Hence, the hydrogen bonds in the KHSeO₄ crystal are much stronger than in the KHSO₄ crystal, where the O····O distances are 2.619 (3) and 2.573 (3) Å for dimer and polymer, respectively (Payan & Haser, 1976).

Although the positions of the H atoms were not found in our work, taking into account the Se-O distances one may suppose that the H is closer to the O(11) atom [the Se-O(11) length is 1.737 (6) Å] in the dimer hydrogen bond and closer to the O(22) atom [the Se–O(22) distance is 1.712 (6) Å] in the polymer-chain hydrogen bond. The other O atoms involved in the hydrogen bonding (acceptors) make shorter bonds with the Se atoms of lengths 1.638 (6) and 1.654 (7) Å for the dimer and chain, respectively. The lengths of the remaining two Se-O bonds are very similar in both SeO₄ groups (Table 2). The Se-O distances obtained correspond to the distances observed in RbHSeO, (Waśkowska, Olejnik, Łukaszewicz & Głowiak, 1978; Waśkowska, Olejnik, Łukaszewicz & Czapla, 1980; Roziere, Brach, & Jones, 1983) and NH₄HSeO₄ (Kruglik, Misjul & Aleksandrov, 1980; Aleksandrov, Kruglik, Misjul & Simonov, 1980).

The environments of both K^+ cations are similar to those observed in the sulfate analogue (Loopstra & MacGillavry, 1958). Each K^+ cation is surrounded by nine O atoms and only the K(1)–O(14) distance is significantly longer than 3 Å (see Table 2). The authors thank the Polish Academy of Sciences for financial support (Project MR.I.9).

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Structure of a Homoleptic Bis(diphenylphosphino)methanide Complex, $[Pt\{(C_6H_5)_2PCHP(C_6H_5)_2\}_2].C_6H_6$

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Abstract. Bis[bis(diphenylphosphino)methanido]platinum(II) benzene solvate, $[Pt(C_{25}H_{21}P_2)_2].C_6H_6$ $P\overline{1}, \quad a = 9.780(1), \quad b =$ $M_{r} = 1040.0$ triclinic, c = 12.898(1) Å, 9.817 (2), $\alpha = 93.09$ (1), ß = 109.51 (1), $\gamma = 95.68$ (1)° (reduced cell), V = 1157 (1) Å³, Z = 1, $D_x = 1.493$ g cm⁻³, λ (Mo K α) = 0.71069 Å, $\mu = 32.4$ cm⁻¹, F(000) = 522, T = 295 K, R = 0.016 for 6723 unique observed intensities. The structure is built from molecules of the bis(chelate) square-planar platinum(II) complex and of benzene. both of which straddle sites of crystallographic $\overline{1}$ symmetry. The ligand is attached to Pt through both P atoms and contains a delocalized P---C---P system with a mean P-C (methanido) bond length of 1.729 (2) Å. The PtP₂C chelate rings are significantly non-planar.

Introduction. The title complex (1) contains the first example of a transition-metal ion stabilized only by chelating bis(diphenylphosphino)methanide ligands. Products of composition $[M\{(C_6H_5)_2PCHP(C_6H_5)_2\}_2]$, M = Pd, Pt, have been reported previously but were deemed intractable and probably polymeric (Schmidbauer & Mandl, 1977; Bassett, Mandl & Schmidbauer, 1980). The preparation and spectroscopic characterization of (1), together with preliminary details of its structure, have been described earlier (Brown, Yavari, Manojlović-Muir, Muir, Moulding & Seddon, 1982).

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 Table 1. Atomic fractional coordinates and isotropic

 displacement parameters (Å²)

	x	V	z	U*
Pt	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.025
P(1)	0.03077(4)	0.23430(3)	0.05366 (3)	0.029
P(2)	0.04868(4)	0.12772(3)	-0.13272(3)	0.030
CÚ	0.0393 (2)	0.2852 (2)	-0.0706 (1)	0.037
$\tilde{C}(2)$	0.9929(3)	0.3670(2)	0.5275(2)	0.070
C(3)	0.8942(3)	0.4505 (3)	0.5415(2)	0.069
C(4)	1.0988 (3)	0.4167(3)	0.4860(2)	0.067
cán	0.1936 (2)	0.2960(1)	0.1726(1)	0.033
CÙ	0.2281(2)	0-4348 (2)	0.2118(2)	0.047
C(13)	0.3558 (2)	0-4799 (2)	0.2987(2)	0.057
C(14)	0.4506 (2)	0.3894 (3)	0.3475 (2)	0.059
C(15)	0-4174 (2)	0.2517 (3)	0.3098 (2)	0.063
C(16)	0.2902 (2)	0-2058 (2)	0.2226 (2)	0.049
C(21)	-0.1145 (2)	0.3046(1)	0.0898(1)	0.034
C(22)	-0·1100 (2)	0.3261 (2)	0.1984 (2)	0.048
C(23)	-0.2293 (3)	0.3678 (3)	0.2212 (2)	0.062
C(24)	-0.3542(3)	0.3874 (3)	0.1368 (2)	0.064
C(25)	-0.3605 (2)	0.3654 (3)	0.0286 (2)	0.064
C(26)	-0.2413(2)	0.3247 (2)	0.0052 (2)	0.049
C(31)	0.2187 (2)	0.1169 (2)	-0.1597 (1)	0.036
C(32)	0.3051 (2)	0.0143 (2)	-0.1219 (2)	0.052
C(33)	0.4312 (2)	0.0057 (3)	-0.1477 (3)	0.067
C(34)	0.4725 (2)	0.1003 (3)	-0.2091(2)	0.071
C(35)	0.3890 (3)	0.2038 (3)	-0.2459 (2)	0.076
C(36)	0.2619 (2)	0.2135 (2)	-0.2216(2)	0.058
C(41)	-0.0818 (2)	0.0944 (1)	-0.2739(1)	0.033
C(42)	-0.2057 (2)	0-1619 (2)	-0.3046(1)	0.040
C(43)	-0.3102 (2)	0.1338 (2)	-0.4096 (2)	0.050
C(44)	-0.2908 (2)	0.0393 (2)	-0.4848 (2)	0.052
C(45)	-0.1676 (2)	-0.0280 (2)	-0.4558 (2)	0.053
C(46)	-0.0635 (2)	-0.0012 (2)	-0.3505(1)	0.044
H(1)	0.068 (3)	0.374 (3)	-0.086 (2)	0.042 (7)
H(2)	0-995 (3)	0.273 (3)	0.556 (2)	0.090 (7)
H(3)	0.814 (3)	0.405 (3)	0.565 (2)	0.090 (7)
H(4)	1.171 (3)	0-359 (3)	0.480 (2)	0.089 (7)
H(12)	0-156 (3)	0-495 (3)	0.179 (2)	0-084 (7)
H(13)	0-379 (3)	0.576 (3)	0.328 (2)	0.086 (7)
H(14)	0-541 (3)	0-418 (3)	0.411 (2)	0.070 (7)
H(15)	0-498 (3)	0-190 (3)	0.343 (2)	0.082 (7)
H(16)	0.265 (3)	0.109 (3)	0.194 (2)	0.065 (7)
H(22)	-0.020 (3)	0.316 (3)	0.257 (2)	0.070 (7)
H(23)	-0·222 (3)	0.381 (3)	0-297 (2)	0.086 (7)
H(24)	-0.443 (3)	0-413 (3)	0-151 (2)	0.072 (6)
H(25)	-0.455 (3)	0.374 (3)	0.034 (2)	0.079 (7)
H(26)	-0.244 (3)	0-312 (3)	-0.065 (2)	0.069 (7)
H(32)	0.272 (3)	-0.056 (3)	<i>_</i> 0·077 (2)	0.052 (7)
H(33)	0-499 (3)	-0.067 (3)	-0·120 (2)	0.083 (7)
H(34)	0.567 (3)	0.100 (3)	-0.227 (2)	0.075 (7)
H(35)	0.411 (3)	0.272 (3)	-0.286 (2)	0.095 (7)
H(36)	0.200 (3)	0.293 (3)	-0.243 (2)	0.071 (7)
H(42)	-0·219 (3)	0.226 (3)	-0.252 (2)	0.048 (7)
H(43)	-0.400 (3)	0.182 (3)	-0.433 (2)	0.068 (7)
H(44)	-0.359 (3)	0.022 (3)	-0.561 (2)	0.060 (7)
H(45)	-0.150 (3)	-0.084 (3)	-0.508 (2)	0.077 (7)
H(46)	0.021 (3)	-0.051 (3)	-0-325 (2)	0.049 (7)

* U is the mean latent root of the anisotropic displacement tensor for non-H atoms. For H atoms it is the refined isotropic displacement parameter.



Fig. 1. The contents of the unit cell viewed down the *a* axis. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

Experimental. Straw-coloured centrosymmetric plate, forms exhibited and distances (cm) from specimen centroid: $\{001\}$ 0.008, $\{010\}$ 0.024, $\{10\overline{1}\}$ 0.027, {100} 0.030. Enraf-Nonius CAD-4F diffractometer, Mo X-rays, graphite monochromator, dimensions of the reduced cell by least-squares fit to setting angles automatically centred reflections 25 with of $15 \le \theta$ (Mo Ka) $\le 19^{\circ}$. Intensities of 7014 $h\pm k\pm l$ reflections $(h-12\rightarrow 12, k-12\rightarrow 12, l0\rightarrow 16$ with $2 \le \theta$ (Mo Ka) $\le 30^{\circ}$ from $\theta/2\theta$ scans of 1.41° in θ , correction for Lp, linear decay (maximum 14% of I) of intensities of 012 and 121 standard reflections, and absorption (Gaussian quadrature, 256 grid points, F^2 transmission factors 0.24–0.56), $R_{int} = 0.010$ for merging 274 duplicates, 6740 independent structure amplitudes, 17 (sic) with $I < 3\sigma(I)$ not used subsequently. Patterson and difference syntheses. H atoms from $\Delta \rho$ synthesis and subsequent least-squares refinement. Full-matrix least-squares refinement on F, w^{-1} $= \sigma^2(F) + 0.0016F^2$, anisotropic Pt, P and C, isotropic H, 373 parameters (non-H and H parameters adjusted in alternate cycles), R = 0.016, wR = 0.021, S = 1.0on F, $\Delta/\sigma < 0.004$, final $\Delta \rho$ values -0.9 to $1.1 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ near Pt and -0.26 to 0.37 e Å⁻³ elsewhere. Extinction correction not deemed necessary. Anomalousdispersion corrections (Pt, P, C) and neutral-atom scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974), GX crystallography program package (Mallinson & Muir, 1985). Space group $P\overline{1}$ confirmed by successful analysis. Atomic coordinates are in Table 1.*

Discussion. The Pt atoms lie on the 1(a) centres of symmetry at (0, 0, 0). The packing of the molecules of (1) which results (Fig. 1) leaves channels in the crystal running parallel to the *a* axis. The ordered benzene solvate molecules lie in these channels, straddling the 1(g) $(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ centres of symmetry. Intermolecular contacts [minimum C...H and H...H distances 2.76 (3) and 2.40 (3) Å respectively] are consistent with van der Waals packing.

The Pt atom has the square-planar arrangement expected for the dipositive oxidation state but the formation of two PtP₂C chelate rings leads to substantial in-plane distortion of its valency angles (Table 2). In the crystal, molecules of (1) approximate to C_{2h} point symmetry, with a non-crystallographic mirror plane passing through Pt, C(1) and H(1) normal to the Pt coordination plane (Fig. 2). The most significant distortion from C_{2h} symmetry arises from the orientation of the phenyl rings: corresponding Pt-P-

^{*} Lists of anisotropic displacement parameters, bond lengths and angles, and structure factors have been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 42587 (39 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

C(n1)-C torsion angles are 1.5(2), -76.2(2), 14.2(2), and $85.2(2)^{\circ}$ for rings n = 1-4. This conformation, together with the acute P(1)-Pt-P(2) angle avoids short non-bonded intramolecular contacts between atoms of different ligands.

 $R_2PCHPR_2^{-1}$ ligands can chelate a metal ion in two ways: either an MP---CH---P ring is formed in which the charge is delocalized over the two P--C bonds, or, alternatively, a three-membered MP--CH--P ring is obtained (Schmidbauer, Lauteschläger & Milewski-Mahrla, 1983). The former arrangement is found in (1) and also in $[Pt\{(C_6H_5)_2PCHP(C_6H_5)_2\}\{(CH_2)_2 P(CH_3)_2\}]$ (2) (Bassett *et al.*, 1980) and $[PtCl(PEt_3) {(C_6H_5)_2PCHP(C_6H_5)_2}]$ (3) (Browning, Bushnell & Dixon, 1980). However, there are significant differences in geometry between the PtP_2C chelate rings in (1)--(3). Thus the mean Pt--P bond length in (1), 2.324 (3) Å,* is longer than the value of 2.276 (5) Å in (2), while in (3) distances of 2.317 (2) and 2.252 (2) Å are found

* Weighted means are given throughout this paper. Their standard deviations are the greater of the estimates from the range of individual values and from the pooled individual standard deviations.

 Table 2. Selected interatomic distances (Å) and angles

 (°)

Pt-P(1)	2.326 (1)	P(1)-C(11)	1.825 (2)
Pt-P(2)	2.321 (1)	P(1) - C(21)	1.820 (2)
P(1)-C(1)	1.730 (2)	P(2)-C(31)	1.821 (2)
P(2)—C(1)	1.727 (2)	P(2)-C(41)	1.831 (2)
C(1)—H(1)	0.94 (3)	P(1)P(2)	2.636 (1)
P(1)PtP(2)	69.1 (1)	Pt - P(1) - C(1)	95.0 (1)
Pt - P(1) - C(11)	115.4 (1)	Pt - P(1) - C(21)	117.9 (1)
C(1) - P(1) - C(11)	114.0(1)	C(1) - P(1) - C(21)	112.1 (1)
C(11) - P(1) - C(21)	103-0 (1)	Pt - P(2) - C(1)	95.3 (1)
Pt-P(2)-C(31)	119-4 (1)	Pt-P(2)-C(41)	117.0 (1)
C(1) - P(2) - C(31)	113.9(1)	C(1) - P(2) - C(41)	112.4 (1)
C(31)-P(2)-C(41)	99.8 (1)	P(1)-C(1)-P(2)	99.4 (1)
P(1)—C(1)—H(1)	127.5 (17)	P(2)-C(1)-H(1)	129-2 (17)



Fig. 2. A view of the $[Pt\{(C_6H_5)_2PCHP(C_6H_5)_2\}_2]$ molecule illustrating the atom numbering. Phenyl rings are numbered cyclically $C(n1)\cdots C(n6)$ starting at the P-substituted C atom and only the serial number of C(n2) is shown. H atoms are omitted [apart from H(1)]. Phenyl C atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary size. Otherwise 50% ellipsoids are displayed.

trans to P and Cl respectively. These variations imply a *trans*-influence series P > C > CI. In all three complexes the charge delocalization reveals itself in shortening of the P-C(ring) bonds: In (1) the mean P-C(1) bond length of 1.729 (2) Å is 0.1 Å shorter than the mean P-C(phenyl) distance of 1.825 (3) Å and compares well with corresponding values of 1.76 (2) and 1.72 Å in (2) and (3). Bond angles within the chelate rings of (1)-(3) are also closely comparable. However, the PtP₂C unit is said to be close to coplanar in (3) and coplanar to ± 0.02 Å in (2). By contrast, in (1) C(1) and H(1) are displaced by +0.217 (2) and +0.13 (3) Å from the PtP₂ plane, indicating that rigorous coplanarity is not an essential feature of the PtP₂C rings in these complexes. Moreover, a significant pyramidal distortion of the formally planar $sp^2 C(1)$ atom in (1) is indicated by the displacement of H(1) by 0.27(3) Å from the weighted plane through C(1), P(1), P(2) and H(1). The reason for this distortion is not obvious.

The dimensions of the phenyl rings are normal: C–C bond lengths are 1.369 (5)–1.395 (3) Å and show the expected effects of thermal shrinkage at the ring peripheries (Domenicano, Vaciago & Coulson, 1975); C–H bond lengths are 0.90 (3)–1.03 (3) Å, with a mean of 0.981 (7) Å. It is worth noting that the mean C–C–C angle of 118.7 (2)° at P-substituted phenyl C is close to the mean value of 118.5 (1)° for P¹¹¹–C₆H₅ found by Domenicano *et al.* (1975), implying that delocalization of charge onto P does not appreciably change its electronegativity relative to *e.g.* P(C₆H₅)₃.

The benzene solvate molecules contain a regular hexagon of C atoms and the mean C–C bond length of 1.374 (3) Å is not significantly different from that found (before libration correction) in the X-ray study of benzene itself (Cox, Cruickshank & Smith, 1958).

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