This pattern of C-C bond lengths observed within the ring is very similar to that for [(PMDETA)Li(1,2,4- $(Me_3Si)_3C_5H_2$].⁸ The lengthening may be due to the presence of the two fairly large Me₃Si substituents on adjacent carbon atoms. However, it is apparent from Table IV that the average C-C distances in all the tris- **(trimethylsily1)-substituted** rings are longer than those observed in **1.** The increased C-C distances observed in these rings are most probably a result of the electronic effects of the Me₃Si substituents, whose ability to stabilize, inter alia, negatively charged species such as carbanions is well documented.¹⁹ The three Me₃Si groups in the anion of **2** provide stabilization by lowering the negative charge density through delocalization. *As* a result, the C-C bond order in the ring is diminished and longer C-C distances

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are observed. The consequent decrease in the ionic interaction may account for the relative ease with which total separation of the Li+ ion was achieved in the *case* of **2.** For 1, however, at H substituents on the $[C_5H_5]$ ⁻ ion are not **as** effective **as** the silyl groups in removing negative charge density. In effect, the charge remains localized on the ring and a stronger $[Li]^+$ - $[C_5H_5]^-$ attraction, which is not amenable to cleavage by 12-crown-4, results.

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Synthetic and Structural Studies on Organoiron-Indium Complexes

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The diiron-indium chloride complex $[InCl[Fe(CO)_2(n-C_5H_5)]_2]$ (1), has been synthesized from either the reaction between InCl₃ and 2 equiv of $Na[Fe(CO)_2(\eta-C_5H_5)]$ or from the reaction between InCl and $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta\text{-}C_5H_5)_2]$. Compound 1 has been characterized by X-ray crystallography and exists in the solid state as a centrosymmetric dimer involving two chlorine atoms bridging between the indium centers. Compound 1 crystallizes in the triclinic space group P_1^T with $a = 6.670(3)$, $b = 10.059(5)$, $c = 12.148(2)$
A and $\alpha = 107.58(3)$, $\beta = 90.97(2)$, $\gamma = 91.32(4)$ °. The iodide complex, $[\text{InI}]\text{Fe(CO)}_2(\eta \text{-} C_5H_5)]_2$ also prepared by analogous synthetic routes by using either InI₃ or InI, although the insertion of InI into the Fe-Fe bond of $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ occurs more readily than in the case for InCl. Both 1 and 4 add a further equivalent of halide ion and the compounds $[PPN][InCl_2[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C_5H_5)]_2]$ (5), $[Me_4N]$ - $[\text{InCl}_2[\text{Fe(CO)}_2(\eta\text{-} \text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2]$ (6), and $[\text{Et}_4\text{N}][\text{InI}_2[\text{Fe(CO)}_2(\eta\text{-} \text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2]$ (8) have been prepared and characterized. Compounds 1 and 4 also form adducts with neutral two electron donor ligands, viz. [InCl(py){Fe(CO)₂-
(η -C₆H_e)}₂] (9) (py = pyridine), [InCl(PMe₂Ph){Fe(CO)₂(η -C₆H_e)}₂] (10), and [InI(PMe₂Ph){Fe(CO center coordinated to two Fe(CO)₂(η -C₅H₅) fragments, a chlorine atom, and the phosphorus atom of the phosphine PMe₂Ph. Compound 10 crystallizes in the triclinic space group P1 with $a = 8.646$ (2), $b = 10.621$ (4), $c = 13.586$ (4) A and $\alpha = 92.66$ (3), $\beta = 103.62$ (2), $\gamma = 99.41$ (2)^o. The iron-indium dichloride complex $[InCl₂(Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]]$ (3) has also been prepared from the reaction between InCl₃ and 1 equiv of $Na[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₆)]$ and this complex is also formed as a second product in the reaction between InCl and $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$. Full spectroscopic and analytical data are reported for all new complexes.

Introduction

Compounds containing transition metal to indium bonds have been **known** for many years but continue to attract the attention of a number of groups devoted to synthesis.' With reference to compounds containing iron, however, relatively few reports have appeared. Early work by Mays et al. demonstrated the insertion of indium(1) chloride into

the Fe-Fe bond of $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta$ -C₅H₅)₂] which afforded the diiron-indium chloride complex formulated as $[InCl[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂]$ (1).² Later work by these authors³ $(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)₂$] (1).² Later work by these authors³ showed that 1 was also formed in reactions between InCl₃ and 2 equiv of $\text{Na[Fe(CO)₂(η -C₅H₅)] and also by dis$ placement of mercury by InCl from $[Hg[Fe(CO)₂(\eta (C_5H_5)_{2}$]. The monoiron complexes $[InX_2[Fe(CO)]_2(\eta C_5H_5$) $\left\{\int (X = Cl, Br) \text{ and } [\text{InBr}_2(\text{THF})\{\text{Fe}(C\bar{O})_2(\eta - C_5\bar{H_5})\}]$ were also described, 3 these complexes being formed either by reaction between InX_3 and 1 equiv of Na[Fe(CO)₂(η -

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 (C_5H_5) or by insertion of InX into the iron-halogen bond in the complexes $[FeX(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]$ (X = Cl, Br). Other complexes which are known include the iron-manganese cluster $[Fe_2(CO)_8[\mu\text{-InMn(CO)}_5]_2]$, reported by Haupt and Preut,⁴ and the anionic complexes $[InPh₃(Fe(CO)₂(\eta-))]$ (C_5H_5)]⁻⁵ and $[InBr_3[Fe(CO)_4]]^2$, $[InBr_2[Fe(CO)_4]]^2$, and $[InBr_2(L)\{Fe(CO)_4\}]^-$ (L = C₅H₅N, NEt₃).⁶

We have reported the synthesis and spectroscopic characterization of $\left[\text{In(Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C_5H_4R))\right]$ ($\bar{R} = H$, Me)^{7a} together with additional results on the insertion reactions of indium monohalides into $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]^8$ Herein we report full details on the latter reactions along with further studies on the reactions between indium trihalides and $\text{Na[Fe(CO)₂(η -C₅H₅)]. Preliminary aspects of the$ reactivity of some of these complexes are also described.

Results and Discussion

The diiron-indium complex $[InCl(Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅))₂]$ (1) was originally reported by Mays et al.^{2,3} being formed either from the reaction between InCl₃ and 2 equiv of $Na[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₆H₆)]$ or by the insertion of InCl into the Fe-Fe bond in $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$. We have also studied these reactions in some detail. The reaction between $InCl₃$ and $2Na[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]$ in THF afforded 1 as orange crystals after workup with typical isolated yields of between **65** and **70%.** No other iron-indium products were formed in appreciable quantities and this route is the best method for obtaining synthetically useful amounts of **1.** It is interesting to note, however, that we obtained no evidence for the formation of the dichloro anionic complex $\text{Na}[\text{InCl}_2(\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\eta-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2]$ (2) in this reaction which is in contrast to results we observed for the analogous chromium, molybdenum and tungsten systems for which the reaction between $InCl₃$ and 2 equiv of $Na[M(CO)₃(\eta$ -

Table **11.** Selected Bond Distances **(A)** and Angles (deg) for $[(InCl[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂)₂]$ $(1)^a$

Bond Distances					
$In-Fe(1)$	2.553(1)	$In-Fe(2)$	2.558(1)		
$In-Cl$	2.625(2)	In–Cl'	2.708(2)		
Bond Angles					
$Fe(1)-In-Fe(2)$	131.5(1)	$Fe(1)-In-Cl$	111.1(1)		
$Fe(1)-In-Cl'$	106.9(1)	$Fe(2)-In-Cl$	111.4(1)		
$Fe(2)-In-Cl'$	102.4(1)	$Cl-In-Cl'$	80.0 (1)		
In–Cl–In'	100.0(1)				

'Estimated standard deviations in the least significant digit are given in parentheses in this and all subsequent tables.

 (C_5H_5)] under very similar conditions afforded high yields of $\text{Na}[\text{InCl}_2(\text{M}(\text{CO})_3(\eta \text{-} \text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2]^{1c,9}$ (M = Cr, Mo, W). We are not sure of the reasons for these differences but will discuss this matter in a more general context later. Spectroscopic data for a compound which we formulated as **2** is given in ref 8, this complex being occasionally observed **as** a minor product in the formation of [In{Fe- $(CO)_2(\eta\text{-}C_5H_5)_{3}$] from InCl₃ and 3 equiv of Na[Fe(CO)₂- $(\eta$ -C₅H₅)].

The other route to 1 involves the reaction between InCl and $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ in refluxing toluene. Although 1 was formed **as** the major product (typical isolated yields were about 40%) significant amounts of $[InCl₂$ [Fe(CO)₂- $(\eta$ -C₅H₅)] (3) were also obtained⁸ together with traces of $[FeCl(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]$ and unreacted $[Fe₂(CO)₄(\eta-C₅H₅)₂].$ The latter two complexes could be readily extracted with toluene, in which 1 and 3 were insoluble, but crystallization procedures (solvent diffusion, THF/hexane) were not very effective for isolating either 1 or 3 **as** pure materials, which limits the synthetic utility of this reaction. These results are broadly in line with those reported by Mays et al. $2,3$ in which refluxing dioxane was used instead of toluene.

Spectroscopic and analytical data for 1 are presented in Table I and Figure la and were fully consistent with the anticipated formula. However, we considered it unlikely that **1** would be monomeric in view of the pronounced Lewis acidity of three-coordinate indium and there was no evidence from either 'H NMR or microana-

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Figure **1.** Solution infrared spectra for the complexes measured in THF in the carbonyl stretching region: (a) **1;** (b) **4;** (c) **5;** (d) **6;** (e) **8;** *(0* **9;** (g) **10;** (h) **11;** (i) 3.

Figure 2. A view of **the** molecular structure of 1 showing the atom numbering scheme adopted. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

lytical data for a THF adduct analogous to the molybdenum complex $[InCl(THF)/Mo(CO)₃(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂$.⁸ A structure involving additional indium-chlorine bonding was considered likely and this was confirmed by X-ray crystallography the results of which (Figure **2,** Tables I1 and 111) revealed that 1 is a centrosymmetric dimer. The central unit consists of a In_2Cl_2 parallelogram with In-Cl bond lengths of **2.625 (2)** and **2.708 (2) A** and angles at In and Cl of 80.0 (1) and 100.0 (1)°, respectively. Each indium center is also bonded to two $Fe(CO)₂(\eta$ -C₅H₅) fragments **by** unsupported Fe-In bonds such that the overall coordination geometry around the indium center is approximately tetrahedral. Distortions are apparent, however, both in the acute Cl-In-Cl angle and in the large value for the Fe-In-Fe angle, 131.5 (1)^o. Such distortions are quite general and are also seen in the related manganese and rhenium complexes, $[(\ln X \vert Mn(CO)_{5})_{2})_{2}]$ (X = Cl, Br, I; X-In-X **79.98 (5), 82.58 (2), 85.65 (2)';** Mn-In-Mn **123.59** $=$ Cl, Br, I; X-In-X av 97.2 (2), av 94.8 (1), 96.47 (5)^o; Re-In-Re av **127.5 (l),** av **128.4 (l), 126.34 (5)")'Ob** prepared by Haupt and co-workers. **A** comparison *can* **also** be made with the chlorobismuthinidene complex $[(BiCl/Mn(CO))_2$ - $(\eta$ -C₅H₅ $)$ ₂, prepared by Huttner and co-workers, which is formally isoelectronic with 1. Important angles in this centrosymmetric, chloride-bridged dimer are Mn-Bi-Mn **141.0 (2), Cl-Bi-Cl 76.7 (2), Bi-Cl-Bi 103.3 (2)^o.¹¹ A**

Table **111.** Final Positional Parameters (Fractional Coordinates) and Isotropic Thermal Parameters **(A*)** (Equivalent Isotropic Parameters *U,* for Anisotropic Atoms) for $[(InCl[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂)₂]$ (1) $(U_{eq} =$

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atom	x/a	y/b	z/c	$U_{\rm eq}$		
In	$-0.01525(6)$	0.11496(4)	0.16983(3)	0.030		
Fe(1)	0.12734(13)	0.36435 (8)	0.21908(7)	0.033		
Fe(2)	$-0.11108(14)$	$-0.03545(8)$	0.29820(7)	0.033		
CI	$-0.2383(2)$	0.0500(2)	$-0.0201(1)$	0.038		
O(1)	$-0.1453(8)$	0.4090(5)	0.0456(4)	0.057		
O(2)	$-0.1660(8)$	0.4581(5)	0.3955(5)	0.061		
O(3)	$-0.2878(9)$	0.1990(5)	0.4623(5)	0.067		
O(4)	0.2890(9)	0.0443(7)	0.3961(5)	0.077		
C(1)	$-0.0354(10)$	0.3896(6)	0.1132(6)	0.042		
C(2)	$-0.0516(11)$	0.4184(6)	0.3272(5)	0.041		
C(3)	$-0.2182(10)$	0.1087(6)	0.3954(5)	0.038		
C(4)	0.1280(12)	0.0122 (8)	0.3564(6)	0.051		
C(11)	0.4047(11)	0.2727(8)	0.2327(7)	0.057		
C(12)	0.4075(11)	0.3270(9)	0.1464(7)	0.062		
C(13)	0.3777(13)	0.4723(10)	0.1881(9)	0.080		
C(14)	0.3573(12)	0.5027(8)	0.3097(8)	0.069		
C(15)	0.3677(12)	0.3793(11)	0.3359(7)	0.069		
C(21)	$-0.1412(16)$	$-0.2340(7)$	0.3170(7)	0.064		
C(22)	$-0.3292(14)$	$-0.1779(8)$	0.3138(6)	0.061		
C(23)	$-0.3569(12)$	$-0.1502(7)$	0.2103(7)	0.055		
C(24)	$-0.1837(13)$	$-0.1933(7)$	0.1440(6)	0.052		
C(25)	$-0.0525(14)$	$-0.2414(7)$	0.2135(8)	0.068		

Figure 3. A best fit superposition of 1 (-) and [(BiCl[Mn- $(CO)_2(\eta \text{-} C_5H_5)|_2)_2$] (---). Coordinates for the bismuth manganese complex were taken from ref 11.

superposition of the structures of 1 and $[(BiCl/Mn(CO)₂)]$ $(\eta$ -C₅H₅)^{2}₂} is shown in Figure 3. These large deviations from idealized tetrahedral values probably result from constraints due to the presence of the In_2Cl_2 four-mem-

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bered ring, since for structures of the general type, $\left[\text{InCl}_{2}(\text{ML}_{n})_{2}\right]$, e.g. $\left[\text{Na}(\text{THF})_{2}\right]$ $\left[\text{InCl}_{2}(\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_{3}(\eta-\text{CO}))\right]$ C_5H_5) ${}_{2}$],^{1c} [PPN][InCl₂{Co(CO)₄}₂]¹² (PPN = be 0, 90, 180, or
Ph₃PNPPh₃⁺), $[Co(CO)_{3}$ (PPh₃)₂][InCl₂{Co(CO)₄}₂],¹² and lap.¹⁹ The obser $[Et_4N][InBr_2|Co(CO)_4]_2]^{13}$ the X-In-X and M-In-M angles are, for the former, 90.4 (l), av 102.4 (3), 102.5 (l), 103.5 (3)^o and, for the latter, 129.4 (1), av 121.9 (2), 121.5 (1), 124.3 (4)[°], respectively, i.e. somewhat closer to tetrahedral values. The Fe-In bond lengths in **1** are 2.553 (1) and 2.558 (1) **A** which are substantially shorter than the sum of the covalent radii for the two elements which is approximately 2.71 \AA ¹⁴ although caution is advisable when attempting to draw too many conclusions from facts such **as** these. We note, however, that π -bonding is *possible* between filled iron d orbitals and vacant In-Cl σ^* -orbitals of π -symmetry, i.e., a form of negative hyperconjugation.¹⁶ We have recently reported details for a similar situation in the related bismuth complexes, $[\text{BiCl}_2(\text{M}(\text{CO})_x(\eta-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2]$ ⁻ (M = Fe, $x = 2$; $M = M_0$, $x = 3$ ¹⁷ and possible π -bonding interactions for 1 are shown in **A** and B. If we consider the nature

of the d functions on the $Fe(CO)₂(\eta$ -C₅H₅) fragments, then, as described by Hoffmann et al.,¹⁸ two π -donor orbitals are present, one orthogonal **to,** and one in the symmetry plane of the fragment. Any overlap of the kind depicted in **A** and B should, therefore, lead to slight orientational preferences for the $Fe(CO)_{2}(\eta$ -C₅H₅) fragments with respect to the InCl, unit, Specifically, the torsion angles defined by the **C1,Cl-midpoint-In-Fe-C5H5** ring centroid should be 0,90,180, or 270° in order to achieve maximum overlap.¹⁹ The observed values in 1 are Cl,Cl-In-Fe(1)-cC₅H₅ -82.9 ^o and Cl,Cl-In-Fe(2)-cC₅H₅-16.1^o which are thus consistent with the presence of some type of π -interaction of the kind discussed above. Moreover, in the bismuth complex $[(BiCl(Mn(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂)₂]$ the analogous torsion angles are -84.4° and -3.9° , i.e. very close to those in 1 (Figure 3), which further highlights the similarity between these two compounds and indicates that the orientations of the manganese fragments may also be dictated by electronic factors. Similar arguments can be advanced for a range of complexes containing the $In(M(CO)₃(\eta-C₅H₅))₂$ $(M = Cr, Mo)$ unit and we will discuss this general topic in more detail in a future publication on the basis of more quantitative results obtained from extended Hückel molecular orbital calculations.

The iodide compound $[\text{InI}(\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\eta-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5))]_2]$ (4) can be similarly prepared and in higher yields. The reaction between $InI₃$ and $2Na[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]$ afforded 4 with isolated yields of around 90% while the insertion reaction between InI and $[Fe₂(CO)₄(\eta-C₅H₅)₂]$ also afforded reasonable, although lower, yields of **4.** Moreover, in the latter reaction we found no evidence for the iron-indium diiodide $[\text{InI}_2\text{[Fe(CO)}_2(\eta-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5))]$, analogous to 3, although small amounts of $[FeI(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]$ and unreacted $[Fe₂ (\rm CO)_{4}$ (η -C₅H₅)₂] were present.²⁰ Spectroscopic and analytical data for **4** are presented in Table I and Figure lb and we presume that the structure is probably similar to that found for 1, although we were unable to obtain X-ray quality crystals of **4** due to rapid loss of solvent of crystallization.

We have already mentioned that the reaction between $InCl₃$ and $2Na[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]$ gave no appreciable quantities of the dichloro anionic complex **2** in contrast to the situation observed for the molybdenum-based system. One possible reason for this may be the apparent stability of the dimeric unit in 1, the formation of which facilitates chloride ion loss under the reaction conditions. However, dichloro anionic complexes can be readily prepared as was demonstrated by the following reactions. Treatment of **1** with 1 equiv of either [PPNICl (PPN = $Ph_3PNPPh_3^+$ or [Me₄N]Cl afforded the complexes $[PPN][InCl₂[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂]$ (5) and $[Me₄N][InCl₂$ - ${[Fe(CO)_2(\eta \text{-} C_5H_5)]_2}$ (6) spectroscopic and analytical data for which are given in Table I. These data were consistent with the anticipated formulas, but it was apparent from the infrared spectra **(5,** Figure IC; **6,** Figure Id) that the solution-state structures were in some way dissimilar. We suspect that this difference lies in the orientation of the $Fe(\text{CO})_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)$ fragments with respect to the InCl₂ unit, i.e. the conformation about the Fe-In bonds. It is clear from Figure 1 that **5** (Figure IC) is similar to **1** (Figure la) and we therefore propose that similar conformations are adopted (see diagrams). The spectrum for **6,** however, is very similar to that observed for the triiron complex [In- ${[Fe(CO)_2(\eta-C_5H_5)]_3}$ (7).^{7a} Since we were not able to obtain an X-ray structure of **7** we cannot be sure of the precise iron fragment orientation but on the basis of the structure we suggested in ref 7a, for electronic reasons, we propose that in **6** the conformations about the Fe-In bonds are similar as shown in the diagrams.

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served during work up of the InCl and In1 insertion reactions even when the indium monohalides are present in slight excess.

The explanation as to why the anion, $[InCl₂(Fe(CO)₂ (\eta$ -C₅H₆)₂]⁻, should have a slightly different structure in THF solution depending on whether the counter cation is PPN⁺ (5) or $Me₄N⁺$ (6) is not clear. The most likely reason is that a significant degree of ion pairing is responsible but we are unable to be more specific with the data at hand.

The diiodide anionic complex $[Et_4N][InI_2/Fe(CO)_2(\eta (C_5H_5)_{2}$ (8) was prepared from the reaction between [Et,N]I and **4,** spectroscopic and analytical data for which are presented in Table I and Figure le.

The ease with which the neutral monochloride and monoiodide complexes **1** and **4** formed adducts with chloride and iodide anions, respectively, indicated that adducts with neutral two electron donor ligands might **also** be reasonable targets for synthesis. Treatment of **1** with pyridine afforded an orange crystalline complex after workup which analyzed correctly for $[InCl(py)]Fe(CO)₂$ - $(\eta$ -C₅H₅ $)$ ₂] (9). ¹H NMR data were also in accord with this formulation although only a broad signal was observed for the pyridine ligands suggesting the possibility of rapid reversible dissociation. We also carried out the reactions of both 1 and 4 with the phosphine PMe₂Ph which afforded the orange crystalline complexes $[InX(PMe₂Ph) [Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂]$ (10, X = Cl; 11, X = I), spectroscopic and analytical data for which are given in Table I and

crystallography the results of which are presented in Figures **4** and *5* and Tables IV and V. The structure consists of a central, tetrahedral indium bonded to a chlorine, two iron atoms, and the phosphorus of the PMe₂Ph phosphine ligand. The distortions of the interbond angles are in a manner that is common to the examples of $[InX_2(ML_n)_2]$ species, discussed earlier, with a large angle for $Fe(1)$ -In- $Fe(2)$, 124.8 (1)^o, and a small angle between the chlorine and phosphorus atoms, C1-In-P 89.0(1) $^{\circ}$. The only bond length of note is for the In-P bond, 2.739 (2) **A.** Very few bonds for indium(II1)-phosphine adducts have been measured by X-ray methods, the only others, of which we are aware, *being* for the complexes $[InCl₂(PPh₃)(Co(CO)₄)]$ (2.607 (5) and 2.611 (5) Å for two crystallographically independent molecules),¹² [InCl₃- $(PPh_3)_2$] (2.701 (5) and 2.723 (5) Å),^{21a} and $[(Me_3In)_2$ - $(Ph_2PCH_2CH_2PPh_2)$] (2.755 (4) Å).^{21b} The overall conformation of the $In[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂$ fragment is similar to that found in **1** and this similarity in structure is clearly maintained in solution as **is** evident from the infrared spectra (Figure la vs Figure lg).

Table IV. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for $[\text{InCl}(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})|\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\eta-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2]$ (10)

Bond Distances					
$In-Fe(1)$	2.582(1)	$In-Fe(2)$	2.569(1)		
In–Cl	2.486(2)	$In-P$	2.739(2)		
Bond Angles					
$Fe(1)$ -In- $Fe(2)$	124.8(1)	$Fe(1)-In-Cl$	115.0(1)		
$Fe(1)-In-P$	105.8(1)	$Fe(2)-In-Cl$	107.9(1)		
$Fe(2)-In-P$	108.1(1)	Cl -In-P	89.0 (1)		

Figure 4. A view of the molecular structure of **10** showing the atom numbering scheme adopted. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

In concluding this section we note that the iron-indium dichloride complex $[InCl₂(Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]$ (3) previously mentioned **as** a product of the reaction between InCl and $[Fe₂(CO)₄(\eta-C₅H₅)₂]$, can be obtained in high yield from the reaction between $InCl₃$ and 1 equiv of Na[Fe(CO)₂(η - C_5H_5]. Spectroscopic and analytical data (Table I, Figure li) were consistent with the anticipated formula but since we were unable to obtain X-ray quality crystals, we cannot comment further on the structure except to say that it is

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Figure **5.** A Newman projection view of **10** looking along the In-P bond.

almost certainly not monomeric.

to the reactivity of the complexes **1** and **4.** Further studies are in progress, particularly with respect

Experimental Section

General Procedures. All experiments were performed under an atmosphere of dry, oxygen-free dinitrogen by using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents were dried over suitable drying agents $[Na/b$ enzophenone for THF, Et_2O , hexane, and toluene; $CaH₂$ for $CH₂Cl₂$] and distilled immediately prior to use. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker WP200 spectrometer operating at 200.13 and 50.324 MHz, respectively, and referenced to residual solvent signals, values for which were taken from ref 22. 31P NMR spectra [proton decoupled] were obtained on a Bruker WM300 instrument operating at 121.49 MHz and referenced to 85% H₃PO₄, external. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet **20** SXJ3 FTIR spectrophotometer and microanalytical data were obtained at the University of Newcastle. Mass spectra (E1 mode) were obtained on AE MS9 and Kratos MS80 instruments

 $InCl₃, InCl₃, InCl, PMe_2Ph , $[PPN]Cl$, $[Me₄N]Cl$, $[Et₄N]I$, and$ $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta$ -C₅H₅)₂] were procured commercially and used as received. InI was prepared according to the procedure given by $Tuck.²³$

Infrared, 'H and 13C NMR, and microanalytical data for all new complexes are presented in Table I.

Preparations. $[\text{InCl(Fe(CO)}_2(\eta \text{-} C_5\text{H}_5)]_2]$ (1). Method A. A THF solution of $InCl₃$ (0.084 g, 0.379 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of Na[Fe(CO)₂(η -C₅H₅)] (prepared by sodium amalgam reduction of $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ (0.134 g, 0.379 mmol) in THF (20 mL) over a period of 12 h) cooled to $0 °C$. A color change from dark yellow-brown to red-brown and then to yellow-brown warmed to room temperature and stirred for a further 3 h. The THF was removed by vacuum, affording a yellow-brown residue, which was extracted in 30 mL of THF, and filtered through Celite.
The orange filtrate obtained was reduced in volume to 6 mL over which hexane (40 mL) was layered. Crystallization by solvent diffusion at -30 °C over a period of 6 days afforded orange crystalline **1** in 65% yield.

Method B. InCl (0.129 g, 0.858 mmol) and $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ (0.304 g, 0.858 mmol) were stirred in refluxing toluene (20 mL) for 3 h, which afforded a yellow-brown solution, a yellow powder, and indium metal. The solvent was removed by vacuum and the residue washed with hexane to remove unreacted $[Fe₂(CO)₄(\eta C_6H_6$)₂] and [FeCl(CO)₂(η -C₆H₆)] which was formed as a bypro-
duct. The yellow powder which remained was dried by vacuum and then extracted in THF, and filtered through Celite. The dark orange filtrate was reduced in volume by vacuum to about 6 mL over which hexane (40 mL) was layered. Solvent diffusion over a period of 5 days at -30 °C afforded crystals of 1 in 41% yield. Recrystallization of the mother liquor and a yellow powder which formed during the first crystallization was effected from THF/ hexane mixtures and afforded a yellow-brown powder, [InCl₂- ${[Fe(CO)_2(\eta \text{-} C_5H_5)]}$ (3) (yield 40%). Mass spectrum for $1, m/z$ 469, P - Cl (P = $InCl(Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)]₂)$; 413, P - Cl + 2CO; 476, ^P- 1CO; 448, P - 2CO; 420, P - 3CO.

 $[\text{InI(Fe(CO)₂(η -C₆H₅)₂] (4). Method A. A solution of $\text{InI}_3$$ $(0.214 \text{ g}, 0.431 \text{ mmol})$ in THF (10 mL) was added to a stirred solution of $\text{Na[Fe(CO)₂(η -C₅H₅)] (freshly prepared from Na/Hg$ reduction of $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ (0.153 g, 0.431 mmol) in THF (20 mL) over 12 h , at 0 °C . An increase in the intensity of the yellow color of the solution was observed during the addition. The temperature was maintained at 0° C for 15 min and then the ice bath was removed and the reaction solution stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Removal of the THF by vacuum followed by extraction of the residue in CH₂Cl₂ and filtration through Celite afforded a dark yellow-brown solution from which long yellow needles were obtained after reduction of the solvent volume to 6 mL and crystallization by slow diffusion of hexane *(60* mL) at -30 °C over a period of several days (yield 90%). The yellow needles lost solvent and turned powdery on drying and were unsuitable for X-ray diffraction. The red-brown mother liquor was shown to be a mixture of $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ and [FeI- $(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)$] by infrared spectroscopy.

Method B. InI (0.045 g, 0.186 mmol) and $[Fe₂(CO)₄(n-C₅H₅)₂]$ (0.066 g, 0.186 mmol) were heated in toluene (10 mL) under reflux conditions for 1 h. During this time the solution changed color from red-brown to yellow-brown and deposits of indium metal were observed. The solvent was removed by vacuum, and the residue was washed repeatedly with hexane until the washings were colorless (to remove excess $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ and $[FeI (CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)$ which formed as a byproduct). The yellow powder which remained was extracted in THF and fiitered through **Celite.** The solvent volume was reduced to $~6$ mL over which hexane (40 mL) was layered. Solvent diffusion at -30 °C over a period of days afforded a yellow powder.

Long yellow needles were obtained in low yield (20%) by recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2/h exane mixtures, but readily lost solvent on removal of the mother liquor.

The washings obtained from the reaction mixture were shown to be $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-C_5H_5)_2]$ and $[FeI(CO)_2(\eta-C_5H_5)]$ by IR spectroscopy. Using an excess of $[Fe_2(CO)_4(\eta-\bar{C}_5H_5)_2]$ did not improve the yield of **4.**

Mass spectrum, m/z 568, P - 1CO (P = InI{Fe(CO)₂(η -C₆H₆)}₂); 540, P - 2CO; 512, P - 3CO; 469, P - I; 419, P - Fe(CO)₂(η -C₆H₀); $391, P - Fe(CO)₂(\eta - C_5H_5) + 1 CO$; 363, P - Fe(CO)₂(η -C₅H₅) + 2co.

[PPN][InC12(Fe(CO)2(~\$ls))2] (5). [PPN]Cl(O.O57 g, **0.099** mmol) was added to a solution of **1** (0.050 g, **0.099** mol) in THF (15 mL) at room temperature and stirred for 24 h. Removal of the THF by vacuum, extraction of the oily residue in $CH₂Cl₂$ (10) mL) and filtration through Celite afforded a yellow solution which was reduced in volume (3 mL) and set up to crystallize by solvent diffusion using hexane (25 mL) at -30 °C. After a period of 7 days, a golden *flaky* crystalline material was isolated, washed with hexane $(2 \times 10 \text{ mL})$, and dried.

 $[\text{Me}_4\text{N}][\text{InCl}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\eta-\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2]$ (6). A few drops of dried and degassed MeOH were added to a mixture of [Me4N]Cl in CHzC12 (2 **mL)** until **all** the solid dissolved. The **resulting** colorless solution was then added to solid **1** and shaken until **all** the solid had dissolved to give a yellow-orange solution. Crystallization by solvent diffusion using $Et₂O$ (20 mL) over a period of 4 days afforded an orange microcrystalline solid.

 $[Et_4N][InI_2$ $[Fe(CO)_2(\eta-C_5H_5)]_2]$ (8). Compound **4** (0.053 g, 0.089 mmol) and $[Et_4N]I$ (0.023 g, 0.089 mmol) were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL). The slightly turbid solution was filtered through Celite and the dark yellow filtrate was reduced in solvent volume and set up to crystallize by solvent diffusion using hexane at -30 ^oC. Dark red needles and an oily solid were obtained after a few days. All solvent was removed by vacuum and the oily residue stirred in hexane (10 mL) overnight, which afforded a yellow powder. The hexane extracts were discarded, and the yellow

A red-brown crystalline solid was obtained by redissolution of the yellow powder in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), filtration through Celite, and crystallization by solvent diffusion using hexane (25 mL) at -30 °C over a period of 24 h.

 $[InCl(py)]Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)₂]$ (9). Pyridine (0.5 mL, 0.063 mmol, 0.124 M in THF) was added to a solution of **1** (0.032 g, 0.063 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at room temperature. After thorough mixing, the resulting yellow solution was set up to crystallize by solvent diffusion using hexane (20 mL) at -30 °C. Orange nee-

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Table **VI.** Crystallographic and Intensity Data Collection Parameters for **1** and **10**

		10
formula	$C_{28}H_{20}Cl_2Fe_4In_2O_8$	$C_{22}H_{21}ClFe_2InO_4P$
fw	1008.4	642.4
cryst class	triclinic	triclinic
space group	PĪ	Pī
a, A	6.670(3)	8.646(2)
b, A	10.059(5)	10.621(4)
c. Å	12.148(2)	13.586 (4)
α , deg	107.58(3)	92.66(3)
β , deg	90.97(2)	103.62(2)
γ , deg	91.32(4)	99.41(2)
V, A ³	776.5 (6)	1191.5 (7)
z		2
ρ (calcd), g cm ⁻³	2.16	1.79
F(000)	488	636
μ (Mo Ka), cm ⁻¹	34.81	23.52
2θ range, deg	4–50	$4 - 50$
no. of rflns measd	2973	4487
no. of rflns obsd	2315	3762
data omission factor		$I > 3.0\sigma(I)$
R	0.029	0.033
R.,	0.049	0.042

dle-like crystals were obtained after **3** days.

The yields of **6,6,8,** and **9 are** essentially quantitative **as** judged by IR although recrystallized yields are invariably lower.

 $\{InCl(PMe₂Ph)\{Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)\}₂\}$ (10). $PMe₂Ph$ (0.0175 g, **0.018** mL, **0.127** mmol) was added to a solution of **1 (0.064** g, was shaken gently to ensure thorough mixing (5 min) and then set up to crystallize by solvent diffusion using hexane **(20** mL) at -30 °C. Bright red-orange crystals were obtained after 3 days; yield **0.06** g, **74%.** The PMe, analogue was prepared similarly and identified by infrared spectroscopy; ν (C = 0) (cm⁻¹) 1976 s, **1957** s, **1916** s.

 $[\text{InI}(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})\{\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\}_2]$ **(11).** PMe_2Ph **(0.021 g**, **0.021** mL, **0.151** mmol) was added to a THF solution of **4** (0.090 g, **0.151** mmol) at room temperature. The solution was shaken for about **5** min and then left to stand for **30** min. Crystallization by solvent diffusion using hexane **(20** mL) afforded dark red crystals after **7** days; yield **47%.**

 $[InCl₂[Fe(CO)₂(η -C₆H₆)}] (3). A freshly prepared solution of$ Na[Fe(CO)₂(η -C₆H₆)] (prepared by Na/Hg reduction of [Fe₂-(CO)₄(η -C₆H₆)₂] (0.059 g, 0.167 mmol) in 15 mL of THF) was added to a stirred solution of InCl₃ (0.074 g, 0.334 mmol) in THF **(10** mL) at **0** "C. The resulting turbid dirty yellow reaction **mixture** was warmed to room temperature with continuous stirring for **5** h. Removal of the THF by vacuum, followed by extraction in THF (insoluble in CH_2Cl_2) and filtration through Celite afforded a yellow filtrate. Yellow *crystals* were obtained by reduction of the solvent volume to **4 mL** and solvent diffusion using hexane (30 mL) at **-30** "C over a period of a few days. The crystals lost solvent and became opaque on isolation from the mother liquor and drving by vacuum.

Mass spectrum, m/z **362, P** ($P = InCl₂[Fe(CO)₂(\eta-C₅H₅)$)); **327**, ^P- C1; **306,** ^P- **2CO; 689,2P** - C1; **696,2P** - **1CO; 668,2** ^P- **2CO.**

X-ray Crystallography. X-ray Analysis of **1** (Values for **10** in Parentheses). An orange crystal of approximate dimensions $0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.3$ ($0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.3$) mm was mounted in a general position on a glass fiber and coated with acrylic resin. Data were collected at ambient temperatures by using the $\theta/2\theta$ scan mode on a CAD4F automated diffractometer with graphite mono-chromated X-radiation ($\lambda = 0.71069$ Å). Unit cell parameters were determined by refinement of the setting angles $(10 \ge \theta \ge$ 14°) of 23 reflections $(15 \ge \theta \ge 16^{\circ}$ for 24 reflections for 10). The standard reflections $3\overline{1}3$ and $20\overline{6}$ (173, 544, 3, $\overline{1,10}$) were measured every **2** h, and no significant decay was noted (linear **1** % decay corrected). Lorentz-polarization and absorption/extinction (DIFABS²⁴) corrections were applied. A total of 2973 (4487) measured reflections **(8** range **2-25',** *h* 0 **to 7,** *k* **-11 to +11,1-14 to +14)** *(h* **0 to 10,** *k* **-12 to +12,1-16** to **+16)** yielded **2713 (4183)** independent data, of which **2315 (3762)** having an intensity $>3.0\sigma(I)$ were considered observed and used for structure solution and refinement. The distribution of normalized structure factors indicated the centrosymmetric space group $P\bar{1}$, and this was confirmed by successful structure solution and refinement. The structure was solved by direct methods (MITHRIL²⁵) and subsequent electron density difference syntheses. The structure was refined
by using full-matrix least squares, minimizing the function $\sum w(F_n)$ $\mu = |F_c|^2$. The weighting scheme $w = [\sigma^2(F_o)]^{-1}$ was used and judged satisfactory. $\sigma(F_o)$ was estimated from counting statistics. All non-H atoms were allowed anisotropic thermal motion, while H atoms were assigned a fixed isotropic thermal parameter of **0.05** A^2 . H atoms were included at calculated positions (C-H = 1.0) **A).** Refinement using a **total** of **199 (280)** parameters converged at $R(R_m) = 0.029 (0.049) (0.033 (0.042))$, with mean and maximum Δ/σ values of 0.006 and 0.033 (0.01 and 0.045), respectively, in the final cycle. A final electron density difference synthesis showed no chemically significant features (max $\Delta \rho = +0.8$ (+0.9), min $\Delta \rho = -0.84$ (-1.13) $e^{\frac{\Delta}{3}}$ in vicinity of the In atom). The esd of an observation of unit weight *(S)* was **2.61 (2.38).** Neutral atom scattering factors were taken from ref **26** with corrections applied for anomalous scattering. All calculations were carried out on a MicroVAX **3600** computer with the Glasgow GX suite of programs.21

Crystallographic and intensity data collection parameters are presented in Table VI.

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