

THE NATURE OF THE METAL-ACETYLIDE INTERACTION IN THE TERNARY TRANSITION METAL ACETYLIDE COMPLEX



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Abstract

The metal–acetylide bonding in the transition metal acetylide $\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5\text{Ti}[\eta\text{-C}_2(\text{SnMe}_3)_2]$ complex have been studied at the density functional theory (DFT) level using natural bond orbital (NBO)[1], energy decomposition analysis (EDA)[2], atoms in molecule (AIM)[3] and electron localization function (ELF)[4] methods. The NBO analyses show that there is a single bond between each M-C_{acetylide} bond, and all of them are polarized toward the C atoms. These bonds were associated with the intermediate atomic interaction type in terms of the Bader topological theory, whereas, both EDA and ELF methods support the classification of the metal-C_{acetylide} bonding as mainly ionic.

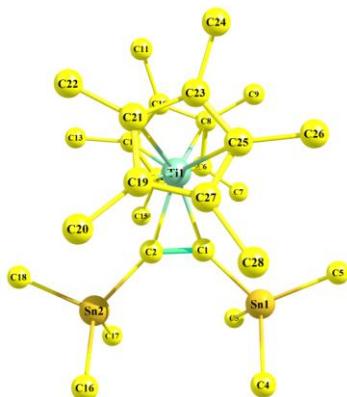


Figure 1: Molecular structure of the parent complex

$\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5\text{Ti}[\eta\text{-C}_2(\text{SnMe}_3)_2]$. The hydrogen are removed for clarity

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