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**Bis(*tri-n*-butylphosphino)gold(I)  
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**Abstract**

The Au atom is linearly coordinated to two disordered tri-*n*-butylphosphine ligands with Au—P distances of 2.310 (3) and 2.305 (4) Å and a P—Au—P bond angle of 176.1 (1)°.

**Comment**

We have been structurally characterizing a number of bisphosphine complexes of gold(I) (Staples, King, Khan, Winpenny & Fackler, 1993). The cation bis(*tri-n*-butylphosphine)gold(I), (I), is shown in Fig. 1.

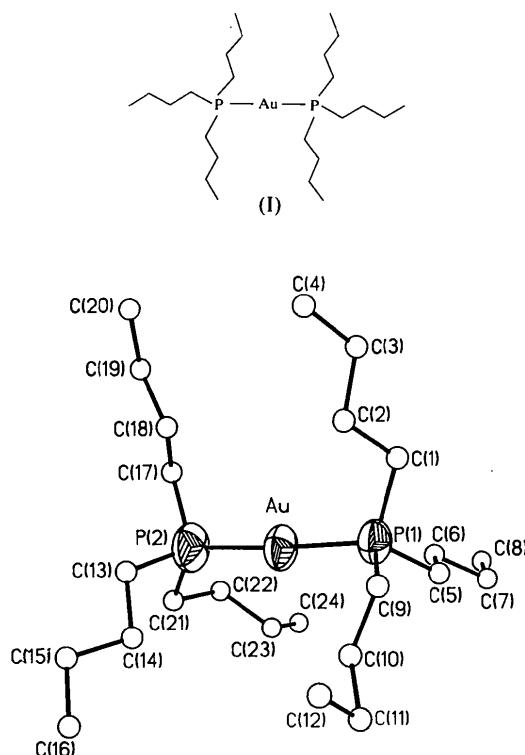


Fig. 1. A view of the disordered cation in bis(*tri-n*-butylphosphine)gold(I) tetraphenylborate, showing the numbering scheme. The C atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.

The Au—P bond lengths in the title complex are unexceptional at 2.310 (3) and 2.305 (4) Å, which compare with other bis(alkylphosphine) complexes reported: bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)gold chloride [2.32 Å (Muir, Muir, Pulgar, Jones & Sheldrick, 1985)], bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)gold thiocyanate [2.30 and 2.32 Å (Muir, Muir & Lorca, 1980)], bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)gold(I) hexafluorophosphate [2.32 and 2.32 Å (Cooper, Dennis, Henrick & McPartlin, 1980)], bis(dicyclohexylphenylphosphine)gold(I) chloride [2.30 and 2.32 Å (Muir, Cuadrado, Muir & Barnes, 1988)] and bis[tris(2-cyanoethyl)phosphine]gold(I) chloride [2.31 Å (Khan, King, Fackler & Winpenny, 1993)]. The P—Au—P angle is 176.1 (1)° and is also unexceptional compared with the linear bis(alkylphosphine) complexes with non-coordinating anions.

**Experimental***Crystal data*

[Au(C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>27</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> ][B(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]	Mo Kα radiation
<i>M</i> <sub>r</sub> = 920.8	λ = 0.71073 Å
Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	θ = 10–30°
<i>a</i> = 14.429 (3) Å	μ = 3.08 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>b</i> = 20.995 (10) Å	<i>T</i> = 293 K
<i>c</i> = 17.047 (8) Å	Irregular
β = 107.75 (3)°	0.5 × 0.2 × 0.1 mm
<i>V</i> = 4918 (4) Å <sup>3</sup>	Colorless
<i>Z</i> = 4	Crystal source: CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /Et <sub>2</sub> O
<i>D</i> <sub>x</sub> = 1.24 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>	

*Data collection*

Nicolet R3m/E diffractometer	<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.024
Wyckoff scans	θ <sub>max</sub> = 22.5°
Absorption correction:	<i>h</i> = 0 → 14
empirical (216 azimuthal reflections)	<i>k</i> = 0 → 21
<i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> = 0.51, <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub> = 0.98	<i>l</i> = -17 → 17
5023 measured reflections	3 standard reflections monitored every 97 reflections
4870 independent reflections	intensity variation: <1%
3464 observed reflections	
[ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 3σ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> ]	

*Refinement*

Refinement on <i>F</i>	partial secondary, <i>F</i> <sub>c</sub> × [1 + 0.002 <i>x</i> <i>F</i> <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> (sinθ)] <sup>-1/4</sup>
<i>R</i> = 0.0543	Extinction coefficient:
<i>wR</i> = 0.0612	<i>x</i> = 0.000090
<i>S</i> = 1.31	Atomic scattering factors
3464 reflections	from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV)
451 parameters	
<i>w</i> = [ <i>σ</i> <sup>2</sup> ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> ) + 0.000963 <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>-1</sup>	
(Δ/ <i>σ</i> ) <sub>max</sub> = 0.24	
Δρ <sub>max</sub> = 0.70 e Å <sup>-3</sup>	
Δρ <sub>min</sub> = -0.64 e Å <sup>-3</sup>	

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

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3) \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

Au	0.0060 (1)	0.6843 (1)	0.6810 (1)	0.082 (1)	C(17)—C(18)	1.533 (11)	C(18)—C(19)	1.531 (13)
P(1)	0.0501 (2)	0.7101 (2)	0.5655 (2)	0.078 (1)	C(19)—C(20)	1.531 (24)	C(19)—C(20')	1.531 (28)
C(1)	-0.0271 (6)	0.6702 (5)	0.4727 (5)	0.083 (6)	B(1)—C(51)	1.690 (17)	C(21)—C(22)	1.525 (32)
C(2)	-0.1351 (6)	0.6799 (7)	0.4641 (7)	0.107 (7)	C(22)—C(23)	1.530 (24)	C(10)—C(11')	1.532 (19)
C(3)	-0.1984 (8)	0.6350 (7)	0.3984 (8)	0.124 (8)	P(1)—Au—P(2)	176.1 (1)	Au—P(1)—C(1)	112.0 (3)
C(4)	-0.3065 (9)	0.6487 (10)	0.3842 (11)	0.169 (10)	Au—P(1)—C(5)	116.1 (4)	C(1)—P(1)—C(5)	104.6 (5)
C(5)	0.1751 (5)	0.6894 (5)	0.5690 (7)	0.089 (6)	Au—P(1)—C(9)	112.4 (5)	C(1)—P(1)—C(9)	105.7 (5)
C(6)	0.2068 (7)	0.6234 (5)	0.6060 (7)	0.087 (6)	C(5)—P(1)—C(9)	105.2 (6)	P(1)—C(1)—C(2)	110.7 (7)
C(7)	0.3097 (7)	0.6092 (7)	0.6022 (8)	0.105 (7)	C(1)—C(2)—C(3)	110.5 (10)	C(2)—C(3)—C(4)	110 (1)
C(8)	0.3423 (11)	0.5430 (7)	0.6381 (12)	0.164 (11)	P(1)—C(5)—C(6)	113.2 (7)	C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	109.3 (9)
C(9)	0.0386 (9)	0.7957 (3)	0.5425 (7)	0.095 (7)	C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	110 (1)	P(1)—C(9)—C(10)	111.4 (7)
C(10)	0.0884 (13)	0.8356 (3)	0.6189 (8)	0.160 (11)	C(9)—C(10)—C(11)	128.1 (9)	C(9)—C(10)—C(11')	102.1 (8)
C(11)	0.1209 (25)	0.9053 (8)	0.6228 (26)	0.183 (25)	C(10)—C(11)—C(12')	114 (2)	C(10)—C(11)—C(12)	97 (2)
C(12)	0.0194 (26)	0.9353 (14)	0.5915 (27)	0.201 (25)	Au—P(2)—C(17)	111.2 (3)	C(13)—P(2)—C(21)	91.6 (9)
C(11')	0.0512 (26)	0.9028 (7)	0.5908 (18)	0.155 (20)	Au—P(2)—C(21)	123.3 (7)	C(10)—C(11')—C(12)	154 (3)
C(12')	0.0591 (32)	0.9517 (17)	0.6591 (20)	0.189 (24)	C(17)—P(2)—C(21)	110.5 (8)	C(10)—C(11')—C(12')	116 (2)
P(2)	-0.0488 (2)	0.6583 (2)	0.7906 (2)	0.104 (2)	C(13)—C(14)—C(15)	106 (1)	Au—P(2)—C(13)	113.1 (5)
C(13)	-0.1190 (11)	0.7225 (6)	0.8190 (10)	0.144 (10)	P(2)—C(17)—C(18)	109.8 (6)	C(13)—P(2)—C(17)	104.1 (5)
C(14)	-0.0614 (11)	0.7844 (7)	0.8433 (12)	0.175 (12)	C(18)—C(19)—C(20)	123 (1)	P(2)—C(13)—C(14)	113.4 (9)
C(15)	-0.1216 (16)	0.8272 (11)	0.8820 (15)	0.215 (16)	C(19)—C(20')—C(20)	76 (3)	C(17)—C(18)—C(19)	108.2 (8)
C(16)	-0.0707 (20)	0.8916 (13)	0.9031 (21)	0.296 (22)	C(21)—C(22)—C(23)	115 (1)	C(18)—C(19)—C(20')	96 (1)
C(17)	-0.1343 (5)	0.5907 (4)	0.7651 (5)	0.122 (8)	C(31)—B(1)—C(41)	114.7 (9)	C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	109 (2)
C(18)	-0.2209 (5)	0.6072 (5)	0.6898 (6)	0.129 (8)	C(41)—B(1)—C(51)	112.0 (9)	P(2)—C(21)—C(22)	102 (1)
C(19)	-0.2981 (6)	0.5553 (5)	0.6797 (8)	0.170 (11)	C(41)—B(1)—C(61)	102.0 (8)	C(22)—C(23)—C(24)	104 (1)
C(20)	-0.3941 (16)	0.5546 (15)	0.6094 (18)	0.178 (21)	B(1)—C(31)—C(32)	120.6 (5)	C(31)—B(1)—C(51)	103.9 (8)
C(20')	-0.3761 (19)	0.5874 (13)	0.6091 (20)	0.209 (24)	B(1)—C(41)—C(42)	120.2 (6)	C(31)—B(1)—C(61)	112.0 (9)
C(21)	0.0316 (16)	0.6517 (11)	0.8971 (6)	0.298 (21)	B(1)—C(51)—C(52)	117.6 (6)	C(51)—B(1)—C(61)	112.7 (8)
C(22)	0.1033 (11)	0.6004 (11)	0.8897 (15)	0.258 (20)	B(1)—C(61)—C(62)	117.5 (6)	B(1)—C(31)—C(36)	119.3 (5)
C(23)	0.1948 (6)	0.6247 (4)	0.8719 (11)	0.229 (14)	B(1)—C(41)—C(46)	119.8 (6)	B(1)—C(51)—C(56)	122.3 (6)
C(24)	0.2663 (11)	0.5688 (7)	0.8947 (14)	0.230 (14)	B(1)—C(61)—C(66)	122.5 (6)		
B(1)	0.4841 (9)	0.1508 (7)	0.3100 (7)	0.071 (6)				
C(31)	0.4753 (7)	0.0947 (3)	0.2391 (4)	0.063 (5)				
C(32)	0.5542 (7)	0.0551 (3)	0.2427 (4)	0.081 (6)				
C(33)	0.5482 (7)	0.0113 (3)	0.1798 (4)	0.097 (7)				
C(34)	0.4633 (7)	0.0070 (3)	0.1134 (4)	0.110 (8)				
C(35)	0.3844 (7)	0.0465 (3)	0.1097 (4)	0.106 (7)				
C(36)	0.3904 (7)	0.0904 (3)	0.1726 (4)	0.082 (6)				
C(41)	0.3854 (6)	0.1593 (5)	0.3401 (5)	0.080 (6)				
C(42)	0.3712 (6)	0.2151 (5)	0.3794 (5)	0.102 (7)				
C(43)	0.2887 (6)	0.2218 (5)	0.4051 (5)	0.132 (9)				
C(44)	0.2205 (6)	0.1728 (5)	0.3915 (5)	0.155 (12)				
C(45)	0.2346 (6)	0.1170 (5)	0.3523 (5)	0.138 (10)				
C(46)	0.3171 (6)	0.1102 (5)	0.3266 (5)	0.104 (7)				
C(51)	0.5095 (8)	0.2177 (4)	0.2653 (4)	0.072 (5)				
C(52)	0.6033 (8)	0.2242 (4)	0.2593 (4)	0.085 (6)				
C(53)	0.6267 (8)	0.2768 (4)	0.2190 (4)	0.110 (8)				
C(54)	0.5563 (8)	0.3228 (4)	0.1846 (4)	0.127 (9)				
C(55)	0.4625 (8)	0.3163 (4)	0.1906 (4)	0.123 (9)				
C(56)	0.4391 (8)	0.2637 (4)	0.2309 (4)	0.089 (6)				
C(61)	0.5696 (5)	0.1335 (5)	0.3987 (4)	0.064 (5)				
C(62)	0.5692 (5)	0.0723 (6)	0.4305 (4)	0.084 (6)				
C(63)	0.6404 (5)	0.0547 (5)	0.5031 (4)	0.108 (8)				
C(64)	0.7119 (5)	0.0983 (5)	0.5438 (4)	0.109 (8)				
C(65)	0.7122 (5)	0.1595 (5)	0.5120 (4)	0.109 (8)				
C(66)	0.6410 (5)	0.1771 (5)	0.4395 (4)	0.090 (6)				

**Table 2.** Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Au—P(1)	2.310 (3)	Au—P(2)	2.305 (4)
P(1)—C(1)	1.837 (8)	P(1)—C(5)	1.837 (8)
P(1)—C(9)	1.837 (7)	C(1)—C(2)	1.533 (13)
C(2)—C(3)	1.533 (17)	C(3)—C(4)	1.531 (18)
C(5)—C(6)	1.532 (15)	C(6)—C(7)	1.535 (16)
C(7)—C(8)	1.532 (20)	C(9)—C(10)	1.531 (14)
C(10)—C(11)	1.532 (21)	C(11')—C(12')	1.532 (44)
C(11)—C(12)	1.532 (47)	B(1)—C(31)	1.666 (15)
C(11)—C(12')	1.569 (57)	B(1)—C(41)	1.664 (17)
B(1)—C(61)	1.675 (13)	C(23)—C(24)	1.532 (17)
P(2)—C(13)	1.838 (16)	P(2)—C(17)	1.843 (8)
P(2)—C(21)	1.838 (12)	C(13)—C(14)	1.530 (20)
C(14)—C(15)	1.533 (32)	C(15)—C(16)	1.528 (34)

Crystals of [Au{P(*n*-butyl)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>2</sub>][BPh<sub>4</sub>] were grown by the diffusion of ether into a dichloromethane solution of the compound. A crystal was mounted on a glass fiber for data collection; axial dimensions and monoclinic symmetry were verified by axial-rotation photographs. Au(1) was located by the Patterson technique and all other non-H atoms were located by repeated Fourier syntheses. The phenyl rings were idealized as regular hexagons (C—C—C = 120°, C—C = 1.39 Å) and refined as rigid bodies. Because of severe disorder, it was necessary to constrain the C—C bond lengths within the phosphine ligands. For C(11), C(12) and C(20) two alternate positions with 50% site occupancies were distinguishable and were refined as such. The positions of the H atoms attached to the phenyl rings were idealized (C—H = 0.96 Å) and assigned constrained isotropic displacement parameters  $U(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . No attempt was made either to locate, or to include within the refinement, the H atoms on the phosphine ligand; non-H atoms were refined anisotropically. The maximum and minimum residual electron densities in the final difference Fourier map were less than 0.7 e Å<sup>-3</sup>. All computations were performed using *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1984).

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## Hybrid Ligands. Structure of a Palladium(II) Complex Containing a Pyrazolol-Derived Phosphine Ligand, $[(o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_2)\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_2\text{P}\{\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{Ph})\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{Me})\})]$

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### Abstract

In the title compound,  $\{2\text{-}[(\text{dimethylamino}-\kappa\text{N})\text{-methyl}]\text{phenyl}-\kappa\text{C}\}(4\text{-diphenylphosphino}-\kappa\text{P}-3\text{-methyl-1-phenyl-5-pyrazololato}-\kappa\text{O})\text{palladium(II)}$  0.5-benzene solvate,  $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OP})(\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{N})] \cdot 0.5\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , the Pd atom, which is in a quasi-planar

environment, is complexed by two chelating three-electron-donor ligands, with P and N atoms occupying *trans* positions. The plane defined by the aromatic pyrazole ring is coplanar with the metal plane. The angle between the N-bonded phenyl ring and the metal plane is  $8^\circ$ .

### Comment

Chelating  $P,O$ -ligands have demonstrated an extremely rich coordination chemistry, the most striking examples being some  $\beta$ -keto and  $\beta$ -ether phosphines which have been used successfully in catalytic processes of industrial relevance (Bader & Lindner, 1991; Keim, Behr, Gruber, Hoffmann, Kowaldt, Kürschner, Limbäcker & Sistig, 1986; Dupont, Gomes Carneiro, Luke & Matt, 1988; Knowles, Sabacky & Vineyard, 1974). In a number of catalytic reactions such unsymmetrical ligands induce high selectivities which cannot be achieved with symmetrical chelates (Behr, Freudenberg & Keim, 1986). It is also well established that phosphines which contain functional substituents based on oxygen-donor atoms may often efficiently enhance the reactivity of transition-metal complexes, in particular when the functional ligand is acting as a semi-labile ligand (Werner, Stark, Schulz & Wolf, 1992) or when the functional group is capable of selective binding to the substrates which will be transformed in the coordination sphere (Powell, Kuksis, May, Nyberg & Smith, 1981). As a part of our studies on hybrid ligands, we recently developed a synthesis of the pyrazolone-derived phosphine salt  $L\text{Na}$ , which is suitable for the formation of  $P,O$ -chelate complexes (Matt, Sutter-Beydoun, Brunette, Balegrouné & Grandjean, 1993). The main features of pyrazole moieties are their high stability in acidic and neutral media as well as their strong electron-withdrawing character, which is superior to the  $\text{CF}_3$  group in strength (Stary & Freiser, 1975). This latter property may, in principle, affect the coordination behaviour of donor atoms connected to the pyrazole ring and allow the synthesis of electron-poor  $P,O$ -chelate systems. In this paper we present the synthesis and structure of the palladium(II) complex (1), containing two chelating ligands: the pyrazololato ligand  $L^-$  and an anion derived from dimethylbenzylamine.

