# The Crystal Structure of a Complex Hydride of Platinum, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{HBr}\right]$ 

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$\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{HBr}\right]$ is orthorhombic, space group $\operatorname{Pn} 2_{1} a$; the unit cell has the dimensions

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a=14.76 \pm 0.04, b=8.92 \pm 0.03, c=13.87 \pm 0.04 \AA,
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#### Abstract

and contains four molecules (density observed $1.88 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{cm} .^{-3}$, calculated $1.86 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{cm} .^{-3}$ ). The [010] and [100] projections were studied, making systematic use of difference syntheses.

The molecule has a trans square-planar configuration and is therefore a complex hydride of Pt (II). The Pt-P bonds ( $2 \cdot 26 \AA$ ) are shorter than expected, probably because they have partial double-bond character. The unusual length of the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ bond $(2 \cdot 56 \AA)$ is in accord with the high chemical lability of the coordinated bromide ion. It may be attributed to an electrostatic trans-influence of the hydride ion, or to a cis-influence of the phosphorus atoms operating though the $d_{x y}$-type orbitals of the metal, or to a combination of these two effects.

The positions of the carbon atoms were not found accurately, but they appeared in partial difference maps sufficiently clearly to show that the principal plane of the molecule containing the platinum, bromine and phosphorus atoms is not a plane of symmetry.


## 1. Introduction

When the existence of stable volatile platinum hydride complexes was first reported from these laboratories (Chatt, Duncanson \& Shaw, 1957) their stereochemistry was entirely unknown, and both the nature of the bond between the platinum and hydrogen atoms and the oxidation state of the platinum atom were uncertain. It was decided to determine the structure of one of these compounds by X-ray methods, since although the position of the important hydrogen atom could not be found experimentally, it was expected that it could be inferred once the positions of the heavier atoms were known.

Later work (Chatt, Duncanson \& Shaw, 1958) on the dipole moments of a series of these hydrides suggested that the coordination round the platinum atom might be of the square planar type, in which case the platinum atom would presumably be formally divalent with the hydrogen present as a coordinated negative ion. This evidence, however, was not conclusive, and it seemed possible that these might be compounds of zero-valent platinum with trigonal pyramidal coordination round the platinum atom, with the hydrogen present in this case as a coordinated positive ion.

## 2. Experimental

## Crystal specimens

The most suitable compound available was bistriethylphosphine hydrobromoplatinum,

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\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{HBr}\right],
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which crystallized from petroleum ether in large pris-

[^0]matic colourless crystals. A crystal with dimensions of about 0.01 mm . was used for recording the data for the [ 100 ] projection; the linear absorption coefficient for Cu radiation being $193 \mathrm{~cm} .^{-1}$, absorption effects could be ignored.

No small equidimensional crystal could be found to give the data for the [010] projection, and a larger crystal was therefore used. It was carefully measured and found to be nearly cylindrical, length 0.3 mm . parallel to the $b$-axis, and diameter 0.115 mm . The absorption corrections of Bradley (1935) were applied to the intensities, assuming the crystal to be exactly cylindrical.
The compound is sensitive to X-rays, and this larger crystal showed signs of decomposition after the exposure needed to record the reflections with $\sin \theta \leq 0.95$ ( 40 hr ., using a Philips sealed tube at 40 KVP and 20 m.a.). The smaller crystal was completely blackened after an exposure of 128 hr ., when reflections with $\sin \theta \leq 0.8$ only had been recorded and there was considerable background. In view of these practical difficulties the structure was determined from the [100] and [010] projections only.

## Crystal data

The crystals are orthorhombic, with the following unit-cell parameters:

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\begin{aligned}
& a=14 \cdot 76 \pm 0 \cdot 04, b=8 \cdot 92 \pm 0 \cdot 03, c=13 \cdot 87 \pm 0 \cdot 04 \AA . \\
& \text { Unit-cell volume }=1826 \AA^{3} . \\
& \text { Density observed }=\mathrm{I} \cdot 88 \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~cm} .^{-3} . \\
& \text { Density calculated }=1.86 \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~cm} .^{-3} \text {, assuming } 4 \\
& \text { molecules per unit cell. }
\end{aligned}
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The unit-cell dimensions were obtained from rotation
and Weissenberg photographs using $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation (mean $\lambda=1.542 \AA$ ), and the density by flotation in cadmium borotungstate solution.

The intensities of the reflections were estimated from Weissenberg photographs by visual comparison using the multiple-film method, and after correction for absorption as described above, were modified by the usual Lorentz and polarization factors. The scale factor needed to place the structure factors on the absolute scale, together with an average temperature factor for all atoms, was estimated by Wilson's method (1942).

The systematically absent reflections were: $0 k l$ with ( $k+l$ ) odd, and $h k 0$ with $h$ odd. The two possible space groups are the centrosymmetric Pnma and the noncentrosymmetric $P n 2_{1} a$. If the structure is centrosymmetrical, each molecule must lie on one of the mirror planes at $y=\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. If there is no centre of symmetry and the space group is $P n 2_{1} a$, no molecular symmetry is required. The results of tests for piezo-electric properties were inconclusive and consequently did not assist in deciding between the two space groups.

An attempt was made to distinguish the centrosymmetrical space group Pnma from the non-centrosymmetrical $P n 2_{1} a$ by the statistical test of Howells, Phillips \& Rogers (1950). This gave no conclusive result, no doubt because the presence of the heavy atoms invalidates the statistical basis of this method. The structure analysis subsequently showed that the space group is $P n 2_{1} a$.

## 3. Determination of the structure

The method used in finding the structure was described in general terms in an earlier paper (Alderman, Owston \& Rowe, 1960). It makes use of difference syntheses to remove the effects of the dominating heavy atoms and to find the positions of the light atoms with as few assumptions as possible. The atomic scattering factors were taken from the Internationale Tabellen (1935); as a convenient approximation the values for oxygen and fluorine were used for the $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-$ and $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ groups respectively.

For both possible space groups the symmetry of the [010] projection is the same, pgg. The position of the platinum atom was found from the Patterson synthesis $P(U, W)$, computed using the 252 observed $h 0 l$ reflections, and an electron-density synthesis was calculated, the structure factors being given the same phases as the contribution of the platinum atom (Fig. 1(a)). A study of this map suggested a provisional structure with the platinum, bromine and phosphorus atoms in the positions shown in Fig. 1(a), and with the light atoms symmetrically arranged about a plane of symmetry perpendicular to the [010] axis, as required by the space group Pnma. This structure was used only for refining the scale factor between observed and calculated structure factors.

The parameters of the platinum and bromine atoms


Fig. 1. Electron-density distribution projected down [010], with the final non-centrosymmetrical structure. [The small peak near to the expected hydrogen atom position, trans to the bromine atom, is attributed to the $C_{1}$ atom of the neighbouring molecule with the platinum atom at $\left.y=\frac{3}{4}\right]$. (a) $\varrho_{o}$ synthesis, where the observed structure factors were given the same signs as the platinum atom contributions. Contours at every 20 e. $\AA^{-2}$ round platinum, 5 e. $\AA^{-2}$ elsewhere; 5 e. $\AA^{-2}$ contour broken. (b) ( $\varrho_{o}-\varrho_{c}^{\prime}$ ) synthesis, where the structure factors were given the same signs as the contributions of the platinum, bromine and phosphorus atoms, and $\varrho_{c}^{\prime}$ represents the calculated electron-density distribution of these atoms. Contours at every 4 e. $\AA^{-2}$, zero contour broken.
were first refined, followed by those of the phosphorus atoms. The partial difference map obtained by subtracting the heavy atoms is shown in Fig. $1(b)$. Several attempts were made to place carbon atoms on the composite peaks in positions which gave reasonable bond lengths and angles. This could be done for the $-\mathrm{CH}_{2-}$ groups, and a further partial difference map was
obtained, subtracting the heavy atoms and the six $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ groups. It was not possible, however, to find suitable positions for all six methyl groups, assuming the space group Pnma, since the resulting difference maps always showed negative areas round the assumed positions of at least some of the atoms.

It was therefore necessary to reconsider the symmetry. The platinum, bromine and phosphorus atoms in a given molecule must lie in or near a plane parallel to the (010) plane, since the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ and $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ distances in the projection are close to the expected bond lengths as given by the sums of the atomic radii. If the molecule is not exactly symmetrical about a plane parallel to the ( 010 ) plane, as is suggested by the difficulty in finding the positions of the light atoms, the symmetry $P n m a$ is only a pseudo-symmetry, and the true space group is $P n 2_{1} a$. It was found necessary to study the two projections simultaneously to decide whether or not this is so.

The Patterson projection $P(V, W)$, computed using the 59 observed $0 k l$ reflections, showed a concentration


Fig. 2. Electron-density distribution projected down [100] with the heavy atom positions marked. The mirror planes at $y=\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{3}$ arise from the phases which were assumed; they are not required by the space group $P n 2_{1} a$. (a) $\varrho_{0}$ synthesis, where the observed structure factors were given the same phases as the platinum atom contributions. Contours at every 25 e. $\AA^{-2}$ round platinum, 10 e. $\AA^{-2}$ elsewhere; 5 e. $\AA^{-2}$ contour broken. (b) ( $\varrho_{0}-\varrho_{c}^{\prime}$ ) synthesis, where the observed structure factors were given the same phases as the contributions of the platinum, bromine and phosphorus atoms, and $\varrho_{c}^{\prime}$ represents the calculated electron density of these atoms. Contours at every 4 e. $\AA^{-2}$, zero contour broken.
of vectors along $V=0, \frac{1}{2}$, implying that the structure consists of planar molecules separated by a distance of $b / 2$. A possible platinum-platinum vector was confirmed by the $z$-coordinate already found for the platinum atom from the [010] projection. The $y$ coordinate of the platinum atom was assumed to be $\frac{1}{4}$, since this is required by the space group $P n m a$ and is permitted by $P n 2_{1} a$, in which the $y$-coordinate of any one atom can be chosen arbitrarily. The electron-density map (Fig. 2(a)) was calculated and a provisional structure was deduced compatible with that for the [010] projection and having the plane-group symmetry cmm as required by the space group Pnma. The parameters of the four heavy atoms were refined, and it was confirmed that they are coplanar.

The partial difference map after subtracting these heavy atoms (Fig. 2(b)) represents the electron density of the six ethyl groups, with the mirror plane of symmetry imposed by the special positions of the heavy atoms. As in the [010] projection, positions could be found on this map for some of the $-\mathrm{CH}_{2-}$ groups but not for the terminal methyl groups, strengthening the probability that the space group is $P n 2_{1} a$. The interpretation of the maps in Figs. $1(b)$ and $2(b)$ was therefore attempted, assuming this space group, and with the aid of models reasonable positions


Fig. 3. Electron-density distribution projected down [100]. The phases were calculated from the final non-centrosymmetrical structure shown. The space group is $P n 2_{1} a$ : the planes at $y=\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ are no longer symmetry planes. (a) $\varrho_{o}$ synthesis. Contours at every 25 e. $\AA^{-2}$ round platinum, 10 e. $\AA^{-2}$ elsewhere; 5 e. $\AA^{-2}$ contour broken. (b) ( $\left.\varrho_{0}-\varrho_{c}^{\prime}\right)$ synthesis, where $\varrho_{c}^{\prime}$ represents the calculated electron density of the platinum, bromine and phosphorus atoms. Contours at every 4 e. $\AA^{-2}$, zero contour broken.

Table 1. Final atomic coordinates (decimal) and standard deviations (in $\AA$ )

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $[010]$ projection |  | [100] projection |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $\sigma(a x)$ | $\sigma(c z)$ | $\sigma(c z)$ |
| Pt | 0.1420 | 0.2500 | 0.0602 | 0.0046 | 0.0047 |  |
| Br | 0.2255 | 0.2500 | 0.2221 | 0.0155 | 0.0145 | 0.0292 |
| $\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | 0.003 | 0.250 | 0.128 | 0.034 | 0.030 | 0.056 |
| $\mathrm{P}_{2}$ | 0.271 | 0.250 | -0.027 | 0.034 | 0.037 | 0.052 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | -0.094 | 0.233 | 0.040 | 0.121 | 0.103 | 0.223 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | -0.162 | 0.333 | 0.083 | 0.120 | 0.112 | 0.339 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | 0.017 | 0.133 | 0.242 | 0.133 | 0.099 | 0.643 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | 0.008 | -0.017 | 0.225 | 0.127 | 0.094 | 0.209 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | -0.033 | 0.450 | 0.167 | 0.113 | 0.110 | 0.257 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 0.025 | 0.516 | 0.258 | 0.116 | 0.100 | 0.140 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{7}$ | 0.269 | 0.350 | -0.154 | 0.119 | 0.106 | 0.337 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{8}$ | 0.200 | 0.250 | -0.217 | 0.125 | 0.103 | 0.223 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{9}$ | 0.355 | 0.383 | 0.020 | 0.108 | 0.118 | 0.307 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{10}$ | 0.355 | 0.333 | 0.020 | 0.109 | 0.123 | 0.251 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{11}$ | 0.325 | 0.367 | -0.058 | 0.126 | 0.100 | 0.444 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{12}$ | 0.393 | 0.017 | 0.025 | 0.120 | 0.116 | 0.225 |
| $\mathrm{Mean}^{\mathrm{C}}$ | - | - | - | 0.120 | 0.107 | 0.300 |

Table 2. Temperature factors
Projection

| Atom | $[100]$ | $[010]$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pt | $\exp -\left[0.0183 k^{2}+0.0046 l^{2}\right]$ | $\exp -\left[0.0055 h^{2}+0.0066 l^{2}+0.0003 h l\right]$ |
| Br | $\exp -\left[0.0361 k^{2}+0.0088 l^{2}\right]$ | $\exp -\left[0.0062 h^{2}+0.0067 l^{2}-0.0054 h l\right]$ |
| P | $\exp -\left[3.54\left(\sin ^{2} \theta\right) / \lambda^{2}\right]$ | $\exp -\left[5.00\left(\sin ^{2} \theta\right) / \lambda^{2}\right]$ |
| $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-$ | $\exp -\left[9.00\left(\sin ^{2} \theta\right) / \lambda^{2}\right]$ |  |
| $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | $\exp -\left[11.00\left(\sin ^{2} \theta\right) / \lambda^{2}\right]$ |  |

Table 3. Bond lengths and angles, with standard deviations

| Bond | $d$ | $\sigma(d)$ | Angle | $\theta$ | $\sigma(\theta)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $2 \cdot 56 \AA$ | $0.04 \AA$ | $\mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $94 \cdot 1^{\circ}$ | $2 \cdot 0^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{2}$ | 93.7 | $2 \cdot 0$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{1}$ | $2 \cdot 26$ | 0.07 |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{2}$ | $2 \cdot 26$ | $0 \cdot 07$ | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 112.5 | $9 \cdot 0$ |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | $104 \cdot 1$ | $20 \cdot 2$ |
| $\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{1}$ | 1.89 | 0.28 | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | 111.4 | $9 \cdot 4$ |
| $\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | 1-91 | $0 \cdot 67$ | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{7}$ | 117.6 | 11.3 |
| $\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}$ | 1.94 | 0.31 | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{9}$ | $135 \cdot 8$ | 11.4 |
| $\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{7}$ | 1.97 | 0.38 | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{11}$ | 119.9 | $14 \cdot 9$ |
| $\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{9}$ | 1.84 | 0.35 | Mean Pt -P-C | 116.9 | $12 \cdot 7$ |
| $\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{11}$ | 1.87 | $0 \cdot 48$ |  |  |  |
| Mean P-C | 1.90 | $0 \cdot 41$ | $\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 101.9 | 21.0 |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | 112.5 | 41.6 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}$ | 1.47 | 0.47 | $\mathrm{P}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{5}-\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | 113.8 | 18.0 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | $1 \cdot 37$ | 0.71 | $\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{7}-\mathrm{C}_{8}$ | $103 \cdot 6$ | 21.5 |
| $\mathrm{C}_{5}-\mathrm{C}_{6}$ | $1 \cdot 63$ | 0.37 | $\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{9}-\mathrm{C}_{10}$ | $130 \cdot 1$ | $26 \cdot 7$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{7}-\mathrm{C}_{8}$ | 1.61 | $0 \cdot 46$ | $\mathrm{P}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{11}-\mathrm{C}_{12}$ | $110 \cdot 6$ | $27 \cdot 9$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{9}-\mathrm{C}_{10}$ | 1-34 | $0 \cdot 46$ | Mean P-C-C | $112 \cdot 1$ | $26 \cdot 1$ |
| $\stackrel{\mathrm{C}_{11}}{\text { Mean }} \mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ | 1.59 1.50 | 0.55 0.50 |  |  |  |

were found for some of the $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ - groups. Difference maps with these atoms subtracted were then calculated for both projections, any necessary changes in their positions made, and the positions of further atoms deduced. Repeated application of this trial-anderror process, checked at every stage by difference maps, led to the structure shown in Figs. 1(b) and 3(b),
in which the heavy atoms remain in the plane $y=\frac{1}{4}$ but the ethyl groups are not symmetrically disposed about the plane.

As a further test of this structure, an electrondensity map was calculated for the [100] projection (Fig. 3(a)), the phases given to the coefficients being those calculated from the structure of Fig. 3(b).

## 4. Results

The values found for the atomic parameters are listed in Tables 1 and 2, and the bond lengths and bond angles in Table 3 and Fig. 4. The standard deviations for the [010] projection were calculated from the diagonal elements only of the least-squares matrix, using the same system of weighting as in the previous paper (Alderman et al., 1960). The standard deviations of the $z$-coordinates in the [100] projection were calculated in the same way, the values being approximately twice those found for the [010] projection because of the smaller number of reflections involved. The estimation of the standard deviations of the $y$-coordinates is less straightforward. For the atoms with a $y$-coordinate of $\frac{1}{4}$ the first derivative $(\partial A / \partial y)$ is zero for all 0 kl reflections, and the first-order approximations used in the least-squares method are inadequate. It has been assumed therefore, as the best available approximation, that for the [100] projection


Fig. 4. Molecular configuration, with bond lengths (in $\AA$ ) and angles.
the standard deviations of the $y$-coordinates are the same as for the $z$-coordinates (expressed in Ångström units). The values obtained by the least-squares method agree well with those estimated from Cruickshank's formulae (1949, 1954).

The final discrepancy factor $R=\Sigma|\Delta F| / \Sigma\left|F_{0}\right|$ was $0 \cdot 126$ for the $h 0 l$ and 0.112 for the 0 kl reflections. The root-mean-square electron density in the final difference maps was 1.60 e. $\AA^{-2}$ for the [010] and 1.75 e. $\AA^{-2}$ for the [100] projection.

## 5. Discussion

The bromine and phosphorus atoms are, within experimental error, coplanar with the platinum atom, with $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ angles of $94^{\circ}$. This excludes any type of trigonal pyramidal coordination round the platinum atom, and when considered together with the bond lengths and angles leaves little doubt that the four atoms, one bromine, two phosphorus and one hydrogen, are bound to platinum in a trans square-planar configuration (Fig. 4). It is then reasonable to conclude that the platinum atom is in the divalent state, with the hydrogen and bromine atoms present as coordinated hydride and bromide ions.

The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds are short $(2 \cdot 26 \AA$ ) compared with the sum of the atomic radii $(2 \cdot 42 \AA)$, presumably because they have some double-bond character. The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ bond, on the other hand, is longer than expected ( $2 \cdot 56 \AA$, compared with the radius sum, $2 \cdot 43 \AA$ ), suggesting that the bond is more ionic than usual: this would agree with the high chemical lability of the bromine atom. There are two possible causes of the unusual length of the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ bond, and their relative importance cannot at present be decided.

Table 4. Observed and calculated structure factors
(a) $[100]$ projaction

| hkl | $\left\|F_{0}\right\|$ | $\left\|F_{c}\right\|$ | $\alpha^{\circ}$ | $h k l$ | $\left\|F_{0}\right\|$ | $\left\|F_{c}\right\|$ | $\alpha^{\circ}$ |  | $k l$ | $\left\|F_{0}\right\|$ | $\left\|F_{c}\right\|$ | $\alpha^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 000 | - | 492 | 0 | 12 | 47 | 47 | 357 |  | 9 | 29 | 23 | 4 |
| 2 | 164 | 148 | 0 | 14 | 47 | 39 | 182 |  | 11 | 50 | 57 | 3 |
| 4 | 203 | 197 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  | 13 | 50 | 64 | 0 |
| 6 | 171 | 159 | 180 | 031 | 187 | 168 | 350 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | 123 | 121 | 180 | 3 | 160 | 170 | 8 | 06 | 60 | 146 | 169 | 176 |
| 10 | 102 | 120 | 180 | 5 | 174 | 179 | 3 |  | 2 | 72 | 86 | 165 |
| 12 | 50 | 45 | 180 | 7 | $<23$ | 26 | 0 |  | 4 | 26 | 17 | 159 |
| 14 | 54 | 42 | 0 | 9 | 43 | 35 | 195 |  | 6 | 57 | 51 | 4 |
| 1 |  |  |  | 11 | 79 | 80 | 175 |  | 8 | 66 | 57 | 0 |
| 011 | 245 | 253 | 182 | 13 | 76 | 93 | 180 |  | 10 | 49 | 48 | 0 |
| -1 3 | 166 | 203 | 193 |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 31 | 24 | 357 |
| 5 | 225 | 247 | 183 | 040 | 333 | 339 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | $<20$ | 30 | 204 | 2 | 113 | 103 | 15 |  | 71 | 56 | 53 | 7 |
| 9 | 51 | 38 | 4 | 4 | 56 | 68 | 1 |  | 3 | 57 | 61 | 359 |
| 11 | 94 | 92 | 1 | 6 | 113 | 95 | 185 |  | 5 | 49 | 54 | 359 |
| 13 | 84 | 106 | 359 | 8 | 83 | 88 | 181 |  | 7 | 35 | 7 | 8 |
| 13 | 8 | 106 |  | 10 | 89 | 73 | 180 |  | 9 | 34 | 11 | 176 |
| 020 | 416 | 397 | 183 | 12 | 35 | 36 | 180 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 143 | 126 | 184 |  |  |  |  |  | 80 | 82 | 97 | 359 |
| 4 | 55 | 48 | 139 | 051 | 99 | 90 | 182 |  | 2 | 45 | 44 | 2 |
| 6 | 146 | 146 | 350 | 3 | 104 | 110 | 171 |  | 4 | 38 | 11 | 19 |
| 8 | 116 | 128 | 2 | 5 | 90 | 73 | 176 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 84 | 94 | 357 | 7 | 27 | 26 | 159 |  | 91 | 34 | 23 | 177 |

Table 4 (cont.)
(b) [010] projection


The first is the trans-influence of the hydrogen atom, which must be electrostatic in nature and operate by electrically polarizing the molecule (Grinberg, 1955). The second is the cis-influence of the phosphorus atoms. If the $d$-orbitals of the platinum atom are partly involved in double bonds between platinum and phosphorus, as our results suggest, they will be less readily available for double-bond formation between platinum and bromine. The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ bond would thus have less double-bond character than usual and so would be longer. This is similar to the explanation of the lengthening of the trans- $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ bond in $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right) \mathrm{Br}_{3}\right]^{-}$by the trans-effect of the ethylene molecule (Alderman et al., 1960).

There appear to be no published determinations of the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bond length in other compounds, whilst the published values of the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ bond length are of doubtful reliability. In some cases no errors are stated, and in others different bond lengths in the same molecule differ inexplicably, or the bonds are not typical as a result of some unusual interaction within or between the molecules (Brosset, 1948; Hall \& Williams, 1958; Bokii \& Kukina, 1957; Harris, Livingstone \& Stephenson, 1958). This discussion of the relationship between bond length and bond order can therefore at present be only tentative.

The positions of the carbon atoms were found only


Fig. 5. [010] projection showing distances between atoms which are not bonded to each other, assuming the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{H}$ bond length to be $1.62 \AA$. All other intra- and inter-molecular distances (apart from those within each phosphine group) are greater than $3.9 \AA$.
approximately using trial-and-error methods with little refinement, and no discussion of the bond lengths or bond angles which involve the carbon atoms is therefore possible. The positions quoted appear to be approximately correct, since when different positions were assumed deep negative areas appeared on the difference maps. This effect was so marked that it could confidently be used to make the choice between the two possible space groups.

The distances between non-bonded atoms in the same molecule (Fig. 5) or different molecules all indicate only normal van der Waals interactions. The increase of the two $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ bond-angles from the ideal value of $90^{\circ}$ to $94^{\circ}$, these four heavier atoms remaining coplanar, is probably caused by slight 'molecular overcrowding' between the bromine atom and the ethyl groups.

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