# The Crystal and Molecular Structure of [Dicarbonyl $(\eta$-cyclopentadienyl)ferrio]triphenylantimony Hexafluorophosphate 

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#### Abstract

$\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$ is monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1} / c$, with $a=9.561$ (2), $b=26.330$ (5), $c=10.747$ (2) $\AA, \beta=104.48(1)^{\circ}, Z=4$. The structure was refined by full-matrix least-squares calculations to an $R$ of 0.035 for 2102 counter reflexions. It consists of discrete $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{2}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]^{+}$cations and $\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]^{-}$anions. In the cation there is irregular tetrahedral geometry about the Sb atom with an $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}$ distance of 2.477 (1) $\AA$ and an average $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}$ (phenyl) distance of 2.109 (12) $\AA$. The Fe atom can be considered to have octahedral coordination, with the cyclopentadienyl ligand occupying three sites. In the $\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]^{-}$anion the average corrected $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}$ length is $1.627(6) \AA$.


## Introduction

Recently there has been interest in transition-metal compounds containing $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}$ bonds (Cullen, Patmore, Sams \& Scott, 1974). Mössbauer spectroscopic studies of the cationic species $\left[X_{p} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}_{4-p}\right]^{+}$ (where $X=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{I}, \mathrm{CF}_{3}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, n-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{9} ; p=1 \rightarrow 3$ ) in comparison with the essentially isoelectronic neutral Sn compounds indicated that the positive charge is mainly localized on the Sb atom and that the $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}$ bonding is primarily $\sigma$ in character. Many of the neutral Sn compounds have been studied by X-ray diffraction but few compounds with $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}$ bonds have been studied. Two structures containing cations of the type $\left[X_{p} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}_{4-p}\right]^{+}$, namely $\left[\mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Sb}\right.$ -$\left.\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}_{2}\right]_{2}\left[\mathrm{Sb}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{14}\right]$ (Einstein \& Jones, 1973) and $\left[\mathrm{ClSb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}_{3}\right]_{2}\left[\mathrm{FeCl}_{4}\right] . \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (Trinh-Toan \& Dahl, 1971) have been described. $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$ was chosen for investigation to yield information regarding the $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}$ bonding and for comparison with the neutral Sn compound (Bryan, 1967).

## Experimental

Recrystallization from a dichloromethane/benzene mixture gave yellow, plate-shaped crystals. Photographs ( Cu Ka radiation) showed the crystals to be monoclinic and gave approximate cell dimensions. Systematically absent reflexions $h 0 l$ for $l=2 n+1$ and $0 k 0$ for $k=2 n+1$ uniquely determined the space group as $P 2_{1} / c$. A plate-shaped crystal $(0.25 \times 0.15 \times 0.25$ mm ) mounted on the end of a fibre with shellac was used to measure the cell dimensions and the intensities with a Picker FACS-I computer-controlled diffractometer (Mo Ka radiation). Accurate cell dimensions
were obtained from least-squares refinement of the setting angles of 12 reflections $\left(2 \theta>35^{\circ}\right)$. Crystal data are given in Table 1. Intensities were measured by the $\theta-2 \theta$ scan method with graphite-monochromated Mo Ker radiation. Data were collected in two shells; for the inner shell $\left(0^{\circ}<2 \theta \leq 35^{\circ}\right)$ a base width of $1.3^{\circ}$ was used and background counts of 4 s were made on either side of the reflexions; for the outer shell ( $35<2 \theta \leq$ $40^{\circ}$ ) a width of $0.8^{\circ}$ and background counts of 10 s were employed. In both instances the scan rate was $2^{\circ}$ $\mathrm{min}^{-1}$ in $2 \theta$ and the scan width was increased for dispersion. Two standard reflexions were measured at frequent intervals. Intensities for 2460 unique reflexions were measured and those 2102 with net intensity $I>$ $2 \cdot 3 \sigma(I)$ were regarded as observed, where $\sigma(I)=\{S+$ $\left.\left(t_{s}^{2} / t_{b}^{2}\right) B+(0.03 I)^{2}\right\}^{1 / 2} ; S$ is the total scan count, $B$ the total background count and $t_{s}$ and $t_{b}$ are the scan and background count times respectively. Intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. No correction for absorption was applied and this could give a maximum error of $5 \%$ in $F$ in extreme cases.

## Structure determination and refinement

A Patterson function gave positional coordinates for the Sb and Fe atoms. A structure factor calculation followed by an electron density synthesis located the

Table 1. Crystal data

| $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right], M_{r}=675.0$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Space group: $P 2_{1} / c$ | $Z=4$ |
| $a=9.561(2) \AA$ | $D_{o}=1.70 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ |
| $b=26.330(5)$ | $D_{c}=1.711$ |
| $c=10.747(2)$ | $\mu\left(\right.$ Mo $K(\mathrm{r})=10.2 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ |
| $\beta=104.48(1)^{\circ}$ | Temperature: $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Table 2. Final atomic coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $\begin{gathered} U \\ \left(\AA^{2} \times 10^{3}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sb | 0.88085 (5) | 0.35131 (2) | 0.29549 (4) |  |
| Fe | 0.71909 (9) | 0.42621 (3) | 0.26501 (9) |  |
| P | 0.7415 (2) | 0.0267 (1) | 0.2917 (2) |  |
| F(1) | 0.8801 (5) | -0.0012 (2) | 0.3740 (6) |  |
| F(2) | $0 \cdot 6529$ (5) | -0.0028 (2) | 0.3741 (5) |  |
| F(3) | 0.6016 (5) | 0.0550 (2) | 0.2200 (6) |  |
| F(4) | 0.7760 (6) | 0.0709 (2) | 0.3944 (5) |  |
| F(5) | 0.7129 (8) | -0.0171 (2) | $0 \cdot 1938$ (6) |  |
| F(6) | 0.8321 (6) | 0.0560 (2) | 0.2121 (5) |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 0.5359 (5) | $0 \cdot 3968$ (2) | 0.0155 (5) |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 0.5269 (6) | 0.3785 (2) | 0.4036 (6) |  |
| C(20) | 0.7800 (7) | 0.2801 (3) | 0.2867 (7) |  |
| C(21) | 0.8298 (8) | 0.2419 (3) | 0.3712 (8) |  |
| C(22) | 0.7687 (10) | $0 \cdot 1938$ (3) | 0.3580 (9) |  |
| C(23) | 0.6534 (11) | $0 \cdot 1857$ (3) | 0.2603 (11) |  |
| C(24) | 0.6035 (10) | 0.2214 (4) | 0.1669 (11) |  |
| C(25) | 0.6667 (10) | 0.2695 (3) | $0 \cdot 1829$ (9) |  |
| C(1) | 0.6088 (7) | 0.4079 (3) | 0.1117 (7) | 53 (2) |
| C(2) | 0.6025 (8) | 0.3967 (3) | 0.3492 (7) | 66 (2) |
| C(3) | 0.6879 (8) | $0 \cdot 5036$ (3) | 0.2234 (7) | 64 (2) |
| C(4) | 0.6931 (8) | 0.4954 (3) | 0.3505 (7) | 69 (2) |
| C(5) | 0.8297 (8) | 0.4742 (3) | 0.4100 (7) | 68 (2) |
| C(6) | 0.9087 (7) | 0.4712 (3) | 0.3167 (6) | 57 (2) |
| C(7) | 0.8217 (7) | 0.4881 (3) | $0 \cdot 2012$ (6) | 56 (2) |
| C(8) | 1.0283 (7) | 0.3881 (2) | 0.1813 (6) | 48 (2) |
| C(9) | 1.0756 (7) | 0.3773 (3) | 0.1159 (7) | 60 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.1873 (8) | 0.3687 (3) | 0.0562 (7) | 72 (2) |
| C(11) | 1.2468 (8) | 0.3218 (3) | 0.0598 (8) | 75 (2) |
| C(12) | 1.2007 (9) | 0.2828 (3) | $0 \cdot 1221$ (8) | 77 (2) |
| C(13) | 1.0897 (8) | 0.2912 (3) | 0.1839 (7) | 66 (2) |
| C(14) | 1.0311 (7) | 0.3535 (2) | 0.4767 (6) | 46 (2) |
| C(15) | 1.1732 (7) | $0 \cdot 3643$ (2) | 0.4849 (6) | 54 (2) |
| C(16) | 1.2701 (8) | 0.3711 (3) | 0.6054 (7) | 65 (2) |
| C(17) | 1.2244 (8) | $0 \cdot 3666$ (3) | 0.7140 (7) | 66 (2) |
| C(18) | 1.0817 (8) | 0.3557 (3) | 0.7078 (8) | 72 (2) |
| C(19) | 0.9826 (8) | 0.3495 (3) | 0.5894 (7) | 62 (2) |
| H(1) | 0.622 | 0.514 | 0.154 | 58 |
| H(2) | 0.633 | 0.500 | 0.391 | 128 |
| H(3) | 0.861 | 0.461 | 0.484 | 63 |
| H(4) | 0.996 | 0.455 | 0.335 | 52 |
| H(5) | 0.838 | 0.489 | 0.131 | 49 |
| H(6) | 1.019 | 0.409 | 0.109 | 57 |
| H(7) | 1.223 | 0.402 | 0.022 | 77 |
| H(8) | 1.330 | 0.314 | 0.012 | 131 |
| $\mathrm{H}(9)$ | 1.239 | 0.254 | 0.133 | 182 |
| H(10) | 1.071 | 0.265 | 0.233 | 100 |
| H(11) | 1.220 | 0.366 | 0.412 | 54 |
| H(12) | 1.364 | 0.377 | 0.597 | 136 |
| H(13) | 1.308 | 0.380 | 0.804 | 162 |
| H(14) | 1.038 | 0.351 | 0.781 | 115 |
| H(15) | 0.868 | 0.344 | 0.580 | 91 |
| H(16) | 0.920 | 0.250 | 0.443 | 105 |
| H(17) | 0.831 | 0.163 | 0.413 | 101 |
| H(18) | 0.620 | 0.158 | 0.258 | 57 |
| H(19) | 0.521 | 0.218 | 0.086 | 120 |
| H(20) | 0.633 | 0.292 | 0.118 | 91 |

remaining non-hydrogen atoms. Full-matrix leastsquares refinement with individual isotropic thermal parameters and unit weights for the observable reflexions gave an $R$ of 0.098 . A difference map indicated
anisotropic thermal motion of the $\mathrm{Sb}, \mathrm{Fe}$ and F atoms. With anisotropic parameters for these atoms $R$ was reduced to $0 \cdot 080$. All the H atoms were located on a subsequent difference map and were included in the structure factors without refinement. C atoms of one of the phenyl groups and the carbonyl atoms showed evidence of anisotropic motion and further refinement with anisotropic parameters for these atoms and for the $P$ atom reduced $R$ to a final value of 0.035 . The $H$ atom parameters were allowed to refine on the penultimate cycle of refinement. There was no evidence of disorder or large vibrational motion of the cyclopentadienyl ring on a final difference map and the largest peaks ( $<0.5$ e $\AA^{-3}$ ) were in the neighbourhood of the Sb and F atoms. On the final cycle no coordinate shift was more than $0.01 \sigma$. Weights determined by $w=$ $1 / \sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}\right)$ were used in the later stages. Analysis of $\Sigma w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2}$ as a function of $\sin \theta / \lambda$ and $\left|F_{o}\right|$ showed no significant trends and confirmed the reasonableness of the weighting scheme. Scattering factors (including real and imaginary components of the anomalous dispersion for Sb and Fe ) were those listed in International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974) with the exception of those for H which were taken from Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965). The final positional parameters are given in Table 2.*

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Fig. 1. A perspective view of the cation and anion in $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$, drawn by ORTEP (Johnson, 1965).

## Results and discussion

Bond distances and angles are listed in Table 3. The structure consists of discrete $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}\right.\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]^{+}$cations and $\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]^{-}$anions. The molecular configuration of the ions and the atom-numbering scheme are depicted in Fig. 1.

Table 3. Interatomic distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$
Asterisks denote values corrected for thermal motion, assuming the second atom to ride on the first.

| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}$ | $2.477(1)$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.356(10)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $2.116(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1.359(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $2.112(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $1.403(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | $2.100(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $1.369(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.786(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $1.404(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.781(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $1.403(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $2.092(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | $1.350(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $2.084(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $1.380(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $2.078(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $1.393(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $2.120(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $1.375(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $2.101(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $1.360(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $1.131(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $1.385(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $1.141(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $1.336(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.372(9)$ | $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $1.371(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $1.417(9)$ | $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $1.395(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.418(9)$ | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(1)$ | $1.579(5) 1.625^{*}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.400(9)$ | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(2)$ | $1.574(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $1.385(9)$ | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(3)$ | $1.557(5) 1.622^{*}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $1.387(9)$ | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(4)$ | $1.582(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $1.365(9)$ | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(5)$ | $1.537(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $1.394(9)$ | $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(6)$ | $1.564(5)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{av}}^{*}$ | $0.625^{*}$ |
|  |  |  |  |


| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $122 \cdot 6$ (2) | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | $120 \cdot 3$ (7) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 111.0 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 120.4 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 116.1 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $120 \cdot 5$ (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 98.1 (2) | C(14)-C(19)-C(18) | 118.9 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 101.1 (3) | $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 123.4 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | $105 \cdot 3$ (3) | $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | 118.6 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 96.4 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | 117.6 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 92.0 (2) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | 122.6 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 92.9 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | 118.1 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 178.2 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | 122.2 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 178.8 (8) | C(23)--C(24)-C(25) | 118.1 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 108.2 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | 120.9 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 108.1 (7) | $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(2)$ | 87.2 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 107.5 (6) | $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(3)$ | 175.7 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 108.2 (6) | $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(4)$ | 87.3 (3) |
| C (3)-C(7)-C(6) | 108.0 (6) | $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(5)$ | 90.9 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 12i-4 (5) | $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(6)$ | 91.9 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 118.9 (5) | $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(3)$ | 89.8 (3) |
| (9)-C(8)-C(13) | 119.3 (6) | $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(4)$ | 91.0 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 119.9 (7) | $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}$ (5) | 89.3 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 119.9 (7) | $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(6)$ | 178.9 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 121.2 (8) | F(3)-P-F(4) | 89.7 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 119.4 (7) | $\mathrm{F}(3)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(5)$ | 92.1 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 120.4 (7) | $\mathrm{F}(3)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(6)$ | 91.0 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 120.0 (5) | $\mathrm{F}(4)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(5)$ | 178.1 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 119.9 (5) | F(4)-P-F(6) | 88.4 (3) |
| C(15)-C(14)-C(19) | 119.7 (6) | $\mathrm{F}(5)-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}(6)$ | 91.3 (4) |

## (a) The $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]^{+}$cation

A C atom from each of the three phenyl rings and the Fe atom are bonded to the Sb atom in a distorted tetrahedral arrangement. The three $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}$ angles range from $111.0(2)$ to 122.6 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$. The $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}$ length of 2.477 (1) $\AA$ is intermediate between values of 2.422-2.446 (2) $\AA$ and $2.527-2.563$ (3) $\AA$ in the related derivatives $\left[\mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Sb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}_{2}\right]_{2}-$ $\left[\mathrm{Sb}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{14}\right]$ (Einstein \& Jones, 1973) and $\left[\mathrm{ClSb}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2^{-}}\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}_{3}\right]_{2}\left[\mathrm{FeCl}_{4}\right] . \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (Trinh-Toan \& Dahl, 1971). X-ray structural work on the neutral Sn analogue $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Sn}\left\{\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}\left(h^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}\right]$ (Bryan, 1967) indicates $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sn}$ covalent bonds of 2.533 and $2 \cdot 540 \AA$ in the two molecules of the asymmetric unit.

## Table 4. Deviations of atoms ( $\AA$ ) from least-squares planes

The equations of the planes are referred to orthogonal axes with $X$ along $\mathbf{a}, Y$ along $\mathbf{b}$, and $Z$ along $\mathbf{c}^{*}$.
(a) Plane through $\mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{C}(5), \mathrm{C}(6)$ and $\mathrm{C}(7)$
$-0.3133 X-0.9232 Y-0.2227 Z-14.6298=0$

| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | -0.002 | $\mathrm{H}(1)$ | 0.04 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | -0.007 | $\mathrm{H}(2)$ | 0.01 |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 0.013 | $\mathrm{H}(3)$ | 0.13 |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)$ | -0.012 | $\mathrm{H}(4)$ | 0.09 |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 0.009 | $\mathrm{H}(5)$ | 0.03 |
| Fe | 1.724 |  |  |

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\chi^{2}=8 \cdot 68
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(b) Plane through $C(8), C(9), C(10), C(11), C(12)$ and $C(13)$

| $-0.4821 X-0.2485 Y-0.8401 Z+8.2974=0$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(8) | -0.004 | H(6) | $0 \cdot 11$ |
| C(9) | 0.008 | H(7) | -0.13 |
| C(10) | -0.006 | H(8) | 0.03 |
| C(11) | 0.000 | H(9) | -0.07 |
| C(12) | 0.004 | H(10) | -0.11 |
| C(13) | 0.000 |  |  |
| Sb | $-0.262$ |  |  |
| $\chi^{2}=2.72$ |  |  |  |

(c) Plane through $\mathrm{C}(14), \mathrm{C}(15), \mathrm{C}(16), \mathrm{C}(17), \mathrm{C}(18)$ and $\mathrm{C}(19)$

| $-0.2044 X+0.9782 Y$ | $-0.0363 Z-7.1751=0$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)$ | -0.004 | Sb | 0.203 |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | -0.001 | $\mathrm{H}(11)$ | -0.07 |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 0.005 | $\mathrm{H}(12)$ | -0.03 |
| $\mathrm{C}(17)$ | -0.002 | $\mathrm{H}(13)$ | 0.18 |
| $\mathrm{C}(18)$ | -0.006 | $\mathrm{H}(14)$ | -0.03 |
| $\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 0.009 | $\mathrm{H}(15)$ | 0.09 |

(d) Plane through $\mathrm{C}(20), \mathrm{C}(21), \mathrm{C}(22), \mathrm{C}(23), \mathrm{C}(24)$ and $\mathrm{C}(25)$

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| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $0.7924 X$ | $-0.2928 Y$ | $-0.5351 Z-1.5566=0$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(20)$ | -0.013 | Sb | 0.134 |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 0.008 | $\mathrm{H}(16)$ | 0.08 |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)$ | 0.017 | $\mathrm{H}(17)$ | 0.30 |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)$ | -0.041 | $\mathrm{H}(18)$ | -0.06 |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)$ | 0.024 | $\mathrm{H}(19)$ | 0.05 |
| $\mathrm{C}(25)$ | 0.009 | $\mathrm{H}(20)$ | 0.08 |

C(14)-C(15)-C(16) 120.1(6)

The $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}$ bond is thus only $\sim 0.06 \AA$ shorter than the $\mathrm{Sn}-\mathrm{Fe}$ bond. Allowing for the difference in covalent radii between Sb and $\mathrm{Sn}[1.36$ and $1.40 \AA$ respectively (Pauling, 1960)] this indicates that there is not a large difference in bonding in the Sb and Sn analogues, i.e. both types of bonds are essentially pure $\sigma$ in character. If there were $d-d_{\pi}$ bonding between the Sb and Fe atoms a shorter $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}$ length would be expected. This is consistent with Mössbauer studies (Cullen, Patmore, Sams \& Scott, 1974) which suggested that the electron distributions in the $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}$ and $\mathrm{Sn}-\mathrm{Fe}$ bonds were similar with very little $\pi$ back-donation from the occupied $3 d$ orbitals of Fe to the empty $5 d$ orbitals in the Sb compound.

The carbonyl $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}$ distances of 1.786 (7) and 1.781 (8) $\AA$ are longer than those in the neutral Sn compound $\left[\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{av}}=1.713\right.$ (13) $\left.\AA\right]$ and closer to the values observed in other Fe carbonyl compounds. The $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ groups show no significant deviation from linearity and the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}$ angle is $92.9(3)^{\circ}$. In contrast to the Sn compound the carbonyl groups are bent away from the metal atom with an average $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}$ angle of $94.2^{\circ}$ compared with an average $86.8^{\circ} \mathrm{Sn}-\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}$ angle. The tridentate cyclopentadienyl ring completes the approximate octahedral geometry about the Fe atom. The average $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{C}$ (cyclopentadienyl) distance is $2.095(8)^{\circ}$ which is comparable with values in similar Fe cyclopentadienyl compounds (Einstein \& Jones, 1973; Trinh-Toan \& Dahl, 1976). Although the cyclopentadienyl C-C lengths are not statistically equivalent within the limits of the errors there is no reason to propose a chemically significant difference. Unsatisfactory positional refinement of $\mathrm{C}(4)$ involving the shortest and longest bonds would account for the entire deviation. The mean $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ of 1.398 (9) $\AA$ is comparable with values found in similar compounds. There is no large deviation of the ring from planarity, the largest displacement being 0.013 (8) $\AA$ and the Fe atom is $1.724 \AA$ out of this plane. Least-squares-planes results are shown in Table 4. The arrangement of ligands about the Fe -cyclopentadienyl centroid axis is such that the ring is rotated by approximately $8^{\circ}$ from a position having mirror symmetry.

The mean $\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}$ (phenyl) distance is 2.109 (12) $\AA$, which is close to the average of $2 \cdot 119$ (6) $\AA$ observed in bis(isocyanato)triphenylantimony (Ferguson, Goel \& Ridley, 1975). The $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{Sb}-\mathrm{C}$ angles are all greater than the regular tetrahedral value with an average of $116 \cdot 6^{\circ}$. The average $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ length in the three phenyl rings is 1.377 (20) $\AA$ and the rings do not deviate
markedly from planarity. Maximum displacements are $0.008,0.009$ and $0.041 \AA$ for the rings defined by $\mathrm{C}(8)$ to $\mathrm{C}(13), \mathrm{C}(14)$ to $\mathrm{C}(19), \mathrm{C}(20)$ to $\mathrm{C}(25)$ respectively and the corresponding displacements of the Sb atom from these planes are $0.262,0.203$ and $0.134 \AA$.

## (b) The $\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]^{-}$anion

The $\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]^{-}$ion was reasonably well-behaved and there was no evidence for gross disordering although there may be a small degree of rotational disorder. The F and P atoms form an almost regular octahedron with a mean $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{F}$ distance of 1.565 (17) $\AA$. Correction for thermal motion, assuming riding motion of the F atoms on the $P$ atom, increased the average length and consistency to 1.627 (6) $\AA$.

## (c) Molecular packing

Each ion has four closest neighbours of the opposite type. Closest approaches involving the $\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]^{-}$ion and the cation are $F(4) \cdots O(1)=3 \cdot 03, F(3) \cdots C(4)=$ 3.15 and $\mathrm{F}(4) \cdots \mathrm{H}(17)=2.48 \AA$ Á, so that only normal van der Waals forces are involved. There are no abnormally short intermolecular contacts between the cations.

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