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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 100$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.040  
 $wR$  factor = 0.106  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.6For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.*trans*-Dichlorobis[(phenylsulfanyl)methane- $\kappa$ S]-  
palladium(II)

The title compound, *trans*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhSCH<sub>2</sub>SPh)<sub>2</sub>], crystallizes with two half-molecules in the asymmetric unit and each independent molecule lies about a crystallographic inversion center. In each molecule, one S atom of the bis(phenylsulfanyl)methane ligand is coordinated to the Pd atom while the second S atom of the same ligand is uncoordinated.

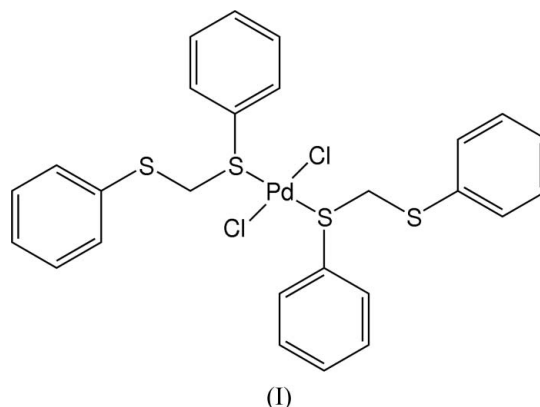
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## Comment

Linear bifunctional ligands are usually used as building blocks for the construction of the metal-organic framework materials (MOF) (Carlucci *et al.*, 2002). Bis(phenylsulfanyl)alkanes can be used to propagate the coordination of a metal in order to form extended networks (Bu *et al.*, 2002). The title compound, (I), was prepared in the course of our studies to build coordination polymers by self-assembling linear bifunctional ligands with transition metals. The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. In both independent molecules, the Pd atom lies on an inversion center, thus the ligands are arranged in a *trans*-geometry. Hence, the *trans* angles are exactly 180°. The coordination is slightly distorted square-planar (Table 1). The Pd–Cl and Pd–S distances are comparable to those of the polymorph *trans*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PhSCH<sub>2</sub>SPh)<sub>2</sub>], which crystallizes in the space group *C2/c* (Andrew *et al.*, 1994).



## Experimental

The ligand bis(phenylsulfanyl)methane, PhSCH<sub>2</sub>SPh, was synthesized according to the literature method of Hartley *et al.* (1979). A solution of PhSCH<sub>2</sub>SPh (150 mg) in ethanol (10 ml) was reacted with Na<sub>2</sub>[PdCl<sub>4</sub>] (12 mg) in ethanol (5 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and evaporation of the solvent produced single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis.

## Crystal data

[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 641.99  
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$   
*a* = 7.7798 (1) Å  
*b* = 11.0645 (2) Å  
*c* = 15.4006 (3) Å  
 $\alpha$  = 85.256 (1)°  
 $\beta$  = 82.988 (1)°  
 $\gamma$  = 88.068 (1)°  
*V* = 1310.88 (4) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.626 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Cu *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 7199 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.9–72.7°  
 $\mu$  = 10.67 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 100 (2) K  
 Block, colorless  
 0.27 × 0.11 × 0.09 mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART2000 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.176, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.383  
 15821 measured reflections  
 4986 independent reflections

4749 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.037  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 72.9°  
*h* = -9 → 9  
*k* = -13 → 13  
*l* = -18 → 17

## Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.040  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.106  
*S* = 1.07  
 4986 reflections  
 301 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0753P)^2 + 1.085P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.36 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -1.29 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pd1—Cl <sup>i</sup>	2.2927 (6)	Pd2—Cl <sup>ii</sup>	2.2924 (6)
Pd1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	2.3155 (6)	Pd2—S4	2.3261 (6)
Cl <sup>i</sup> —Pd1—Cl1	180	Cl <sup>ii</sup> —Pd2—Cl2	180
Cl <sup>i</sup> —Pd1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	96.21 (2)	Cl <sup>ii</sup> —Pd2—S4	84.78 (2)
Cl1—Pd1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	83.79 (2)	Cl2—Pd2—S4	95.22 (2)
S1 <sup>i</sup> —Pd1—S1	180	S4—Pd2—S4 <sup>ii</sup>	180

Symmetry codes: (i) -*x*, -*y* + 1, -*z*; (ii) -*x*, -*y* + 2, -*z* + 1.

H atoms were positioned geometrically (*C*—*H* = 0.93–0.97 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with *U<sub>iso</sub>* = 1.2*U<sub>eq</sub>*(*C*). A final verification of possible voids was performed using the VOID routine of the PLATON program (Spek, 2003). In the final difference Fourier, the highest peak was located 1.09 Å from atom S1 and the deepest hole was 0.67 Å from Pd2.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: UDMX (Maris, 2004).

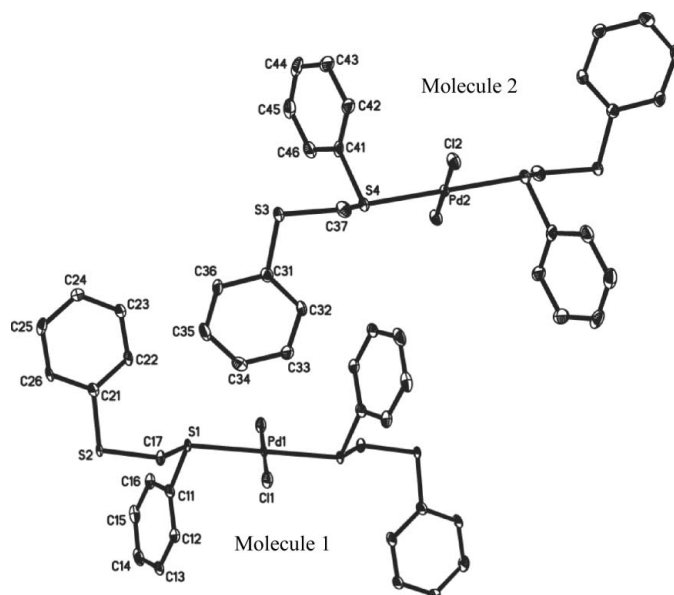


Figure 1

Views of the two independent molecules of (I), showing the atom-numbering schemes. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted. The unlabeled parts of the molecules 1 and 2 are related by the symmetry codes (-*x*, 1 - *y*, -*z*) and (-*x*, 2 - *y*, 1 - *z*), respectively.

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