

Optical Isomers of the *cis*-Dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)platinum(IV) and its Stereospecific Reaction with Ethylenediamine

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SINCE the geometry of the platinum(IV) ion is well known and its complexes are hydrolytically stable, they serve as excellent material for mechanism studies and for the study of stereospecific reactions. Comprehensive studies on the stereospecific reactions of cobalt(III) complexes have been extended to platinum(IV) compounds.¹ However, up to this time optical isomers of *cis*-[Pt en₂ Cl₂]Cl₂ have not been available for such studies. Preparation of the *cis*-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)platinum(IV) ion was reported by Bailar and Heneghan.² Attempted resolution of the optical isomers with ammonium (+)- α -bromocamphor- π -sulphonate did not yield the isomers in their free form. Instead, these investigators studied the rotation *versus* boiling time of a solution of one of their isomers in the presence of the resolving agent and concluded that racemization of the complex ion occurred. Basolo, Morris, and Pearson³ found that the rate of chloride exchange of *trans*-[Pt(NH₃)₄Cl₂]²⁺ is approximately 2000 times faster than that for the *cis*-isomer, but observed little difference in the rate between *cis*- and *trans*-[Pt en₂ Cl₂]²⁺. Consequently it is doubtful that the *cis*-ion was obtained in these two investigations. Here we report the resolution of *cis*-[Pt en₂ Cl₂]Cl₂ into its optical isomers.

The infrared spectra (Nujol mulls) of *cis*-* and *trans*-[Pt en₂ Cl₂]Cl₂ are given in Figure 1. The *trans*-compound, prepared according to the method of Basolo, Bailar, and Tarr,⁴ was analysed as the monohydrate. Due to the higher symmetry of the *trans*-compound, its infrared spectrum is slightly less complex than that of the *cis*-compound: though similar to the *cis*-[Co en₂ Cl₂]Cl, the maximum in the 1550–1600 cm.⁻¹ region assigned to the (N–H) bending frequency appears at a higher frequency in the *trans*-isomer than in the *cis*-isomer.⁵

Resolution of *cis*-[Pt en₂ Cl₂]Cl₂ was carried out by adding potassium antimonyl (+)-tartrate to the complex in a 1:1 ratio. The salt (+)₄₅₀-[Pt en₂ Cl₂][(+)-SbO(C₄H₄O₆)₂] was precipitated, and the resolving agent removed by dissolving the solids in dilute HCl, filtering off the SbOCl which formed, evaporating the filtrate to crystallization, and

adding alcohol. The resolved complex is white in colour. [Found: C, 10.6; H, 3.6; N, 12.2; Cl, 31.2; Pt, 42.7. Calc. for Pt(C₂H₈N₂)₂Cl₄: C, 10.5; H, 3.5; N, 12.3; Cl, 31.0; Pt, 42.7%.] The opposite enantiomer was obtained by using potassium antimonyl (–)-tartrate as resolving agent. The optical rotatory dispersion curves of the two optical isomers are shown in Figure 2.

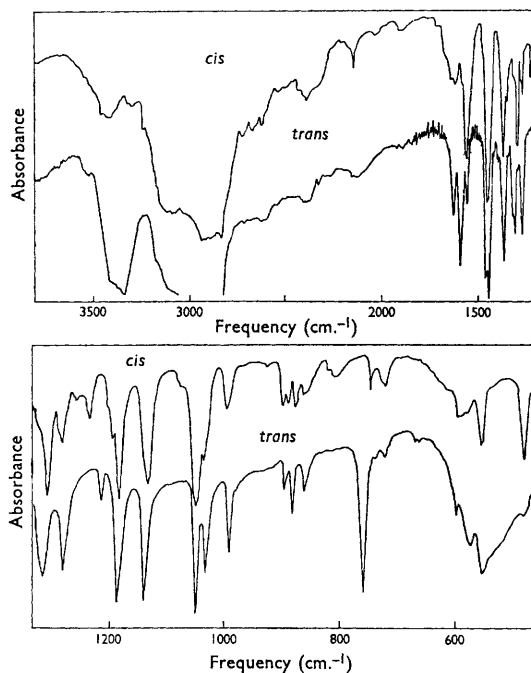


FIGURE 1. Infrared spectra of *cis*- and *trans*-[Pt en₂ Cl₂]Cl₂.

The n.m.r. spectra of the *cis*- and *trans*-isomers in deuterium oxide were obtained at 100 and 60 Mc./sec. using Me₃Si(CH₂)₃SO₃Na as internal standard. The *trans*-compound exhibits methylene resonance, consisting of a central peak at 3.04 p.p.m. and a doublet arising from the splitting of the methylene protons by ¹⁹⁵Pt (*J*_{Pt-H} = 26

* The *cis*-isomer used in this investigation was prepared by a new method which is being published elsewhere.

c./sec.). The doublet has approximately 34% of the total area of the three peaks which is in agreement with the natural abundance of ^{195}Pt . The spectrum of *trans*- $[\text{Pt en}_2\text{Cl}_2]\text{Cl}_2$ at 100 Mc. is identical with that at 60 Mc. The spectrum of the *cis*-complex at 60 Mc. is similar to that of the *trans*-compound. However, in the 100 Mc. spectrum the

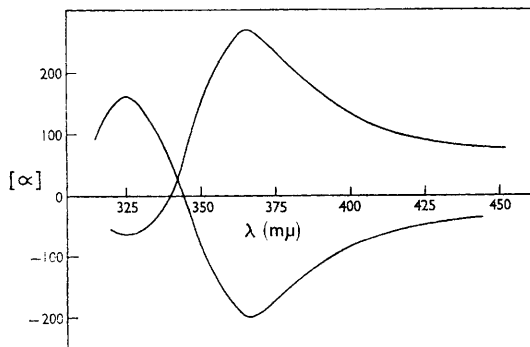


FIGURE 2. The optical rotatory dispersion of (+)- and (-)- $[\text{Pt en}_2\text{Cl}_2]\text{Cl}_2$

peaks are further split, indicating there is more than one chemical shift involved. This is expected for the *cis*-isomer since there are two types of methylene groups, those on the nitrogen *cis* to two chlorine atoms and those on the nitrogen *cis* and *trans* to a chlorine atom. In deuterium oxide one sees no NH protons as the exchange of deuterium for hydrogen is rapid. The *cis*-compound in 50% H_2SO_4 exhibits two broad NH peaks at 4.83 and 6.83 p.p.m. indicating there are two different NH protons. *cis*- $[\text{Co en}_2\text{Cl}_2]^+$ also shows two peaks for amine groups⁶ which are further separated than in the platinum complex.

Reaction of (+)- $_{450}[\text{Pt en}_2\text{Cl}_2]\text{Cl}_2$ with a stoichiometric amount of ethylenediamine in aqueous solution at room temperature yielded optically pure $\text{D-}[\text{Pt en}_3]\text{Cl}_4$. {Found: C, 13.9; H, 4.7; N, 16.2; Pt, 37.6. Calc. for $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_3]\text{Cl}_4$: C, 13.9; H, 4.7; N, 16.3; Pt, 37.7.} The $[\text{Pt en}_3]\text{Cl}_4$ obtained gave $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +89^\circ$; $[\alpha]_{405} = +215^\circ$; $[\alpha]_{365} = +282^\circ$. The literature⁷ reports $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = +88^\circ$; $[\alpha]_{405} = +217^\circ$; $[\alpha]_{365} = +275^\circ$.

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