

# Organorhodium(III)- and Iridium(III)-Substituted 20-Tungstobismuthates(III) and -Antimonates(III), $[(MCp^*)_2X_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$ (M = Rh<sup>III</sup> and Ir<sup>III</sup>; X = Bi<sup>III</sup> and Sb<sup>III</sup>)

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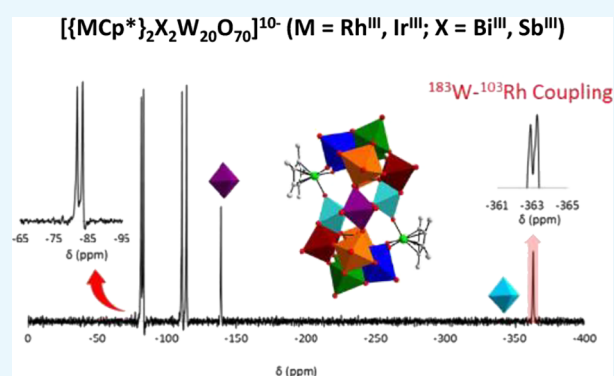


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**ABSTRACT:** The synthesis of four organometallic RhCp\*<sup>-</sup> and IrCp\*<sup>-</sup>-containing heteropoly-20-tungstates,  $[\{RhCp^*\}_2Bi_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (1),  $[\{IrCp^*\}_2Bi_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (2),  $[\{RhCp^*\}_2Sb_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (3), and  $[\{IrCp^*\}_2Sb_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (4) has been accomplished by reaction of  $(MCp^*Cl_2)_2$  with  $[X_2W_{22}O_{74}(OH)_2]^{12-}$  in aqueous solution at pH 6 and 70 °C. The four polyanions 1–4 were structurally characterized in the solid state by single-crystal XRD, FTIR, and TGA and in solution by <sup>183</sup>W and <sup>13</sup>C NMR. For the Rh derivatives 1 and 3 the <sup>183</sup>W–<sup>103</sup>Rh coupling (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>W-Rh</sub> 3.0 Hz) could be identified by <sup>183</sup>W NMR.



## INTRODUCTION

Polyoxometalates (POMs) constitute a unique class of anionic metal-oxo clusters, which can be formed by acidification of aqueous solutions of simple oxometallate ions (e.g.,  $WO_4^{2-}$  and  $MoO_4^{2-}$ ) and possibly a hetero group (e.g., phosphate, silicate, and germanate).<sup>1</sup> POMs with a wide variety of shapes, sizes, and compositions can be obtained by simply tuning the reaction parameters, such as pH, temperature, stoichiometric ratio and concentration of reagents, as well as ionic strength.<sup>2</sup> Noble metal-containing POMs are of particular interest for catalytic applications.<sup>3</sup> The reactivity of rhodium and iridium ions with POMs, including organometallic derivatives such as Rh<sup>III</sup>Cp\* and Ir<sup>III</sup>Cp\* (Cp\* = C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>), is an attractive research area. In 1984, Klemperer reported the organorhodium-capped mixed-metal Lindqvist derivative  $[(Cp^*Rh)Nb_2W_4O_{19}]^{2-}$ ,<sup>4a</sup> and in the same year Finke and Droegge reported with a dicationic (Rh<sup>III</sup>Cp\*)<sup>2+</sup> group covalently grafted to a  $[Si_9Nb_3O_{40}]^{7-}$  Keggin ion via three bridging oxygens of a  $NbW_2O_{13}$  triad,<sup>4b</sup> and this work was followed up by Nomiya et al.<sup>5</sup> In 1993, Gouzerh and co-workers reported on five lacunary Lindqvist-type polyanions having Rh<sup>III</sup>Cp\* groups grafted, such as  $[Mo_5O_{13}(OCH_3)_4(NO)\{RhCp^*(solv)\}]^-$  (solv = H<sub>2</sub>O and MeOH) and  $[Mo_5O_{13}(OCH_3)_4(NO)\{(RhCp^*)_2(\mu-X)\}]$  (X = Cl and Br).<sup>6</sup> In 2000, Nomiya and Hasegawa reported the Wells–Dawson ion with two Rh<sup>III</sup>Cp\* groups grafted,  $[(Cp^*Rh)_2P_2W_{15}V_3O_{62}]^{5-}$ ,<sup>7</sup> and in the following year the same authors reported the Keggin derivative  $[(Cp^*Rh)PW_9V_3O_{40}]^{4-}$ .<sup>8</sup> In 2002, Nomiya et al. also reported the Wells–Dawson derivative  $[(Cp^*Rh)_2P_2W_{16}V_2O_{62}]^{6-}$ .<sup>9</sup> In 2003, Isobe and co-workers reported the first Cp\*Rh-capped

triple cubane- and windmill-type isomers,  $[(Cp^*Rh)_4W_4O_{16}]^{10-}$ .<sup>10</sup> In 2015, Nomiya and co-workers introduced a dimeric tri-titanium(IV)-substituted Wells–Dawson ion with two bridging  $[RhCp^*]^{2+}$  groups,  $[(Cp^*Rh)_2(Ti_3P_2W_{15}O_{60}(OH)_2)_2]^{16-}$ .<sup>11</sup> In the same year, the Lindqvist-type tantalate ion  $[trans-(Cp^*Rh)_2Ta_6O_{19}]^{4-}$  was reported by Abramov et al.<sup>12</sup> In 2017, Wang and co-workers reported on the Cp\*Rh-grafted molybdophosphates  $[(Cp^*Rh)_4PMo_8O_{32}]^{3-}$  and  $[Na_2(Cp^*Ir)_4PMo_8O_{34}]^{5-}$ ,<sup>13</sup> and in the following year, they prepared the octatungstate  $[(Cp^*M)_4W_8O_{32}]^{8-}$  (M = Rh and Ir).<sup>14</sup> Overall, the number of IrCp\*<sup>-</sup>-containing POMs is smaller than those containing RhCp\*<sup>-</sup>. In 2016, Abramov et al. reported on the hexaniobate dimer  $[H_2\{Cp^*Ir\}_2(Nb_6O_{18})_2O]^{8-}$  and the hexatantalates  $[(Cp^*Ir)_2Ta_6O_{19}]^{6-}$  and  $[(Cp^*Ir)_2Ta_6O_{19}]^{4-}$ .<sup>15</sup> Herein, we report on the reactivity of RhCp\* and IrCp\* with the heteropoly-22-tungstates  $[X_2W_{22}O_{74}(OH)_2]^{12-}$  (X = Sb<sup>III</sup> and Bi<sup>III</sup>).

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**Materials and Methods.** Rhodium(III) chloride hydrate (RhCl<sub>3</sub>·xH<sub>2</sub>O), iridium(III) chloride hydrate (IrCl<sub>3</sub>·xH<sub>2</sub>O),

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Table 1. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement of NaK-1, Na-2, NaK-3, and Na-4

compound	NaK-1	Na-2	NaK-3	Na-4
empirical formula <sup>a</sup>	KNa <sub>4</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>94</sub> (KNa <sub>9</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>98</sub> O <sub>104</sub> )	Na <sub>5</sub> Ir <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>87</sub> (Na <sub>10</sub> Ir <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>140</sub> O <sub>125</sub> )	K <sub>2</sub> Na <sub>3</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>96</sub> (K <sub>3</sub> Na <sub>3</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>98</sub> O <sub>104</sub> )	Na <sub>3.5</sub> Ir <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>89</sub> (Na <sub>10</sub> Ir <sub>2</sub> C <sub>20</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> W <sub>20</sub> H <sub>130</sub> O <sub>100</sub> )
formula weight (g/mol) <sup>a</sup>	6206.3 (6550.0)	6256.8 (7090.0)	6079.9 (6439.5)	6079.8 (6986.0)
crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.6643(11)	17.1496(17)	13.6825(7)	17.1405(19)
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.7610(11)	19.521(2)	13.7623(7)	19.507(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.2754(14)	23.720(3)	18.3248(10)	23.730(3)
$\alpha$ (°)	72.177(2)	103.050(3)	72.603(2)	103.028(3)
$\beta$ (°)	84.281(2)	99.932(3)	83.896(2)	100.372(3)
$\gamma$ (°)	88.693(2)	113.932(3)	89.231(2)	113.516(3)
volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3255.1(4)	6752.6(12)	3273.5(3)	6756.6(13)
<i>Z</i>	1	2	1	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calc.</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	3.166	3.077	3.084	2.988
absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	20.657	21.605	18.300	19.388
<i>F</i> (000)	2701	5402	2661	5273
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0658	0.1183	0.0682	0.1229
$\theta$ range for data collection	2.704–27.579	2.052–26.504	2.642–27.541	1.394–26.470
completeness to $\theta_{max}$	99.5%	98.9%	99.6%	99.3%
index ranges	−17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17, −17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, −23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23	−21 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 21, −24 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 24, −29 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29	−17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17, −17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, −23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23	−21 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 21, −24 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 24, −29 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29
reflections collected	61,300	115,664	61,676	118,159
unique reflections	14,981	27,727	15,041	27,775
data/restraints/parameters	14,981/366/658	27,727/678/1231	15,041/366/658	27,775/684/1243
goodness of fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.026	1.034	1.048	1.066
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>b</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0375	0.0615	0.0377	0.0752
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup> (all data)	0.1061	0.1879	0.1100	0.2660

<sup>a</sup>Entries in brackets are the actual molecular formulae and weights of the compounds. <sup>b</sup> $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ . <sup>c</sup> $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ .

and 1,2,3,4,5-pentamethylcyclopentadiene (Cp\*) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. The dimers (Cp\*Ir<sup>III</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and (Cp\*Rh<sup>III</sup>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> were synthesized according to the published procedures,<sup>16</sup> and their purity was confirmed by Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. The polyanion precursors Na<sub>12</sub>[Bi<sub>2</sub>W<sub>22</sub>O<sub>74</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>]·44H<sub>2</sub>O and K<sub>12</sub>[Sb<sub>2</sub>W<sub>22</sub>O<sub>74</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>]·27H<sub>2</sub>O were prepared according to the published procedures.<sup>17</sup> FTIR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet-Avatar 370 FTIR spectrophotometer using KBr pellets. Elemental analyses were done at ExxonMobil Chemicals Europe Inc., European Technology Center. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGAs) were performed on a SDT Q600 from TA Instruments under the flow of N<sub>2</sub> gas. The NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECS 400 MHz spectrometer, using 5 mm tubes for <sup>13</sup>C and 10 mm tubes for <sup>183</sup>W NMR, with resonance frequencies of 100.71 and 16.69 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>183</sup>W, respectively. The chemical shifts are reported with respect to the references Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> for <sup>13</sup>C and 1 M aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub> for <sup>183</sup>W.

**Synthesis of Na<sub>9</sub>K[*l*RhC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>W<sub>20</sub>O<sub>70</sub>]·33H<sub>2</sub>O (NaK-1).** (RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.009 g, 0.014 mmol) and Na<sub>12</sub>[Bi<sub>2</sub>W<sub>22</sub>O<sub>74</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>]·44H<sub>2</sub>O (0.100 g, 0.014 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL of 1 M aqueous sodium acetate (pH 6). The solution was heated at 70 °C for 30 min. After cooling down to

room temperature, 100 μL of 1 M KCl were added to the solution. Red crystals of NaK-1 started appearing overnight and were collected after 2 weeks (yield: 69 mg, 65%). FTIR (KBr pellet, 1650–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\bar{\nu} = 1628$  (s), 1455 (sh), 1383 (sh), 942 (s), 797 (m), 755 (m), 643 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental analysis: calculated (found): Na 3.2 (3.0), K 0.6 (0.7), Rh 3.2 (3.4), Bi 6.4 (6.8), W 56.3 (58.2). Cp\*/POM ratio (based on TGA): 1.97.

**Synthesis of Na<sub>10</sub>[*l*IrC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>W<sub>20</sub>O<sub>70</sub>]·55H<sub>2</sub>O (Na-2).** (IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.011 g, 0.014 mmol) and Na<sub>12</sub>[Bi<sub>2</sub>W<sub>22</sub>O<sub>74</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>]·44H<sub>2</sub>O (0.10 g, 0.014 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL of 1 M aqueous sodium acetate (pH 6). The solution was heated at 70 °C for 30 min and subsequently cooled down to room temperature. Red crystals started appearing overnight and were collected after 2 weeks (yield: 63 mg, 60%). FTIR (KBr pellet, 1650–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\bar{\nu} = 1627$  (s), 1453 (sh), 1383 (sh), 941 (s), 794 (m), 744 (m), 643 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental analysis: calculated (found): Na 3.2 (2.5), Ir 5.4 (5.2), Bi 5.9 (6.2), W 51.9 (53.0). Cp\*/POM ratio (based on TGA): 1.99.

**Synthesis of Na<sub>5</sub>K<sub>5</sub>[*l*RhC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Sb<sub>2</sub>W<sub>20</sub>O<sub>70</sub>]·25H<sub>2</sub>O (NaK-3).** (RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.009 g, 0.014 mmol) and K<sub>12</sub>[Sb<sub>2</sub>W<sub>22</sub>O<sub>74</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>]·27H<sub>2</sub>O (0.087 g, 0.014 mmol) were added to 3 mL of 1 M aqueous sodium acetate (pH 6). The solution was stirred and heated at 70 °C for 30 min. After

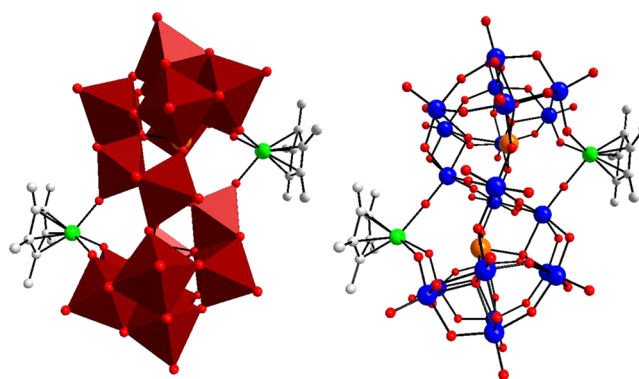
cooling down to room temperature, 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of 1 M KCl was added. Orange-red crystals started appearing overnight and were collected after 2 weeks (yield: 53 mg, 58%). FTIR (KBr pellet, 1650–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\bar{\nu}$  = 1631 (s), 1454 (w), 1378 (w), 945 (s), 846 (sh), 806 (w), 799 (m), 769 (w), 660 (s), 511 (w), 460 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Elemental analysis: calculated (found): K 3.1 (3.0), Na 1.8 (1.5), Rh 3.3 (3.4), Sb 3.9 (3.6), W 58.6 (59.6). Cp\*/POM ratio (based on TGA): 1.93. The compound can also be synthesized using the sodium salt of the polyanion precursor.

**Synthesis of  $\text{Na}_{10}[\{\text{IrCp}^*\text{H}_{15}\}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}]\cdot 50\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Na-4).** ( $\text{IrCp}^*\text{Cl}_2$ )<sub>2</sub> (0.011 g, 0.014 mmol) and  $\text{K}_{12}[\text{Sb}_2\text{W}_{22}\text{O}_{74}(\text{OH})_2]\cdot 27\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.087 g, 0.014 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL of 1 M aqueous sodium acetate (pH 6). The solution was heated at 70  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 min and then cooled down to room temperature. Orange-red crystals started appearing overnight and were collected after 2 weeks (yield: 33 mg, 31%). FTIR (KBr pellet, 1650–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\bar{\nu}$  = 1631 (s), 1565 (m), 1410 (w), 1384 (w), 946 (s), 860 (sh), 806 (s), 766 (w), 653 (s), 508 (w), 465 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Elemental analysis: calculated (found): Na 3.4 (2.1), Ir 5.6 (5.4), Sb 3.6 (3.7), W 53.9 (53.8). Cp\*/POM ratio (based on TGA): 1.93. The compound can also be synthesized using the sodium salt of the polyanion precursor.

**X-ray Diffraction (XRD).** For each of the four compounds, a single crystal was mounted on a Hampton CryoLoop in light oil for data collection at 100 K. A Bruker D8 SMART APEX II CCD diffractometer with the kappa geometry and Mo- $K\alpha$  radiation (a graphite monochromator,  $\lambda$  = 0.71073  $\text{\AA}$ ) was used to perform indexing and data collection, whereas SAINT was used to perform data integration Routine Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied. Multiscan absorption corrections were performed using SADABS.<sup>18</sup> Direct methods (SHELXS97) successfully located the tungsten atoms, and successive Fourier syntheses (SHELXL2014) revealed the remaining atoms.<sup>19</sup> Refinements were performed with full-matrix least-squares against  $|F^2|$  using all data. In the final refinement, all nonordered heavy atoms (W, Rh, Ir, Sb, K, and Na) were refined anisotropically, whereas the disordered counter cations and all oxygen atoms were refined isotropically. No hydrogen atoms were included in the models. The formula units shown in the CIF files are based exclusively on the atoms detected by XRD on a single crystal, whereas the formula units shown in the paper are based on the true bulk composition of the compounds determined by elemental analysis. Small discrepancies are exclusively due to the exact number of disordered counter cations and crystal water molecules. Crystallographic data are summarized in Table 1. The CIF files are available online via the CCDC codes 2070002–2070005.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The four polyanions  $[\{\text{RhCp}^*\}_2\text{Bi}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}]^{10-}$  (1),  $[\{\text{IrCp}^*\}_2\text{Bi}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}]^{10-}$  (2),  $[\{\text{RhCp}^*\}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}]^{10-}$  (3), and  $[\{\text{IrCp}^*\}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}]^{10-}$  (4) were synthesized by reacting the dimeric complexes  $(\text{MCp}^*\text{Cl}_2)_2$  ( $M = \text{Rh}$  and  $\text{Ir}$ ) in a 1:1 molar ratio with the heteropoly-22-tungstates  $[\text{X}_2\text{W}_{22}\text{O}_{74}(\text{OH})_2]^{12-}$  ( $X = \text{Sb}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Bi}^{\text{III}}$ ) in an aqueous medium at pH 6. Polyanions 1–4 are isostructural, comprising a dilacunary  $[\text{X}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}]^{14-}$  unit with a Cp\*M ( $M = \text{Rh}$  and  $\text{Ir}$ ) entity grafted at each lacunary site via three M–O(W) bonds (the remaining coordination sphere of Rh/Ir is occupied by the Cp\* ligand), leading to a structure with  $C_{2h}$  symmetry

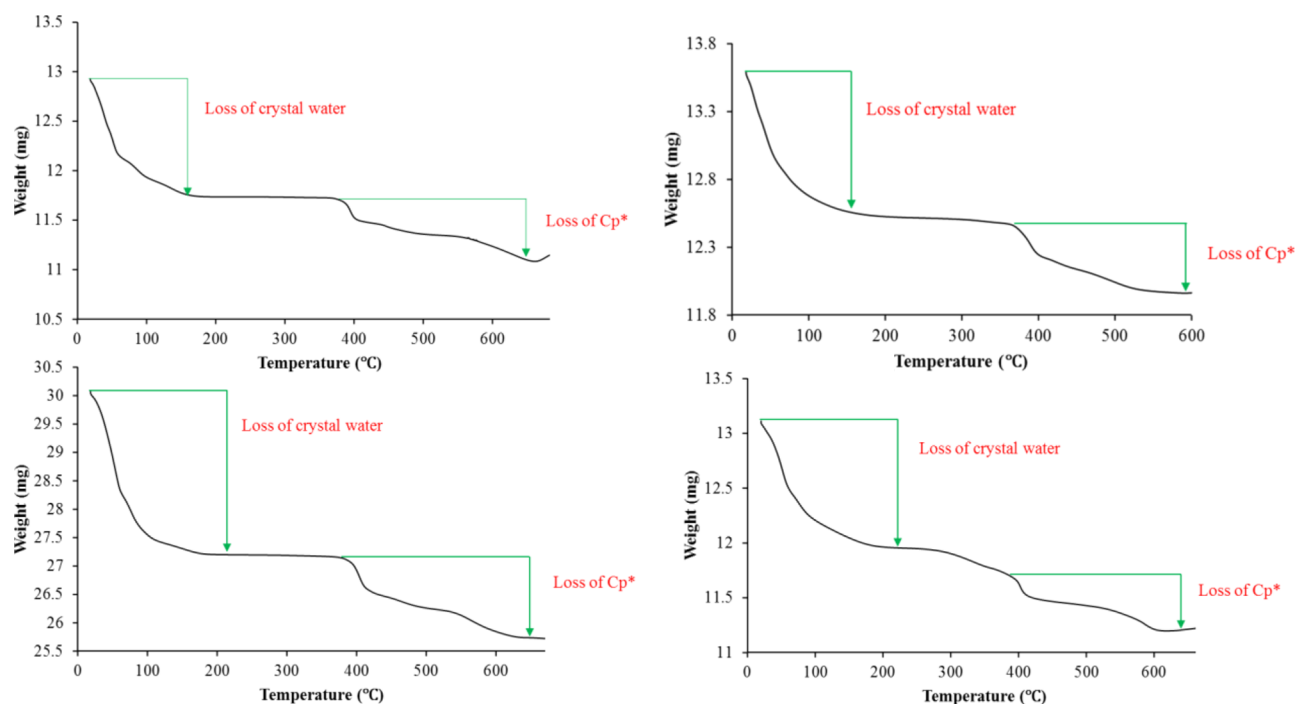


**Figure 1.** Polyhedral (left) and ball-and-stick (right) representation of polyanion 1. Color code: Rh (green), W (blue), Bi (orange), O (red), C (gray), and  $\text{WO}_6$  (dark red octahedra).

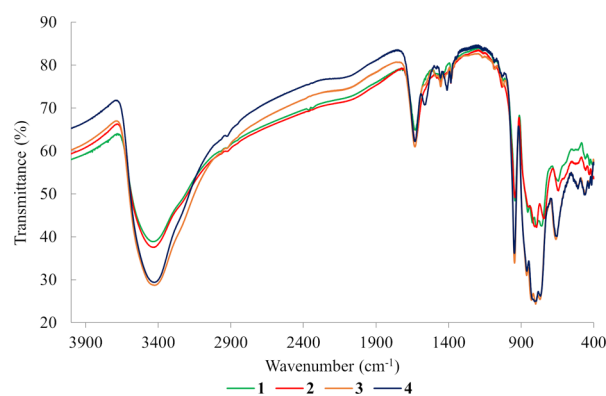
(Figure 1). It is relevant to mention that for each  $\text{MCp}^*$  ( $M = \text{Rh}$  and  $\text{Ir}$ ) unit, one M–O–W angle is  $\sim 180^\circ$ , whereas the other two are  $\sim 140^\circ$  each. The formation mechanism of 1–4 can be described as a substitution reaction of the 22-tungstate precursor, where two equivalent tungsten atoms with three terminal facial oxygens are replaced by organo-noble-metallic units. The coordination mode of the two  $\text{MCp}^*$  ( $M = \text{Rh}$  and  $\text{Ir}$ ) units in 1–4 is identical to that of arylruthenium(II) in  $[(\text{RuL})_2\text{X}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}]^{10-}$  ( $L = \text{benzene}$  and  $p\text{-cymene}$ ;  $X = \text{Sb}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Bi}^{\text{III}}$ ).<sup>20</sup>

The number of crystal waters associated with each compound was determined by TGA on hydrated salts of 1–4. The thermograms shown in Figure 2 exhibit two weight loss steps each. The first weight loss between room temperature and approximately 200  $^\circ\text{C}$  corresponds to the loss of crystal waters, whereas the second weight loss step after approximately 400  $^\circ\text{C}$  corresponds to the loss of the Cp\* group attached to the noble metal atom Ir or Rh. The FTIR spectra of the hydrated salts of 1–4 are shown in Figure 3, and they show the expected bands. The broad band between 3000 and 3600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to the O–H stretching vibration and the sharp band at 1650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to the O–H bending vibration associated with the crystal water molecules. The C–H stretching vibrations of the Cp\* methyl groups are assigned to the band at around 2900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The bands between 1350 and 1450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to the C–C stretching vibrations in Cp\* and the rest of the peaks in the fingerprint region between 400 and 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to the  $\text{W}=\text{O}/\text{W}-\text{O}$  and Bi–O or Sb–O vibrations of the polyanions. The four IR spectra can be categorized into two sets, the Bi derivatives 1 and 2 and the Sb derivatives 3 and 4.

Solution  $^{183}\text{W}$  NMR studies were performed on 1–4 in order to study their solution stability (Figure 4). The  $^{183}\text{W}$  NMR spectrum of 1 showed six singlets at  $-81.8$ ,  $-83.4$ ,  $-110.8$ ,  $-118.1$ ,  $-139.2$ , and  $-363.3$  ppm, with relative intensities 2:2:2:2:1:1, respectively, in perfect agreement with the  $C_{2h}$  symmetry of the polyanion. The peak at  $-363.3$  ppm, which is assigned to the W atom connected to the Rh atom via a linear oxo bridge, is a doublet due to  $^{183}\text{W}$ – $^{103}\text{Rh}$  coupling ( $^{103}\text{Rh}$ ,  $S = 1/2$ , 100%) with a coupling constant of  $^2J_{\text{W-Rh}}$  3.0 Hz. On the other hand, the  $^{183}\text{W}$  NMR spectrum of 3 showed only five peaks at  $-97.7$ ,  $-106.4$ ,  $-115.6$ ,  $-144.5$ , and  $-361.0$  ppm with relative intensities 2:2:4:1:1, respectively. The peak at  $-115.6$  ppm integrates to a relative value of 4 but is actually composed of two overlapping peaks with an equal intensity of 2. This observation is fully consistent with the reported



**Figure 2.** Thermograms of NaK-1 (top left), Na-2 (top right), NaK-3 (bottom left), and Na-4 (bottom right) from room temperature to 650 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



**Figure 3.** FTIR spectra of the hydrated salts of polyanions 1–4 (1 wt % in KBr pellets).

isostructural arylruthenium(II)-derivatives  $[(RuL)_2Sb_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (L = benzene and *p*-cymene).<sup>20,21</sup> The peak at  $-361.0$  ppm is a doublet due to  $^{183}W-^{103}Rh$  coupling with a coupling constant of  $^2J_{W-Rh}$  3.0 Hz. The  $^{183}W$  NMR spectrum of **2** showed the expected six peaks at  $-81.4$ ,  $-87.9$ ,  $-111.8$ ,  $-119.3$ ,  $-145.5$ , and  $-379.7$  ppm with relative intensities of 2:2:2:2:1:1. Unlike the Rh-analogue **1**, the most upfield peak in the spectrum of **2** is a singlet due to the absence of any  $S = 1/2$  nucleus for Ir. The  $^{183}W$  NMR spectrum of **4** exhibited a six-line spectrum with peaks at  $-98.8$ ,  $-117.3$ ,  $-118.4$ ,  $-121.0$ ,  $-153.2$ , and  $-380.3$  ppm. The peaks at  $-117.3$  and  $-118.4$  are closely spaced but can still be distinguished when focusing in this ppm region.

The  $^{13}C$  NMR spectra of **1–4** in water are shown in Figure 5. All four polyanions exhibit the expected spectra with two  $^{13}C$  peaks each. The upfield peak around 8 ppm corresponds to the five methyl carbons of the Cp\* ligands and the more downfield peak around 94 ppm for the rhodium derivatives and 85 ppm for the iridium derivatives corresponds to the five

aromatic carbon atoms constituting the five-membered Cp\* ring. It is important to note that both Rh-containing polyanions **1** and **3** exhibit  $^1J_{C-Rh}$  coupling between  $^{103}Rh$  and the carbon atoms of the C<sub>5</sub> ring with coupling constants of 6.6 and 7.0 Hz, respectively. We also made extensive efforts to obtain  $^{103}Rh$  NMR spectra for polyanions **1** and **3** but without success.

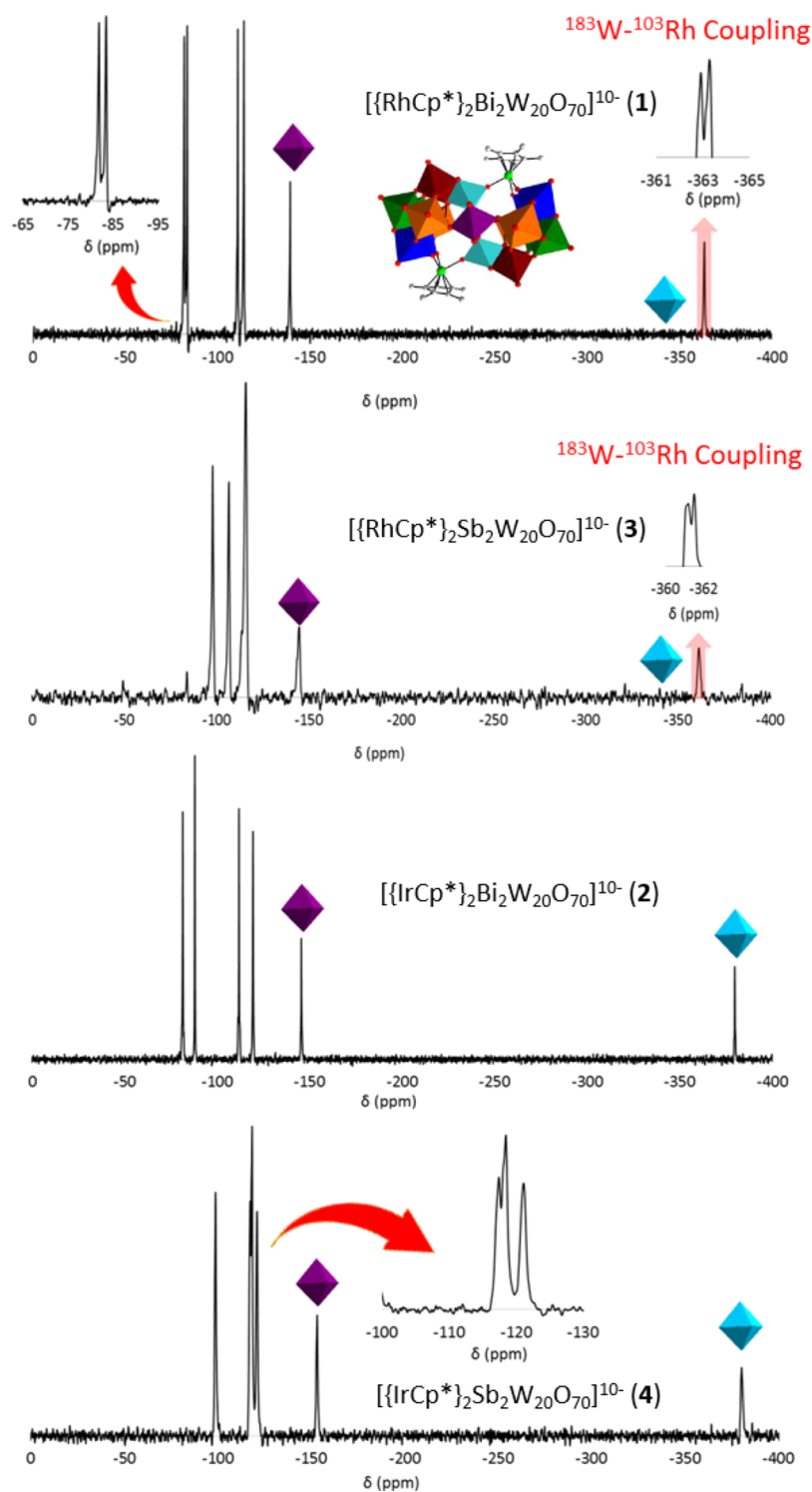
## CONCLUSIONS

We have synthesized and structurally characterized the RhCp\* and IrCp\*-containing polyanions  $[\{RhCp^*\}_2Bi_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (**1**),  $[\{IrCp^*\}_2Bi_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (**2**),  $[\{RhCp^*\}_2Sb_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (**3**), and  $[\{IrCp^*\}_2Sb_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{10-}$  (**4**), respectively. Polyanions **1–4** were synthesized by reacting  $(MCp^*Cl_2)_2$  (M = Rh and Ir) in a 1:1 molar ratio with the heteropoly-22-tungstates  $[X_2W_{22}O_{74}(OH)_2]^{12-}$  (X = Sb<sup>III</sup> and Bi<sup>III</sup>) in an aqueous medium at pH 6 and isolated as hydrated alkali salts. Polyanions **1–4** are isostructural, with two RhCp\* or IrCp\* groups grafted to dilacunary  $[X_2W_{20}O_{70}]^{14-}$  polyanion fragments. All compounds were characterized in the solid state by single-crystal XRD, FTIR spectroscopy, and TGA and in solution by  $^{183}W$  and  $^{13}C$  NMR spectroscopy. The  $^{183}W$  spectra of **1–4** showed the expected number of signals and relative intensities, although in **3**, two peaks are very closely spaced leading to an overlap. For **1** and **3**, the two-bond  $^{183}W-^{103}Rh$  coupling in  $^{183}W$  NMR could be observed. This is the ultimate evidence that the Rh atom remains attached to the POM framework in solution. Organorhodium and iridium-containing POMs are of interest for catalytic studies, which are currently ongoing in our laboratory.

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**Figure 4.**  $^{183}\text{W}$  NMR spectra of polyanions 1–4 in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The insets in the top two spectra show the doublets resulting from  $^2J_{\text{W-Rh}}$  coupling. The polyhedral representation of the polyanion is representative for 1–4 and highlights the magnetically inequivalent tungsten centers in different colors.

Crystallographic data for  $\text{Rh}_2\text{Bi}_2\text{W}_{20}$  (CIF)

Crystallographic data for  $\text{Ir}_2\text{Bi}_2\text{W}_{20}$  (CIF)

Crystallographic data for  $\text{Rh}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{W}_{20}$  (CIF)

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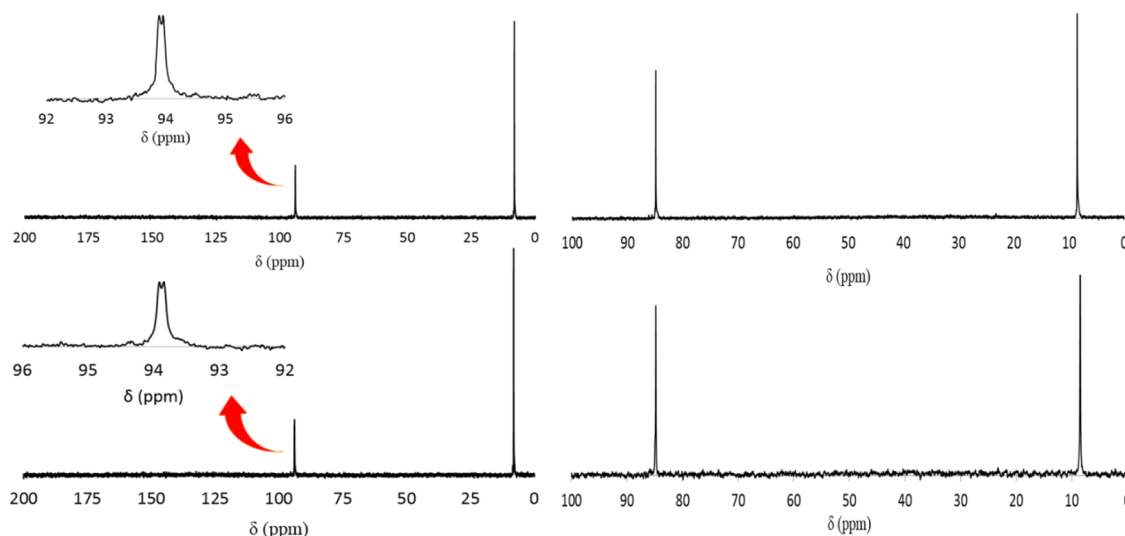
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**Figure 5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of **1** (top left), **2** (top right), **3** (bottom left), and **4** (bottom right) in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . The insets show the doublets resulting from  $^1J_{\text{C-Rh}}$  coupling.

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