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## Chloro(dimethylphenylphosphine)gold(I)

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### Abstract

Two molecules of [(Me<sub>2</sub>Ph)PAuCl] comprise the asymmetric unit; these differ in the relative orientations of the phosphine-bound substituents. The Au—P bond distances are 2.214 (6) and 2.205 (5) Å for molecules (1) and (2), respectively; the Au—Cl distances are 2.276 (6) and 2.273 (6) Å and the P—Au—Cl angles are 177.2 (3) and 175.4 (2)°, respectively.

### Comment

The geometries found for the independent Au atoms in [(Me<sub>2</sub>Ph)PAuCl] are as found in related derivatives. Of interest is the systematic variation of the Au—P bond distances in complexes of general formula [R<sub>3</sub>PAuCl]. Whereas the Au—Cl bond distances are equal within experimental error in the series of complexes *R* = cyclo-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub> (Muir, Muir, Pulgar, Jones & Sheldrick, 1985), *R* = *o*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (Harker & Tiekink, 1990), *R* = Ph (Baenziger, Bennett & Soboroff, 1976), *R* = Et (Tiekink, 1989) and *R*<sub>3</sub> = Me<sub>2</sub>Ph, the trend in the Au—P bond distances decreases in this order, *i.e.* Au—P 2.242 (4) for *R* = cyclo-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>, 2.243 (2) for *R* = *o*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, 2.235 (3) for *R* = Ph, 2.232 (9) and 2.231 (8) (two molecules) for *R* = Et, and 2.214 (6) and 2.205 (5) Å (two molecules) for *R*<sub>3</sub> = Me<sub>2</sub>Ph; the relatively high experimental errors notwithstanding. This trend follows that predicted from cone-angle considerations (Tolman, 1977).

The structure is molecular, there being no significant intermolecular contacts except for an Au(1)···Au(2) interaction of 3.262 (2) Å. The two independent molecules differ from each other in the relative orientations of the phosphine-bound substituents, as shown by the torsion angles Cl(*n*)—Au(*n*)—P(*n*)—C(*n*2), C(*n*3), C(*n*11) of –47, –165 and 72° for *n* = 1, and –178, 68 and –56° for *n* = 2, respectively.

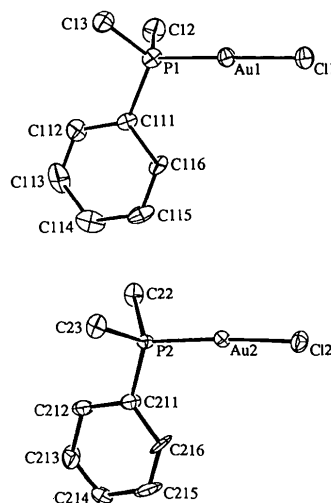


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of [(Me<sub>2</sub>Ph)PAuCl] showing the crystallographic numbering scheme; diagram drawn at 30% probability levels (Johnson, 1976).

### Experimental

#### Crystal data

[AuCl(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>P)]

*M<sub>r</sub>* = 370.6

Orthorhombic

*P*2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>

*a* = 12.639 (4) Å

*b* = 16.931 (6) Å

*c* = 9.458 (3) Å

*V* = 2024 (1) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 8

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 2.432 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo *K*α radiation

λ = 0.71073 Å

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

θ = 8.0–12.8°

μ = 148.550 cm<sup>-1</sup>

*T* = 295 K

Block

0.27 × 0.27 × 0.14 mm

Colourless

#### Data collection

AFC-6R diffractometer

ω/2-θ scans

Absorption correction:

refined from Δ*F* (Walker & Stuart, 1983)

*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.945, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 1.058

3015 measured reflections

2143 independent reflections

1608 observed reflections

[*I* > 3.0σ(*I*)]

*R<sub>int</sub>* = 4.58

θ<sub>max</sub> = 25.3°

*h* = –1 → 15

*k* = 0 → 18

*l* = –11 → 0

3 standard reflections

monitored every 400

reflections

intensity variation:

–2.26%

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*

Final *R* = 0.0350

*wR* = 0.0390

*S* = 2.380

1608 reflections

199 parameters

H atoms included in calculated positions

Weighting scheme based on measured e.s.d.'s

(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.0070

Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.93 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Δρ<sub>min</sub> = –0.98 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV)

Data collection: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1992). Cell refinement: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control software*. Data reduction: *TEXSAN PROCESS* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1992). Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1986). Program(s) used to refine structure: *TEXSAN LS*. Software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN FINISH*.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

$$U_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j$$

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Au(1)	0.54801 (7)	0.35615 (5)	0.5251 (1)	0.0403
Au(2)	0.43693 (7)	0.32211 (5)	0.21977 (10)	0.0337
Cl(1)	0.6889 (5)	0.2949 (4)	0.4228 (8)	0.0626
Cl(2)	0.4269 (5)	0.4549 (3)	0.1866 (7)	0.0502
P(1)	0.4152 (5)	0.4157 (4)	0.6343 (6)	0.0376
P(2)	0.4450 (5)	0.1923 (3)	0.2333 (6)	0.0310
C(12)	0.377 (2)	0.372 (2)	0.801 (3)	0.0550
C(13)	0.296 (2)	0.415 (1)	0.542 (3)	0.0679
C(22)	0.459 (2)	0.154 (1)	0.405 (2)	0.0451
C(23)	0.561 (2)	0.155 (1)	0.152 (2)	0.0439
C(111)	0.442 (2)	0.516 (1)	0.677 (2)	0.0275
C(112)	0.362 (2)	0.568 (1)	0.712 (3)	0.0447
C(113)	0.384 (2)	0.642 (2)	0.747 (3)	0.0662
C(114)	0.487 (2)	0.670 (2)	0.745 (2)	0.0541
C(115)	0.568 (2)	0.620 (2)	0.709 (3)	0.0538
C(116)	0.545 (2)	0.544 (1)	0.675 (2)	0.0339
C(211)	0.334 (2)	0.144 (1)	0.159 (3)	0.0426
C(212)	0.329 (2)	0.060 (1)	0.165 (3)	0.0490
C(213)	0.246 (2)	0.025 (1)	0.093 (3)	0.0630
C(214)	0.174 (2)	0.065 (2)	0.027 (4)	0.0771
C(215)	0.182 (2)	0.147 (2)	0.018 (3)	0.0740
C(216)	0.262 (2)	0.184 (1)	0.078 (4)	0.0742

Table 2. Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Au(1)—Cl(1)	2.276 (6)	P(1)—C(13)	1.74 (2)
Au(1)—P(1)	2.214 (6)	P(1)—C(111)	1.77 (2)
Au(2)—Cl(2)	2.273 (6)	P(2)—C(22)	1.76 (2)
Au(2)—P(2)	2.205 (5)	P(2)—C(23)	1.77 (2)
P(1)—C(12)	1.81 (2)	P(2)—C(211)	1.77 (2)
Cl(1)—Au(1)—P(1)	177.2 (3)	C(13)—P(1)—C(111)	106 (1)
Cl(2)—Au(2)—P(2)	175.4 (2)	Au(2)—P(2)—C(22)	115.2 (7)
Au(1)—P(1)—C(12)	114.9 (9)	Au(2)—P(2)—C(23)	111.6 (8)
Au(1)—P(1)—C(13)	114.9 (9)	Au(2)—P(2)—C(211)	113.7 (8)
Au(1)—P(1)—C(111)	113.4 (8)	C(22)—P(2)—C(23)	100 (1)
C(12)—P(1)—C(13)	101 (1)	C(22)—P(2)—C(211)	106 (1)
C(12)—P(1)—C(111)	104 (1)	C(23)—P(2)—C(211)	108 (1)

[(Me<sub>2</sub>Ph)PAuCl] was prepared according to the literature procedure (Al-Saady, McAuliffe, Parish & Sandbank, 1985). Scans of  $(0.94 + 0.35 \tan \theta)^\circ$  were made at  $32^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$  in  $\omega$ . The ratio of peak to background counting times was 2:1. The absolute configuration was determined by reversing the signs of the reflections (other hand:  $R = 0.047$  and  $wR = 0.050$ ).

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 71195 (9 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England. [CIF reference: AS1052]

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## Structure of ( $\eta^5$ -Cyclopentadienyl)bis-(dimethylphenylphosphine)palladium(II) Perchlorate

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## Abstract

In the crystal structure of [Pd( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>]-ClO<sub>4</sub> the asymmetric unit contains two cations and two anions, one cation adopting a nearly eclipsed, and the other a staggered orientation of the C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub> ring with respect to the perpendicular Pd(PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub> fragment. The coordination geometry around the metal atom is distorted square planar in both rotamers. The Pd—P distances are 2.250 (2)–2.253 (2) Å and the Pd—C distances vary from 2.252 (8)–2.343 (6) Å.

## Comment

Interest in transition-metal complexes [M( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)L<sub>x</sub>] stems from realization that binding to a ML<sub>x</sub> fragment with metal-atom orbitals of less than cylindrical distribution causes the C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub> ring to lose its D<sub>5h</sub> symmetry.

Significant variations in the C—M and C—C bond lengths have been observed in the complexes of the