2 . Standard deviations are given in parentheses.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non-Group Atoms |  |  |  |
| Ir | 121(1) | 1398(1) | 2318(1) |
| Cl | - 1623(4) | 1336(4) | 3261(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 557(5) | - 208(4) | 2759(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)$ | - 391(5) | 3061(4) | 2019(3) |
| C | 1222(16) | 1236(13) | 1427(12) |
| O | 1861(14) | 1152(11) | 880(8) |
| C(1) | 1683(17) | 1956(14) | 4655(10) |
| C(2) | 1659(17) | 781(14) | 4489(10) |
| C(3) | 2797(19) | 456(14) | 4831(11) |
| C(4) | 3898(19) | 1260(17) | 5349(12) |
| C(5) | 5015(18) | 3309(16) | 6103(11) |
| C(6) | 5064(19) | 4394(17) | 6265(11) |
| C(7) | 4242(18) | 6127(16) | 6063(11) |
| C(8) | 3459(20) | 6638(15) | 5725(12) |
| C(9) | 1598(18) | 6523(15) | 4634(12) |
| C(10) | 592(18) | 5977(15) | 3940(11) |
| C(11) | 393(16) | 4708(14) | 3657(10) |
| C(12) | 1192(16) | 4136(13) | 4065(10) |
| C(13) | 2852(17) | 2862(14) | 5138(10) |
| C(14) | 3895(18) | 2436(15) | 5525(11) |
| C(15) | 2161(16) | 4738(13) | 4800(10) |
| C(16) | 2387(18) | 5944(15) | 5032(11) |
| C(17) | 2997(16) | 4146(14) | 5250(10) |
| C(18) | 4144(20) | 4917(17) | 5904(12) |
| C(19) | 443(16) | - 148(13) | 3924(9) |
| C(20) | - 773(17) | 4103(13) | 2952(11) |

Rigid Group Atoms (derived parameters)

| C(21) | - 723(10) | -1567(8) | 2228(8) | $\mathrm{Ph}(1)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(22) | -1604(12) | -2286(11) | 2664(6) |  |
| C(23) | -2565(11) | -3303(9) | 2201(7) |  |
| C(24) | -2645(10) | -3600(8) | 1303(8) |  |
| C(25) | -1764(12) | -2881(11) | 867(6) |  |
| C(26) | - 803(11) | -1864(9) | 1329(7) |  |
| C(27) | 2269(8) | - 450(10) | 2612(6) | $\mathrm{Ph}(2)$ |
| C(28) | 3379(12) | 526(7) | 2646(6) |  |
| C(29) | 4708(10) | 382(9) | 2547(6) |  |
| C(30) | 4927(8) | - 738(10) | 2413(6) |  |
| C(31) | 3818(12) | -1714(7) | 2378(6) |  |
| C(32) | 2489(10) | -1570(9) | 2478(6) |  |
| C(33) | 927(11) | 4058(11) | 1571(7) | $\mathrm{Ph}(3)$ |
| C(34) | 2316(12) | 4040(8) | 1672(6) |  |
| C(35) | 3318(9) | 4820(13) | 1348(8) |  |
| C(36) | 2931(11) | 5617(11) | 923(7) |  |
| C(37) | 1542(12) | 5634(8) | 822(6) |  |
| C(38) | 540(9) | 4855(13) | 1146 (8) |  |
| C(39) | -1973(10) | 2641(9) | 1263(7) | $\mathrm{Ph}(4)$ |
| C(40) | - 1967(9) | 1848(9) | 492(7) |  |
| C(41) | -3170(12) | 1391(8) | -86(6) |  |
| C(42) | -4377(10) | 1728(9) | 107(7) |  |
| C(43) | -4383(9) | 2521 (9) | 878(7) |  |
| C(44) | -3180(12) | 2977(8) | 1456(6) |  |

Table 7. Final Positional Parameters $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ for the Non-H-Atoms of 3. Standard deviations are given in parentheses.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non-Group Atoms |  |  |  |  |
| Ir | 1407(0) | 1809(0) | 889(0) |  |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2731(2) | 3331(3) | 1012(1) |  |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | - 46(2) | 599(3) | 675(1) |  |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(3)$ | 796(3) | 3467(3) | $413(1)$ |  |
| P (1) | 639(2) | 2886(3) | 1501(1) |  |
| $P(2)$ | 2439(2) | 856(3) | 321(1) |  |
| C | 1751(9) | 353(13) | 1247(4) |  |
| O | 1830(6) | - 490(9) | 1432(3) |  |
| C(1) | 2998(9) | 1669(13) | 1971(4) |  |
| C(2) | 2106(9) | 2133(11) | 2133(3) |  |
| C(3) | 1677(9) | 1588(14) | 2514(4) |  |
| C(4) | 2284(12) | 631(15) | 2738(5) |  |
| C(5) | 3767(11) | - 777(15) | 2810(4) |  |
| C(6) | 4639(12) | -1228(15) | 2663(5) |  |
| C(7) | 5855(10) | -1606(14) | 2089(4) |  |
| C(8) | 6184(11) | -1529(15) | 1667(5) |  |
| C(9) | 5822(10) | - 880(12) | 917(4) |  |
| C(10) | 5243(10) | - 260(13) | 616(4) |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 4390 (8) | 488(11) | 741(3) |  |
| C(12) | 4109(9) | 565(12) | 1173(4) |  |
| C(13) | 3531(9) | 564(11) | 2147(3) |  |
| C(14) | 3168(10) | 136(13) | 2569(4) |  |
| C(15) | 4664(9) | - 91(11) | 1506(4) |  |
| C(16) | 5558(10) | - 840(13) | 1361(4) |  |
| C(17) | 4395(9) | - 99(12) | 1958(4) |  |
| C(18) | 5002(11) | - 941(14) | 2229(4) |  |
| C(19) | 1589(9) | 3327(12) | 1921(3) |  |
| C(20) | 3815(9) | 1238(12) | 382(3) |  |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(4)$ | 5476(6) | 1108(7) | 4045(2) |  |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(5)$ | 6497(5) | 1345(8) | 3249(2) |  |
| C(45) | 6544(4) | 1754(17) | 3793(6) | molecule |
| Rigid Group Atoms (derived parameters) |  |  |  |  |
| C(21) | 61(6) | 4479(7) | 1387(3) |  |
| C(22) | 547(5) | 5666(10) | 1481(2) |  |
| C(23) | 76(7) | 6862(7) | 1384(3) | h |
| C(24) | - 881(6) | 6869(7) | 1192(3) | ( |
| C(25) | -1367(5) | 5681(10) | 1099(3) |  |
| C(26) | - 896(7) | 4486(7) | 1196(3) |  |
| C(27) | - 336(6) | 2029(8) | 1813(3) |  |
| C(28) | - 611(6) | 729 (9) | 1723(2) |  |
| C(29) | -1396(6) | 133(7) | 1953(3) | $\mathrm{Ph}(2)$ |
| C(30) | -1906(6) | 837(8) | 2274(3) | Ph(2) |
| C(31) | -1632(6) | 2137(9) | 2364(2) |  |
| C(32) | - 847(6) | 2733(7) | 2134(3) |  |

Table 7. Final Positional Parameters $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ for the Non-H-Atoms of 3. Standard deviations are given in parentheses.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}(33)$ | $2428(7)$ | $-935(6)$ | $243(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(34)$ | $1682(5)$ | $-1735(9)$ | $425(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(35)$ | $1693(6)$ | $-3092(8)$ | $352(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(36)$ | $2451(7)$ | $-3650(6)$ | $96(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(37)$ | $3197(5)$ | $-2850(9)$ | $\mathrm{Ph}(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(38)$ | $3186(6)$ | $-1493(8)$ | $-13(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(39)$ | $2135(7)$ | $1535(9)$ | $-208(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(40)$ | $1292(6)$ | $1050(8)$ | $-428(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(41)$ | $1016(6)$ | $1593(8)$ | $-826(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(42)$ | $1583(7)$ | $2622(9)$ | $\mathrm{Ph}(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(43)$ | $2426(6)$ | $3107(8)$ | $-781(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(44)$ | $2702(6)$ | $2564(8)$ | $-384(3)$ |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ ) Part XII: see [1].

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ ) To remove traces of HCl the $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was filtered immediately before using it through a column of anhydrous aluminum oxide.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ ) $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=1.0 \AA, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=120^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{sp}^{2}\right), \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=109.0^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{sp}^{3}\right)$, dihedral angle $90^{\circ}$; each H -atom was assigned an isotropic thermal parameter equal to that of the C -atom to which it is attached.

