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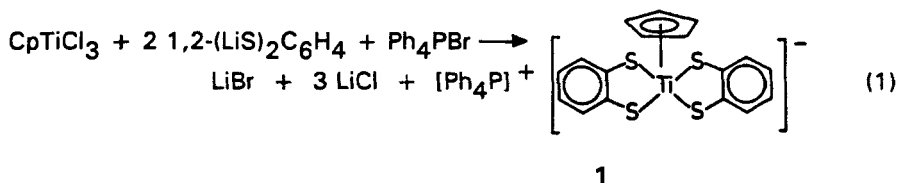
Abstract The preparation and ^1H n.m.r. data of the new dithiolene type complexes $[\text{Ph}_4\text{P}]^+[\text{CpTi}(1,2\text{-S}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)_2]^-$ ($\text{Cp} = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$) (**1**) and $[(\text{Cp}'_2\text{M})_2(1,2,4,5\text{-S}_4\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)]$ ($\text{Cp}' = \eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{SiMe}_3$, $\text{M} = \text{Ti}$, **2**; Zr , **3**; Hf , **4**) are presented. The molecular structures of **1**, **2** and **4** have been determined by X-ray diffraction analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Two different types of chelate complexes of the titanium triad, containing 4,5-benzo-1,3-dithia-2-metallacyclopentane rings, have been investigated: type **A**, comprising one mono(cyclopentadienyl)metal(IV) unit coordinated to two bidentate benzene-1,2-dithiolate ligands in a complex anion, and type **B**, consisting of two bis(cyclopentadienyl)metal(IV) moieties linked to a tetradentate benzene-1,2,4,5-tetrathiolate bridging centre.

PREPARATION OF COMPLEXES

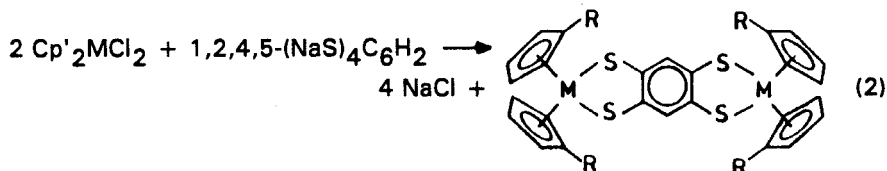
A complex of type **A** was prepared by the reaction of CpTiCl_3 with two equivalents of $1,2\text{-(LiS)}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ and one equivalent of Ph_4PBr in acetone/pentane (Eq. 1).



Dark violet crystals of **1** were obtained from CH_2Cl_2 /pentane; C, H analysis as well as i.r. and ^1H n.m.r. data (CD_2Cl_2 , $\delta = 6.06$ ppm, singlet, Cp; 7.02 ppm,

AA'BB' multiplet, C_6H_4 ; 7.65 ppm, multiplet, Ph) were consistent with the formulation of **1** as the proposed complex salt.

Three complexes of type **B** were obtained by the reaction of Cp'_2MCl_2 with tetrasodium-1,2,4,5-tetramercaptobenzene in tetrahydrofuran (thf) (Eq. 2).



$R = SiMe_3$; $M = Ti$, **2**; Zr , **3**; Hf , **4**.

Compounds **2** (dark green), **3** (orange) and **4** (light red) were recrystallised from $CHCl_3$ and revealed C, H analysis, i.r. and 1H n.m.r. data (e.g., **2**, thf- d_8 , $\delta = 0.22$ ppm, singlet, $SiMe_3$; 6.15 and 6.38 ppm, broad singlets, C_5H_4 ; 7.52 ppm, singlet, C_6H_2) according to the formula in Eq. (2). Complexes **1** - **4** are air-stable as solids, but are less stable in solution.

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

The molecular structures of complexes **1** ($R = 0.068$), **2** ($R = 0.107$) and **4** ($R = 0.069$) have been investigated by single crystal X-ray diffraction studies. The structure of the complex anion of **1** (space group $P2_1/c$) is shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 2 represents the structure of **4** which is isostructural with **2** ($P\bar{1}$). Some structural data of **1** and **2** are summarised in Table I.

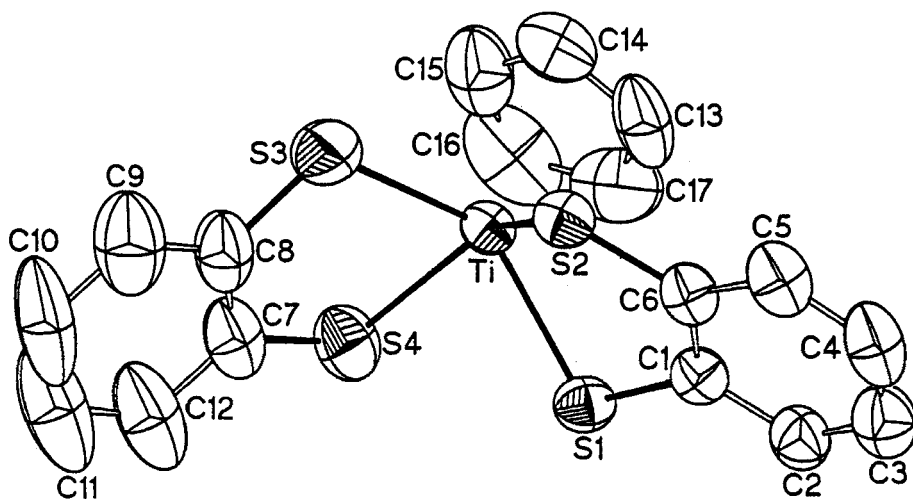


FIGURE 1 ORTEP plot of the anion of **1**, $[\eta^5C_5H_5-Ti(1,2-S_2C_6H_4)_2]^-$

TABLE I Selected average bond lengths (pm) and angles ($^{\circ}$) for **1** and **2**

	1	2
Bond lengths		
Ti-S	240.9	242.6
Ti-C(Cp)	236	239
Ti-Cp ^a	206	207
S-C ^b	174	175
C-C ^b	139	145
Si-C(Cp)	—	187
Bond angles		
S-Ti-S ^b	81	81
Ti-S-C ^b	104	97
S-C-C ^b	120	120
Cp-Ti-Cp ^a	—	131
Dihedral angle ^c	30	47
a = centroid of cyclopentadienyl ring; b = bond lengths or angles within chelate rings; c = dihedral angle between S-Ti-S and S-C-C-S planes within the chelate rings.		

In the anion of **1** (Fig. 1), the five-coordinate titanium atom is situated in the centre of a tetragonal pyramid. The basal plane of this pyramid is formed by the four sulphur atoms of the two benzene-dithiolate ligands, the apex is occupied by the centre of the Cp ring. The two five-membered TiS_2C_2 chelate rings are folded along the S-S axes by 30° (average value), with one chelate ring plane arranged *exo*, the other *endo* referred to the Cp ligand.

The neutral complexes **2** (M=Ti) and **4** (M=Hf) (Fig. 2) are isostructural with C_i molecular symmetry. The two metal atoms in each binuclear complex are coordinated in the manner of a distorted tetrahedron, formed by the centres of two trimethylsilyl-substituted Cp rings and by the two *ortho*-sulphur atoms of the bridging benzene-tetrathiolate ligand. The $\text{MS}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{M}$ moieties are in chair-like *trans* conformations with the MS_2 planes inclined by 47° for **2** and 52° for **4** with respect to the $\text{S}_2\text{C}_6\text{S}_2$ plane. This indicates a stronger chelate ring folding in **2** and **4** compared to the bis(chelate) **1**.

As can be seen from Table I, the more pronounced steric overcrowding of the two trimethylsilyl-substituted Cp ligands in **2** compared to the single unsubstituted Cp ring in **1** obviously leads to enhanced Ti-C(Cp), Ti-Cp(centroid) and Ti-S bond lengths in **2**. Similarly, the S-C and C-C distances within the chelate

rings of the anionic **1** are contracted in comparison to the bridging chelate rings of the neutral **2**.

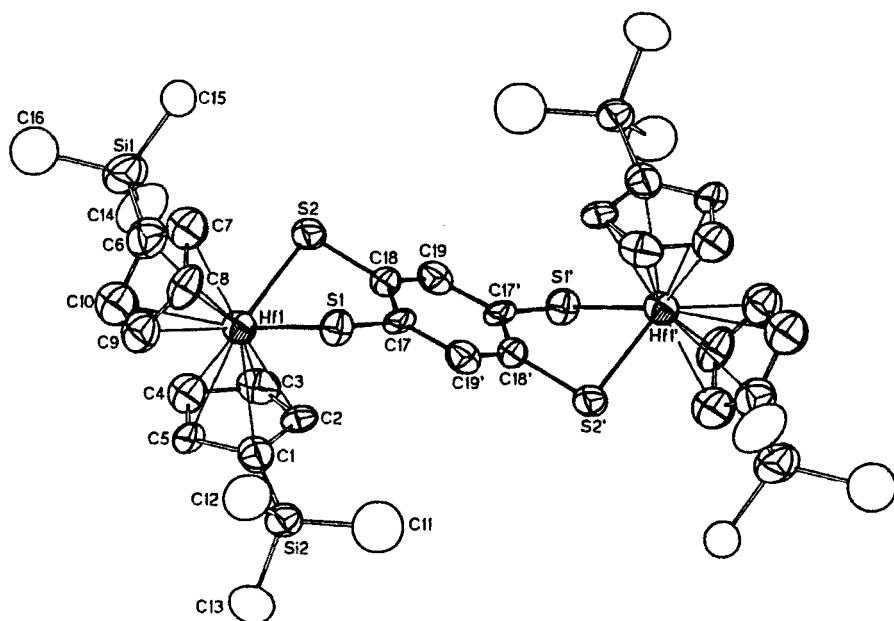


Fig. 2 ORTEP plot of the neutral complex **4**,
 $[(\eta^5\text{-Me}_3\text{SiC}_5\text{H}_4)_2\text{HfS}_2]_2 1,2,4,5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_2$

Whereas the S-Ti-S (81°) and S-C-C (120°) bond angles are equal within the chelate rings of **1** and **2**, the Ti-S-C bond angles differ in **1** and **2**, due to the different chelate ring folding in both complexes.

The complex anion of **1** is related to the neutral species $\beta\text{-C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{TiS}_5$ which also reveals tetragonal-pyramidal coordination around titanium(IV)¹. The chair-like *trans* conformation of the chelate bridge of **2** and **4** is related to the arrangement found in $[(\text{Cp}_2\text{TiS}_2)_2\text{C}_2]$ which, in contrast to the benzene ring in **2** and **4**, contains a central ethylene C_2 unit².

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