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# Anion-controlled  $\pi$ -stacks of (ethylene**diamine-N,N')(1,10-phenanthroline-N,N') platinum(H)**

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### **Abstract**

Two salts of *(ethylenediamine-N,N')(1,10-phenanthroline-N,N')platinum(II),* namely the dichloride dihydrate,  $[Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)]Cl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, (I),$  and the bis(hexafluorophosphate),  $[Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (II),$ have  $\pi$ -phenanthroline-stacked structures. The interplanar spacings of the  $\pi-\pi$  stacks, however, are quite different in the two salts, being  $3.38(1)$  and  $3.40(1)$  Å for (I), and 3.60 (5) and 3.56 (5) Å for (II). These are controlled by the anions located on the aliphatic sites.

## **Comment**

Square-planar platinum(II) complexes have a tendency to stack in the crystalline state. However, when a nonplanar ligand such as ethylenediamine (en) is included in the complex, the column structure becomes disadvantageous. In the case of  $[Pt(bpy)(en)](PF_6)_2$  (bpy is 2,2'-bipyridine), we have previously reported a  $\pi$ -bpystacked structure (Kato *et al.,* 1997). In the present study, we have determined the crystal structures of  $[Pt(en)(phen)]Cl_2·2H_2O$ , (I), and  $[Pt(en)(phen)](PF_6)_2$ (phen is 1,10-phenanthroline), (II), and found that the interplanar spacings of the  $\pi-\pi$  stacks are quite different for the two salts.



The molecular structures of the  $[Pt(en)(phen)]^{2+}$ cations in (I) and (II) are very similar (Fig. 1). Fig. 2 shows a packing diagram of  $(I)$  viewed down the  $a$  axis.

The phen ligands in the  $\pi$ -stack, which are almost planar, have a good overlap and are completely parallel because they are related through inversion centres. The interplanar spacings are  $3.38(1)$  and  $3.40(1)$  Å. On the



Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the  $[Pt(en)(phen)]^{2+}$  cation in (a) (I) and  $(b)$  (II), showing the atom-numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids plotted at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 2. Packing diagram of (I) viewed down the  $a$  axis.

other hand, the  $\pi$ -phen stack of (II) is considerably different from that of (I), as shown in Fig. 3. The phen ligands are not parallel but are a little inclined, as the complexes in the  $\pi$ -phen stack are related through glide planes along a. The dihedral angle between neighbouring phen ligands is  $2.16^\circ$  and the interplanar spacings are  $3.60(5)$  and  $3.56(5)$ , Å. These spacings are clearly larger than those found for (I), although the values for (II) have large s.u.'s because of the inclined stack. The difference is due to the anions, which are located near the en ligands, making close hydrogen bonds in both salts. Thus, the interplanar spacings of the  $\pi$ -stacks seem to be dependent on the size of the anions. Fig. 4 shows the stacking structure of (II) viewed along the  $c$  axis; it resembles a ladder. On both sides



Fig. 3. Packing diagram of  $(II)$  viewed down the a axis.

of the  $\pi$ -phen stack, the PF<sub>6</sub>- anions connect the en  $\pi$ -phen stack. ligands on every other step. In the case of (I), however, the hydrogen-bonding chains consisting of en,  $Cl^-$  and H20 molecules are flexible and thus could not affect the



Fig. 4. Diagram showing the ladder-type stacking of (II) along ¢.

The  $\pi-\pi$  stacking structures could be main routes for energy and electron transfer. The present results indicate the importance of the anions for controlling the  $\pi-\pi$ interactions.

# **Experimental**

 $[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(phen)]$  was prepared by the reaction of  $K<sub>2</sub>[PtCl<sub>4</sub>]$  $(1.02 \text{ g}, 2.5 \text{ mmol})$  with 1,10-phenanthroline (phen; 0.49 g, 2.5 mmol) in acidic hot water (50 ml). The resulting yellow precipitate was recrystallized from dimethylformamide. An aqueous suspension of  $[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(phen)]$  (0.54 g, 1.2 mmol in 50 ml) containing a few drops of ethylenediamine (en) was refluxed for 3 h. The resulting clear reaction solution was evaporated and recrystallization of the residue from methanol gave pale-yellow crystals of (I). A white precipitate of (II) was obtained from the reaction solution by adding an excess amount of NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> solution. Recrystallization from water gave pale-yellow crystals of (II). Spectroscopic analysis for  $(I)^{-1}H$ NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 2.75 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.15 (s, 4H, NH2), 8.28 *(dd,* 2H, phen), 8.36 (s, 2H, phen), 9.16 (d, 2H, phen), 9.25 (d, 2H, phen). Spectroscopic analysis for  $(II)$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 2.76 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.94 (s, 4H, NH2), 8.28 *(dd,* 2H, phen), 8.38 (s, 2H, phen), 9.15 (d, 2H, phen), 9.17 (d, 2H, phen); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 833, 562 ( $\nu$ PF<sub>6</sub>).

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#### **Compound (I)**

*Crystal data*   $[Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)]C<sub>2</sub>...$  $2H<sub>2</sub>O$  $M_r = 542.33$ Monoclinic *P21/n*   $a = 7.357(2)$  Å  $b = 15.528(2)$  Å  $c = 15.137(2)$  Å  $\beta = 94.68(2)$ °  $V = 1723.6$  (4)  $\AA^3$  $Z=4$  $D_r = 2.090$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  $D_m = 2.095$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup> *Dm* measured by flotation in dibromomethane/benzene Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 25 reflections  $\theta = 14.8 - 15.0^{\circ}$  $\mu = 8.432$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  $T = 293.2 \text{ K}$ Needle  $0.80 \times 0.05 \times 0.04$  mm Pale yellow *Data collection* 

Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer *w/20* scans Absorption correction: analytical (de Meulenaer & Tompa, 1965)  $T_{\text{min}} = 0.604, T_{\text{max}} = 0.726$ 4431 measured reflections 4123 independent reflections 3233 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.013$ 

#### *Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R(F) = 0.026$  $wR(F^2) = 0.080$  $S = 0.929$ 3967 reflections 209 parameters H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)]$ +  $0.00001 (F<sub>a</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.065$ 

 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^{\circ}$  $h = -9 \rightarrow 0$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 20$  $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$ 3 standard reflections every 150 reflections intensity decay: 0.09%

 $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 1.17 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -1.42 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: Zachariasen (1967) type 2, Gaussian isotropic Extinction coefficient: 0.0031 (4) Scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (Vol. C)





#### **Compound** (II)

*Crystal data* 

 $[Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)]$ - $(PF_6)_2$ *Mr* = 725.33 Monoclinic *P21/a*  Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.7107~\text{\AA}$ Cell parameters from 25 reflections  $\theta = 14.9 - 15.0^{\circ}$ 

 $a = 7.483(4)$  Å  $b = 15.061(4)$  Å  $c = 18.836(5)$  Å  $\beta = 99.70(4)$ °  $V = 2092 (1) \text{ Å}^3$  $Z=4$  $D_x = 2.302$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  $D_m = 2.290$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup> *Om* measured by flotation in dibromomethane/CCl4 *Data collection*  Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer  $\omega$ /2 $\theta$  scans Absorption correction: analytical (de Meulenaer

& Tompa, 1965)

6342 independent reflections 3512 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.685, T_{\text{max}} = 0.767$ 6852 measured reflections  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.050$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.02^{\circ}$  $h = 0 \rightarrow 10$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 21$  $l = -26 \rightarrow 26$ 3 standard reflections every 150 reflections intensity decay:  $-3.61\%$ 

 $\mu = 6.948$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  $T = 295.2 \text{ K}$ Needle

Pale yellow

 $0.80 \times 0.05 \times 0.04$  mm

#### *Refinement*







H atoms were fixed with  $U(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . In the final difference Fourier map, small peaks were found close to Ftl in both (1) and (II).

For both compounds, data collection: *RigakulAFC Diffractometer Control Software* (Rigaku, 1995); cell refinement: *RigakulAFC Diffractometer Control Software;* data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1998); program(s) used to solve structures: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.,* 1994); program(s) used to refine structures: *TEXSAN;* molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN.* 

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# *endo-{ 6,6'-Diethoxy-2,2'-[ (R )-propane-* **1,2 diylbis(nitrilomethylidene)]diphenolato-***O,N,N',O'}oxovanadium(IV)*

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## **Abstract**

In the title mononuclear oxovanadium(IV) complex,  $[VO(C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)]$ , the methyl group of the central diamine moiety in the Schiff base ligand is directed opposite to the oxo ligand. This *endo* isomer elutes more slowly than the *exo* isomer when subjected to high-performance liquid reversed-phase chromatography using  $CH_3CN-H_2O$  (1:1  $v/v$ ) as the eluent. Crystals of both the *endo and exo* isomers decompose at 473 K, with no solid-state isomerization from *endo* to *exo* or *vice versa.* 

### **Comment**

The solid-state thermal isomerization of Schiff baseoxovanadium(IV) complexes has been investigated previously by Kojima *et al.* (1994) and Hoshina, Ohba *et al.* (1999). However, the mechanism of isomerization is still unclear at present. Thus, the title complex, (I), was prepared and studied by X-ray crystallography and the results are presented here.



There are two possible geometrical isomers for (I), *exo and endo,* which are defined as having the substituted group (the methyl on C18) of the central diamine moiety in the Schiff base ligand directed outside or inside the  $O_{\alpha \alpha}N_2$  plane (O2, N7 and N8) of the VN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> square pyramid, respectively. In the present study, the slower eluate by high-performance liquid reversed-phase chromatography was determined to be the *endo* isomer. The methyl on C18 is in an axial position, almost antiparallel to the  $V1=O2$  bond axis. This is in contrast to the equatorial methyl orientation of the sal- $(R)(S)$ -pn ligand (sal = salicylidene;  $pn = 1,2$ -propylenediamine) in crystals of *endo-(chlorotriphenylstannyloxy)* [N, N'- 1,2 propylenebis(salicylideneamino)]vanadium(IV) (Cashin *et al.,* 1989).



Fig. 1. *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) drawing of (I) showing the atomnumbering scheme and 50% probability ellipsoids. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

Although Schiff base-oxovanadium(IV) complexes with two ethoxy substituents at the 3-positions have a tendency to connect with a water molecule for crystallization *via* two bifurcated hydrogen bonds (Zamian *et al.,* 1995; Kasahara *et al.,* 1996; Hoshina *et al.,* 1998; Hoshina, Tsuchimoto & Ohba, 1999), the title crystal is an exception as it is unhydrated. The 06 ethoxy group is directed perpendicular to the salicylidene moiety, which may be due to the packing efficiency.

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