Table 2. *Selected geometric parameters* (Å, °)

P1—Ni	2.190 (1)	C2'—C2	1.502 (5)
P2—Ni	2.182 (1)	C3—C2	1.390 (6)
N—Ni	1.932 (3)	C4—C3	1.379 (6)
C1—Ni	1.910 (4)	C4'—C4	1.512 (6)
C13—P1	1.807 (5)	C5—C4	1.376 (6)
C14—P1	1.789 (5)	C6—C5	1.394 (6)
C15—P1	1.811 (4)	C6'—C6	1.511 (5)
C16—P2	1.819 (4)	C8—C7	1.404 (5)
C17—P2	1.809 (4)	C12—C7	1.394 (5)
C18—P2	1.819 (5)	C9—C8	1.378 (6)
C7—N	1.354 (5)	C10—C9	1.372 (6)
C2—C1	1.411 (5)	C11—C10	1.366 (7)
C6—C1	1.405 (5)	C12—C11	1.372 (7)
P1—Ni—P2	177.78 (8)	C6—C1—Ni	121.5 (3)
P1—Ni—N	94.36 (10)	C2'—C2—C3	119.2 (4)
P2—Ni—N	87.29 (10)	C2'—C2—C1	119.6 (4)
P2—Ni—C1	88.50 (10)	C3—C2—C1	121.0 (3)
N—Ni—C1	175.72 (13)	C4—C3—C2	122.1 (4)
C1—Ni—P1	89.87 (10)	C4'—C4—C5	120.9 (4)
C13—P1—C14	103.0 (3)	C4'—C4—C3	121.8 (4)
C13—P1—C15	99.8 (2)	C5—C4—C3	117.2 (4)
C13—P1—Ni	116.32 (12)	C6—C5—C4	122.5 (4)
C14—P1—C15	102.5 (2)	C6'—C6—C1	121.2 (3)
C14—P1—Ni	115.0 (2)	C6'—C6—C5	118.1 (3)
C15—P1—Ni	117.8 (2)	C1—C6—C5	120.6 (3)
C16—P2—C17	103.5 (2)	C8—C7—C12	115.2 (4)
C16—P2—C18	101.8 (2)	C8—C7—N	123.0 (3)
C16—P2—Ni	113.29 (15)	C12—C7—N	121.8 (4)
C17—P2—C18	102.6 (2)	C9—C8—C7	121.8 (4)
C17—P2—Ni	112.2 (2)	C10—C9—C8	120.9 (4)
C18—P2—Ni	121.42 (12)	C11—C10—C9	118.6 (5)
C7—N—Ni	129.9 (2)	C12—C11—C10	120.8 (4)
C2—C1—C6	116.5 (3)	C7—C12—C11	122.6 (4)
C2—C1—Ni	121.6 (3)		

The ω scan width was symmetrical over 1.2° about the $K\alpha_{1,2}$ maximum and the background was offset 1.0 and -1.0 in ω from the $K\alpha_{1,2}$ maximum. The scan speed was a variable 3–6° min^{-1} (depending upon intensity). The linear absorption coefficient was calculated using values from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV).

The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method from which the position of the Ni atom was found. The remainder of the non-H atoms were obtained from a difference Fourier map. The amide H and aromatic H atoms were obtained from a subsequent difference Fourier map and refined without constraints; their distances range from 0.86 (4) to 0.99 (4) Å, and their angles between 117 (2) and 121 (2)°, except for atom H10 which makes angles of 114 (2) and 127 (2)°. Their isotropic displacement parameters range from 0.043 (9) to 0.073 (12) Å^2. The methyl H atoms were calculated in idealized positions (0.96 Å) and given fixed displacement parameters.

Programs used: *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1990) for cell refinement, data collection, data reduction, structure solution (direct methods) and molecular graphics; *SHELX*76 (Sheldrick, 1976) for structure refinement (full-matrix least squares); *FUER* (Larson, 1982) for geometric and parameter tables.

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and bond distances and angles involving H atoms have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: BK1063). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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cis-Dichloro[bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane]palladium(II)

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Abstract

In *cis*-[PdCl$_2$(Ph$_2$PCH$_2$CH$_2$PPh$_2$)], the Pd atom is at the centre of an approximately square-planar arrangement of two P and two Cl atoms. The P—Pd—P angle is 88.3 (1)° and the two Pd—P distances are 2.284 (3) and 2.264 (3) Å.

Comment

Only a few complexes are known in which $SbCl_3$ acts as a donor, *e.g.* $[Ni(CO)_3].SbCl_3$ and $[Fe(CO)_3].$-$(SbCl_3)_2$ (Wilkinson, 1951). It was intended to explore the donor property of $SbCl_3$ further by reacting it with the d^8 square-planar complex $[PdCl_2(dppe)]$ (dppe = $Ph_2PCH_2CH_2PPh_2$). The 1:1 molar reaction of $[PdCl_2(dppe)]$ with $SbCl_3$ yielded a diamagnetic complex of the composition $[PdCl_2(dppe)].SbCl_3$. In order to obtain a single crystal for X-ray diffraction work, this complex was recrystallized from a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 and hexane. However, the composition of the crystals thus obtained proved to be $[PdCl_2(dppe)]$, (I), and not $[PdCl_2(dppe)].SbCl_3$. Nevertheless, we decided to determine the crystal structure of $[PdCl_2(dppe)]$ to compare it with that of $[PdCl_2(dppe)].CH_2Cl_2$ (Steffen & Palenik, 1976).

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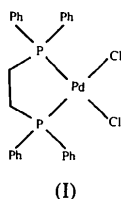
The crystals of the title complex are monoclinic and belong to the same space group ($P2_1/c$) as those of $[PdCl_2(dppe)].CH_2Cl_2$ (Steffen & Palenik, 1976). However, packing of the molecules in the unit cells of the solvated and unsolvated complexes is different. The unit-cell volume and density of the non-solvated complex are less than those of the solvated complex. Similar results have been reported in the analogous cases of $[ReCl_2(C_{26}H_{22}P_2)_2].C_6H_{14}$ (Lewis,

Luck & Silverton, 1993) and $[ReCl_2(C_{26}H_{22}P_2)_2]$ (Bakir, Fanwick & Walton, 1986). Another interesting observation is that the Pd—P bond lengths and P—Pd—P angle are larger in the present case than in that of the solvated complex, *viz.* Pd—P1 and Pd—P2 are 2.284 (3) and 2.264 (3) Å, respectively, compared with 2.233 (2) and 2.226 (2) Å, respectively, in the solvated complex, and the P—Pd—P angle is 88.3 (1)° compared with 85.82 (7)° in the solvated complex. In addition, some P—C bond lengths are longer in the unsolvated complex. These differences may arise from the packing effects of the solvent molecule.

Experimental

Crystal data

$[PdCl_2(C_{26}H_{24}P_2)]$	Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 575.729$	$\lambda = 1.5418$ Å
Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 25
$P2_1/c$	reflections
$a = 11.925$ (1) Å	$\theta = 10–40°$
$b = 13.293$ (3) Å	$\mu = 9.69$ mm^{-1}
$c = 16.314$ (2) Å	$T = 295$ K
$\beta = 99.21$ (1)°	Plate
$V = 2552.7$ (7) Å^3	$1.00 \times 0.75 \times 0.25$ mm
$Z = 4$	Yellow
$D_x = 1.498$ (5) Mg m^{-3}	

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4	2603 observed reflections
diffractometer	$[F > 4\sigma(F)]$
ω–2θ scans	$R_{int} = 0.050$
Absorption correction:	$\theta_{max} = 59.8°$
empirical	$h = 0 \rightarrow 12$
$T_{min} = 0.707$, $T_{max} =$	$k = 0 \rightarrow 14$
0.995	$l = -18 \rightarrow 18$
3425 measured reflections	3 standard reflections
3243 independent reflections	frequency: 60 min
	intensity decay: 5%

Refinement

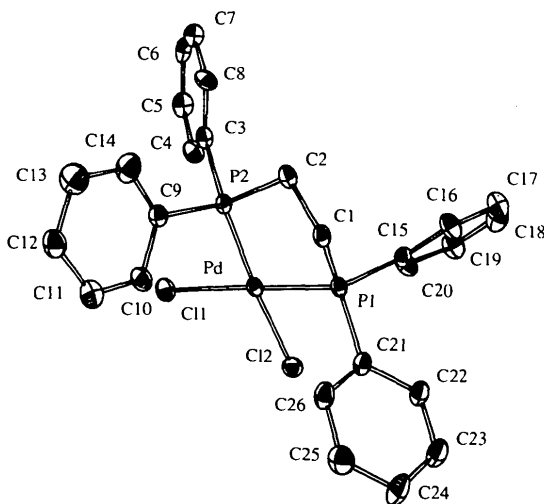|	
Refinement on F	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.072$
$R = 0.084$	$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.27$ e Å^{-3}
$wR = 0.084$	$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.10$ e Å^{-3}
$S = 3.22$	Atomic scattering factors
2593 reflections	from *International Tables*
280 parameters	*for X-ray Crystallography*
H-atom parameters not	(1974, Vol. IV) for Pd and
refined	Cromer & Mann (1968)
$w = 0.5669/\sigma^2(F)$	for all other non-H atoms

Fig. 1. *ORTEP*II (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids shown at the 50% probability level.

Table 1. *Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters* (Å^2)

$$U_{eq} = (1/3)\Sigma_i\Sigma_j U_{ij}a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i.\mathbf{a}_j.$$

	x	y	z	U_{eq}
Pd	0.12844 (7)	0.21945 (5)	0.70806 (5)	0.059 (4)
P1	−0.0296 (2)	0.2116 (2)	0.6086 (2)	0.035 (1)
P2	0.2338 (2)	0.1799 (2)	0.6089 (2)	0.040 (1)

C11	0.2981 (3)	0.2041 (2)	0.8102 (2)	0.056 (1)
C12	0.0060 (3)	0.2667 (2)	0.8044 (2)	0.059 (1)
C1	0.0171 (9)	0.1395 (8)	0.5228 (7)	0.042 (5)
C2	0.1346 (10)	0.1806 (8)	0.5079 (7)	0.047 (6)
C3	0.3567 (10)	0.2630 (8)	0.5915 (7)	0.046 (6)
C4	0.4024 (12)	0.3295 (9)	0.6589 (7)	0.052 (7)
C5	0.4930 (12)	0.3954 (10)	0.6429 (10)	0.054 (8)
C6	0.5324 (11)	0.3972 (10)	0.5680 (10)	0.074 (8)
C7	0.4855 (11)	0.3326 (10)	0.5056 (8)	0.061 (7)
C8	0.3966 (12)	0.2681 (9)	0.5187 (7)	0.055 (5)
C9	0.2873 (9)	0.0495 (8)	0.6173 (7)	0.045 (6)
C10	0.2465 (12)	−0.0124 (8)	0.6757 (8)	0.068 (7)
C11	0.2767 (13)	−0.1130 (10)	0.6793 (9)	0.074 (8)
C12	0.3508 (12)	−0.1514 (9)	0.6295 (9)	0.066 (8)
C13	0.3875 (15)	−0.0909 (11)	0.5708 (13)	0.102 (11)
C14	0.3533 (14)	0.0119 (10)	0.5658 (12)	0.102 (11)
C15	−0.0863 (9)	0.3299 (8)	0.5661 (7)	0.043 (5)
C16	−0.1414 (13)	0.3391 (8)	0.4836 (8)	0.057 (7)
C17	−0.1842 (14)	0.4323 (11)	0.4532 (9)	0.083 (9)
C18	−0.1792 (14)	0.5127 (10)	0.5040 (14)	0.093 (11)
C19	−0.1273 (14)	0.5065 (9)	0.5857 (10)	0.070 (8)
C20	−0.0781 (13)	0.4137 (8)	0.6154 (8)	0.069 (7)
C21	−0.1506 (9)	0.1410 (8)	0.6391 (8)	0.046 (6)
C22	−0.2615 (11)	0.1867 (9)	0.6427 (9)	0.061 (7)
C23	−0.3503 (12)	0.1332 (12)	0.6665 (11)	0.085 (9)
C24	−0.3341 (12)	0.0319 (12)	0.6893 (12)	0.094 (10)
C25	−0.2286 (15)	−0.0114 (10)	0.6848 (10)	0.088 (9)
C26	−0.1375 (11)	0.0431 (9)	0.6589 (9)	0.065 (7)

Table 2. *Selected geometric parameters* (Å, °)

Pd—Cl1	2.415 (3)	Pd—Cl2	2.394 (3)
Pd—P1	2.284 (3)	Pd—P2	2.264 (3)
P1—C1	1.85 (1)	P2—C2	1.87 (1)
C1—C2	1.56 (2)	P1—C15	1.81 (1)
P1—C21	1.85 (1)	P2—C3	1.89 (1)
P2—C9	1.84 (1)		
Cl2—Pd—Cl1	95.8 (1)	C15—P1—Pd	116.6 (3)
P1—Pd—Cl2	87.6 (1)	C15—P1—C1	107.5 (5)
P1—Pd—Cl1	172.4 (1)	C18—C19—C20	119 (1)
C2—P2—Pd	106.5 (4)	P1—C21—C22	123 (1)
C9—P2—Pd	113.0 (4)	C22—C21—C26	118 (1)
P2—Pd—Cl2	175.5 (1)	C22—C23—C24	119 (1)
P2—Pd—Cl1	88.5 (1)	C24—C25—C26	123 (1)
P2—Pd—P1	88.3 (1)	C9—P2—C3	107.0 (5)
C3—P2—Pd	120.2 (4)	C21—P1—Pd	114.9 (4)
C2—P2—C3	105.1 (5)	C21—P1—C1	106.4 (5)
C9—P2—C2	103.5 (5)	C15—P1—C21	106.5 (5)
C1—P1—Pd	104.3 (3)		

Data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors. The structure was solved by direct methods with *SHELXS*86 (Sheldrick, 1985). The structure was refined using *SHELX*76 (Sheldrick, 1976). H atoms were fixed geometrically. The perspective view of the title molecule was drawn using *ORTEP*II (Johnson, 1976) and geometrical analysis was performed using *PARST* (Nardelli, 1983).

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Azidotetrakis(trimethylphosphine)nickel(II) Tetrafluoroborate

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Abstract

The title complex, $[Ni(N_3)(C_3H_9P)_4]BF_4$, is a nearly perfect trigonal bipyramid with the azide group at an apical position. The metal–azide bond angle, Ni1—N1—N2, of 138.6 (5)° is the largest observed for a terminal azide ligand.

Comment

Nickel(0) and nickel(I) reagents have significant utility in aryl-coupling reactions (Zembayashi, Tamao, Yoshida & Kumada, 1977; Semmelhack *et al.*, 1981; Rollin, Troupel, Tuck & Perichon, 1986; Amatore & Jutand, 1988; Zhou & Yamamoto, 1991). A potential source of such low-valency metal complexes are metal azides. This results from the ability of the azide to undergo photo-induced reductive elimination. As part of a study of nickel–azide–phosphine complexes, the azidotetrakis(trimethylphosphine)nickel(II) cation was synthesized as its BF_4^- salt, (1), and examined by X-ray crystallography. To our knowledge, this species is the only known five-coordinate nickel–azide complex.

(1)