Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Dalton Transactions. This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry 2014

## Mixed Sandwich Thorium Complexes Incorporating Bis(tri-*iso*propylsilyl)cyclooctatetraenyl and Pentamethylcyclopentadienyl Ligands: Synthesis, Structure and Reactivity

Z. E. Button, J. A. Higgins, M. Suvova, F. G. N. Cloke\*, S. M. Roe \* <u>f.g.cloke@sussex.ac.uk</u>

Department of Chemistry, School of Life Sciences, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9QJ, UK.

## **Electronic Supporting Information**

## Contents

Selected views of the molecular structure of <b>3</b> (Figure S1, S2).	<b>S</b> 1
Unrefined molecular structure of <b>6</b> (Figure S3).	S2
Crystal data for 1-5, 8 (Table S1, S2).	S3-S4
Cyclic voltammograms of 1 and 2 (Figure S4).	S4

## Selected views of the molecular structure of 3



Figure S1. ORTEP representation of the asymmetric unit of 3, showing modelling of carbonate ligand.



Figure S2. OLEX2-generated graphic of the grown structure of 3, showing only overlapping 50:50 occupancy core: label colours black and blue represent asymmetric unit and symmetry-generated molecule respectively.

Unrefined molecular structure of 6



**Figure S3.** ORTEP representation of the molecular structure of **6**. Refinement not complete; residual electron density also observed above the COT ring, thought to be a result of poor-quality twinned crystals for which a sufficient model could not be found.

	1	2	3	4
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>63</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> ClTh.(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> )	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>63</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> ITh	C <sub>36.5</sub> H <sub>63</sub> O <sub>1.5</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> Th.(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )	$C_{88}H_{142}O_4Si_4Th_2$
FW	903.69	910.98	906.22	1840.46
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P -1	P -1	P -1	P -1
a/Å	8.67790(1)	8.7050(4)	12.283(3)	12.3722(5)
b/Å	12.8594(2)	12.5835(6)	13.356(3)	13.3983(4)
c/Å	20.8423(4)	18.1400(8)	15.689(3)	15.7276(7)
$lpha/^{\circ}$	92.8860(10)	89.126(2)	65.93(3)	65.525(2)
β/°	99.1770(10)	83.109(2)	67.92(3)	67.618(2)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	109.519(2)	71.906(3)	72.30(3)	72.722(2)
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	2150.66(6)	1874.63(15)	2142.8(11)	2163.84(15)
Z	2	2	2	1
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.2 x 0.04 x 0.04	0.36 x 0.22 x 0.06	0.16 x 0.08 x 0.06	0.04 x 0.02 x 0.02
$\theta$ range/°	3.42 - 27.06	3.15 - 27.53	3.396 - 27.880	2.61 - 27.54
Completeness	97.9	99.5	98.6	98.3
Reflections collected, <i>R</i> (int)	26587, 0.0673	35632, 0.057	31500, 0.0581	28262, 0.0534
Independent reflections	9259	8609	9765	9819
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	R1 = 0.0465	R1 = 0.041	R1 = 0.0277	R1 = 0.0346
L (/)	wR2 = 0.0992	wR2 = 0.098	wR2 = 0.0605	wR2 = 0.0667
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0628	R1 = 0.053	R1 = 0.0329	R1 = 0.0476
	wR2 = 0.1055	wR2 = 0.103	wR2 = 0.0624	wR2 = 0.0707

 Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement details for 1-4.

	5	8
Formula	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>70</sub> Si <sub>2</sub> Th	$C_{74}H_{128}Si_4O_4Th_2$
FW	875.21	1904.23
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P -1	P -1
a/Å	13.0170(2)	11.9293(4)
b/Å	17.3983(3)	13.9229(6)
c/Å	20.0305(3)	14.3584(5)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	82.3334(9)	95.881(3)
β/°	75.2024(9)	113.241(3)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	69.8092(7)	113.851(3)
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	4111.27(12)	1904.24(14)
Ζ	4	1
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.14 x 0.08 x 0.06	0.2 x 0.1 x 0.04
$\theta$ range/°	2.106 - 27.47	2.68 - 26.32
Completeness	99.2	99.8
Reflections collected, <i>R</i> (int)	70490, 0.0603	14686, 0.0379
Independent reflections	18670	6696
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	R1 = 0.0339	R1 = 0.0376
	wR2 = 0.0580	wR2 = 0.0852
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0677	R1 = 0.0508
	wR2 = 0.0869	wR2 = 0.0907

 Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement details for 5 and 8.



**Figure S4:** Cyclic voltammograms of **1** (7.70 mM) and **2** (5.27 mM) in THF containing 0.1 M [N<sup>*n*</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]. The scan rate was 100 mV.s<sup>-1</sup>.