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Ruthenium(II) Complexes of Benzylphosphines

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Reaction of the benzylphenylphosphines BzL_nPPh_{3-n} (L) with "Ru(CO)₂Cl₂" produces the kinetically stable *trans*-L₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ (1), which thermally isomerize to the thermodynamically stable *cis*-L₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ (2). The kinetics, activation thermodynamics, and mechanisms of these processes were determined by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. The isomerization is a dissociative process (ΔS^\ddagger and ΔH^\ddagger are both positive) whose rate increases with an increase in the steric bulk of the phosphine and is retarded by excess carbon monoxide. A series of six complexes have been characterized by elemental analyses and infrared and ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, and ³¹P NMR spectroscopies. The crystal structures of *trans*-(Bzl₂P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ and *cis*-(BzlPPh₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ have been determined from three-dimensional X-ray diffraction techniques. The structural data form a basis for discussion of the relative thermodynamic and kinetic stabilities of the isomers formed.

Introduction

There has been a great deal of interest recently in catalysts that are capable of performing selective homogeneous hydrogenations.² Tertiary phosphine complexes of transition metals have figured prominently in these reactions as excellent catalysts, in particular, complexes of ruthenium. Wilkinson³ found that RuCl₂(PPh₃)₄ and RuCl₂(PPh₃)₃ were extremely efficient for the reduction of alkenes and alkynes at 25 °C and 1 atm. Fahey⁴ found that (PPh₃)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ was a very effective catalyst for the selective hydrogenation of cyclo-olefins to cyclomonolefins. The catalytic mechanism for both these catalysts involve ligand dissociation, a process which should be promoted by increasing the steric bulk of the ligands. In addition Mawby⁵ suggested that the thermal and photochemical isomerization of (R₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ complexes is a dissociative process. The benzylphosphines, Bzl_nPPh_{3-n}, n = 1-3, are sterically more encumbering than PPh₃ and are also stronger bases. As a consequence ruthenium complexes of the benzylphosphines might be expected to display significant catalytic activity.

We have prepared and characterized a series of ruthenium complexes with the benzylphosphines and investigated their solution structure and reactivity. The results of those studies are reported herein.

Results and Discussion

Numerous unsuccessful attempts were made to prepare L₄RuCl₂ or L₃RuCl₂ with the benzylphosphines. We were unable to isolate any crystalline ruthenium complexes from reactions of the benzylphosphines with "ruthenium blue solutions"⁶ (Ph₃P)₄RuCl₂,⁷ [(norbornadiene)RuCl₂]_n, [(cyclooctadiene)RuCl₂]_n, or RuCl₃·3H₂O.

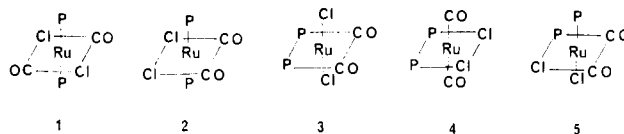
Having failed to obtain the L_nRuCl₂ complexes, we turned our attention to the carbonyl complexes. When solutions of

Table I. Infrared Spectral Data for L₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂^a

L	isomer	$\nu(C-O)$, cm ⁻¹	$\nu(Ru-Cl)$, cm ⁻¹	other vibrations
Bzl ₃ P	cis	1987, 2045	274, 298	349
	trans	2015	355	325
Bzl ₂ Ph	cis	1986, 2040	270, 299	375
	trans	2010	334	320
BzlPPh ₂	cis	1995, 2058	285, 310	
	trans	2020	320	333

^a Nujol mulls on CsBr plates.

RuCl₃·3H₂O in 2-methoxyethanol are refluxed under carbon monoxide and a benzylphosphine is added, complexes of the type L₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ are readily formed. These complexes potentially could have one of five different isomeric structures⁸ (1-5). Only isomers 1 and 2 were isolated with the ben-



zylphosphines. The initial kinetic product is the yellow, *trans* isomer (1) for Bzl₃P, Bzl₂PPh, and BzlPPh₂. Under vigorous reflux the thermodynamically stable, colorless *cis* isomer (2) is formed. The *trans* complexes (1) thermally isomerize in solution completely to the *cis* complexes (2) without decomposition. The benzylphosphines exhibit behavior similar to that of other bulky phosphines in that we were not able to prepare the L₃Ru(CO)Cl₂ complexes with the benzylphosphines.⁹

The infrared and ¹H NMR data (Tables I and II, respectively) confirm the configuration of isomers 1 and 2, the yellow *trans* and colorless *cis* isomers, respectively. The colorless complexes each show two strong vibrations at approximately 1980 and 2050 cm⁻¹ due to mutually *cis* carbonyl groups, whereas the yellow complexes show only one strong vibration at approximately 2015 cm⁻¹ due to mutually *trans* carbonyl groups. Both isomers show vibrations in the 270-355-cm⁻¹ region due to ν_{RuCl} , one for the *trans* complexes and two for the *cis*.

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Table II. ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR Data of CDCl_3 Solutions of Benzylphosphine Complexes of $\text{L}_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$

L	$\delta[^1\text{H}(\text{CH}_2)]^a$	"J", ^b Hz	line shape ^c	isomer	$\delta[^{13}\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)]^a$	J_{PC} , Hz	line shape ^c	$\delta[^{13}\text{C}(\text{CO})]^a$	J_{PC} , Hz	line shape ^c
Bzl ₃ P	3.57	7.08	t	cis	31.12	21.98	t	192.12	10.99	t
	3.53	6.35	t	trans	31.9	20.51	t			
Bzl ₂ Ph	3.93	8.06	t	cis	31.46	20.51	t			
	3.87	...	m	trans	55.87	51.20	t			
BzlPPh ₂	4.47	8.06	t	cis						

^a Chemical shifts are relative to Me_4Si . ^b "J" = $|^nJ_{\text{PH}} + ^{n+2}J_{\text{PH}}|$. ^c t = triplet, m = unresolved multiplet.

Table III. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR Data for the Complexes $\text{L}_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ in CDCl_3 Solution

$\delta(^{31}\text{P})^a$	L	isomer	$\delta(^{31}\text{P})^b$	$\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})_{\text{obsd}}^c$	$\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})_{\text{calcd}}$	$\frac{\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})_{\text{obsd}} - \Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})_{\text{calcd}}}{\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})_{\text{calcd}}}$
-12.9	Bzl ₃ P	cis	16.59	-29.49	-28.24 ^d	1.25
		trans	17.92	-30.82	-29.19 ^e	1.63
-12.1	Bzl ₂ PPh	cis	15.80	-27.90	-29.74 ^d	-1.84
		trans	16.47	-28.57	-30.98 ^e	-2.41
-10.4	BzlPPh ₂	cis	23.12	-33.53	-32.94 ^d	0.59
		trans	25.19	-35.59	-34.82 ^e	0.77

^a Chemical shifts of the free phosphine. ^b Positive chemical shifts are downfield of 85% H_3PO_4 . ^c $\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})_{\text{obsd}} = \delta(^{31}\text{P} \text{ ligand}) - \delta(^{31}\text{P} \text{ complex})$. ^d $\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})_{\text{calcd}} = A[\delta(^{31}\text{P} \text{ free ligand})] + B$ where $A = -1.88$, $B = -52.51$. ^e $A = -2.26$, $B = -58.28$.

It has been well established¹⁰ that for transition-metal complexes containing two tertiary phosphine ligands with methylene groups attached to the phosphorus the appearance of the methylene resonance in the ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR is determined by the magnitude of $^2J_{\text{pp}}$. When the two phosphorus nuclei are mutually cis, $^2J_{\text{pp}}$ is generally less than 80 Hz and the methylene resonance appears as a doublet or "filled-in" doublet. If the two phosphorus nuclei are mutually trans, then $^2J_{\text{pp}}$ is generally 500 Hz or greater and the methylene resonance appears as a 1:2:1 triplet. Triplets were observed (Table II) for the methylene resonances of all complexes except *trans*-(Bzl₂PPh)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂, indicating mutually trans phosphine ligands. The methylene resonance of *trans*-(Bzl₂PPh)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ was an unresolved quartet of triplets due to the unsymmetrical nature of this ligand.¹⁰ Broad unresolved multiplets were observed for each complex centered at δ 7.2 with line shapes typical of trans phenylphosphines.¹¹ Due to limited solubility, satisfactory ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of *trans*-(BzlPPh₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ could not be obtained. The observation of mutually trans phosphines in all complexes is consistent with the phosphines' steric bulk, which seemingly precludes mutually cis phosphines.

The $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (Table II) show triplets for the methylene carbons except for *cis*- and *trans*-(BzlPPh₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂, which were too insoluble to show anything but the aromatic carbons. For all complexes the aromatic carbons were singlets, due to cancellation¹⁰ of coupling constants, $|^nJ_{\text{PC}} + ^{n+2}J_{\text{PC}}| = 0$, and therefore provide no structural information.

Each of the complexes showed a single resonance in their ^{31}P NMR (Table III), and the resonance of the trans isomer was downfield of that of the cis in each case. There has been very little success in correlating ^{31}P chemical shifts with other parameters^{12,13} such as electronegativity or basicity of the groups attached to phosphorus. Greater success has been achieved in the correlation of the chemical shift of the free phosphine, $\delta(^{31}\text{P})$, and the change in the chemical shift upon coordination, $\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})$. The coordination chemical shift seems to be related to the bonding orbital structure of the phosphorus and indicates that the steric nature of the groups attached to

Table IV. Rate Constants and Activation Parameters for the Reaction *trans*-L₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ → *cis*-L₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ in CDCl_3 Solution

L	$10^{-4}k$, L mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	T, °C	ΔH^\ddagger , kcal mol ⁻¹	ΔS^\ddagger , eu
Bzl ₃ P	1.16	50	+15.70 ± 1	+5.8 ± 2
	0.97	43		
	0.48	38		
Bzl ₂ PPh	0.96	50	+17.52 ± 1	+9.5 ± 2
	1.32	43		
	0.23	34		

phosphorus significantly affects the coordination chemical shift. Shaw^{14,15} obtained linear relationships between $\delta(^{31}\text{P})$ and $\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})$ for both *cis*-(R₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ and *trans*-(R₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂, and then later Shaw¹⁶ showed that there was no linear relationship between these two parameters for the cis complexes. We have combined our data with Shaw's and find for the trans complexes that $\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P}) = 0.330[\delta(^{31}\text{P})] - 39.43$ ($R^2 = 0.434$), but there is no linear relationship for the cis complexes. Shaw¹⁶ attributed the lack of this relationship to the unsymmetrical nature of the cis complexes allowing contributions from only a few configurations of the coordinated phosphine. We agree with this interpretation and suggest that for bulky phosphines where a specific configuration might be stabilized that there would not be a linear relationship. For the benzylphosphines alone the relationship between $\Delta\delta(^{31}\text{P})$ and $\delta(^{31}\text{P})$ is equally linear for the cis ($R^2 = 0.68$) and trans ($R^2 = 0.65$) isomers. We interpret this to mean that the bulky benzylphosphines are conformationally mobile in their complexes. This is supported¹⁷ by the crystal structure data on *trans*-(Bzl₃P)₂PdX₂, X = CN, N₃, where both the cone angle and the conformation of the Bzl₃P are very different in the two complexes.

When they are heated in solution, these complexes thermally isomerize. The trans to cis isomerization was monitored by variable-temperature ^{31}P NMR as a function of time. The rate constants and activation parameters are listed in Table IV. The reliability of the data decreases with decreasing

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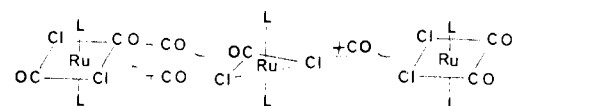
Table V. Final Positional^a Parameters for Ru(BzlPPh₂)₂(CO)₂Cl₂

atom	x	y	z	atom	x	y	z
Ru	1804 (1) ^b	3903 (1)	3225 (1)	Cl(3)	4644 (3)	3172 (2)	9641 (4)
Cl(1)	3177 (1)	3958 (1)	1928 (2)	Cl(4)	5197 (3)	4088 (2)	9162 (4)
Cl(2)	2692 (1)	3539 (1)	4915 (2)	Cl(5)	3794 (2)	3684 (1)	7661 (3)
C(1)	1172 (5)	4174 (2)	1858 (7)	Cl(6)	2178 (4)	7421 (1)	3153 (5)
O(1)	781 (4)	4325 (2)	1020 (5)	Cl(7)	1896 (3)	6495 (1)	3643 (4)
C(2)	740 (5)	3891 (2)	4194 (7)	Cl(8)	3571 (3)	6792 (3)	2579 (4)
O(2)	87 (4)	3903 (2)	4769 (6)	C(41)	4282 (7)	3717 (4)	9158 (9)
P(1)	2256 (1)	4632 (1)	4082 (2)	C(42)	2706 (8)	6918 (4)	3608 (10)
P(2)	1587 (1)	3154 (1)	2336 (2)	H(1)	389 (7)	392 (3)	975 (9)
C(3)	2004 (5)	5078 (2)	2920 (7)	H(2)	310 (7)	695 (3)	447 (9)
C(4)	1137 (6)	5276 (3)	2881 (8)	H(3)	67	520	356
C(5)	931 (6)	5588 (3)	1897 (9)	H(4)	31	574	187
C(6)	1556 (7)	5689 (3)	997 (9)	H(5)	140	591	29
C(7)	2398 (7)	5488 (3)	1010 (9)	H(6)	286	556	33
C(8)	2631 (6)	5183 (3)	1984 (8)	H(7)	325	504	201
C(9)	3498 (5)	4663 (2)	4448 (7)	H(8)	384	553	383
C(10)	3781 (5)	5061 (3)	5262 (8)	H(9)	430	616	516
C(11)	3929 (6)	5487 (3)	4767 (10)	H(10)	449	604	739
C(12)	4198 (7)	5854 (3)	5536 (13)	H(11)	425	532	830
C(13)	4301 (7)	5777 (4)	6821 (12)	H(12)	379	469	696
C(14)	4163 (8)	5366 (4)	7351 (11)	H(13)	157	548	524
C(15)	3900 (7)	4999 (3)	6579 (9)	H(14)	109	567	734
C(16)	1755 (5)	4802 (2)	5591 (7)	H(15)	102	511	895
C(17)	1541 (6)	5243 (2)	5915 (7)	H(16)	142	434	845
C(18)	1252 (7)	5352 (3)	7126 (8)	H(17)	181	415	632
C(19)	1217 (7)	5027 (3)	8058 (8)	H(18)	-26	310	130
C(20)	1454 (7)	4579 (3)	7769 (8)	H(19)	-92	320	-80
C(21)	1717 (6)	4467 (3)	6542 (7)	H(20)	5	332	-258
C(22)	1084 (5)	3174 (2)	732 (7)	H(21)	166	335	-230
C(23)	142 (6)	3155 (3)	547 (8)	H(22)	233	326	-19
C(24)	-238 (6)	3214 (3)	-674 (9)	H(23)	307	221	384
C(25)	321 (6)	3277 (3)	-1698 (8)	H(24)	296	139	359
C(26)	1257 (7)	3301 (3)	-1544 (8)	H(25)	252	108	162
C(27)	1652 (6)	3247 (3)	-319 (8)	H(26)	217	156	-15
C(28)	2708 (5)	2859 (2)	2175 (7)	H(27)	227	236	11
C(29)	2667 (5)	2355 (2)	1999 (7)	H(28)	57	233	168
C(30)	2880 (6)	2068 (3)	2997 (8)	H(29)	-31	179	288
C(31)	2815 (8)	1603 (3)	2852 (9)	H(30)	-51	189	511
C(32)	2560 (7)	1421 (3)	1726 (9)	H(31)	16	253	617
C(33)	2357 (7)	1698 (3)	690 (9)	H(32)	106	307	496
C(34)	2419 (6)	2156 (3)	843 (7)	H(33)	384	468	361
C(35)	880 (5)	2758 (2)	3220 (8)	H(34)	369	438	490
C(36)	481 (5)	2373 (2)	2622 (7)	H(35)	309	292	297
C(37)	-25 (6)	2062 (3)	3322 (9)	H(36)	304	299	141
C(38)	-145 (6)	2125 (3)	4608 (8)				
C(39)	244 (6)	2489 (3)	5226 (8)				
C(40)	722 (6)	2805 (3)	4525 (8)				

^a The positional parameters are in fractional unit cell coordinates $\times 10^4$ for the nonhydrogen atoms and $\times 10^3$ for the hydrogen atoms. ^b In this and succeeding tables estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses for the least significant figures. Since H(3)–H(36) were not refined, no standard deviations are given.

solubility of the complexes, and quantitative data for (BzlPPh₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ could not be obtained. For the isomerizations of both (Bzl₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ and (Bzl₂PPh)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ both ΔH^* and ΔS^* are positive, indicative of a dissociative mechanism for the isomerization,¹⁸ which would be expected for six-coordinate complexes.¹⁹ Additional support for a dissociative mechanism is provided by the relative rates of the isomerization. It is anticipated that for a dissociative process an increase in the steric bulk of the complex should increase the rate of isomerization. Quantitatively, (Bzl₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ isomerizes faster than (Bzl₂PPh)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂, and this complex qualitatively isomerizes faster than (BzlPPh₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂. Furthermore, both the Bzl₃P and Bzl₂PPh complexes isomerize approximately 15 times faster than the analogous Me₂PPh complex.²⁰ In addition, the

isomerizations are all slower in the presence of free carbon monoxide, indicating that the mechanism may involve the dissociation of one of the CO ligands as shown:



Because the cis complexes are all thermodynamically more stable than the trans complexes, cis to trans isomerization does not occur. For (PPh₃)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ only the cis isomer may be isolated. This complex is an active hydrogenation catalyst⁴ in the presence of excess PPh₃, which suggests that the catalytically active species may be (PPh₃)₂Ru(CO)Cl₂ and that PPh₃ in some way aids in the dissociation of carbon monoxide (perhaps through the intermediary of (PPh₃)₃Ru(CO)Cl₂, which we would expect to readily lose PPh₃).

The proposed structures for the benzylphosphine complexes based upon NMR and infrared data have been confirmed by single-crystal X-ray crystallography on *trans*-(Bzl₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ and *cis*-(BzlPPh₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂. ORTEP diagrams of the two complexes are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respec-

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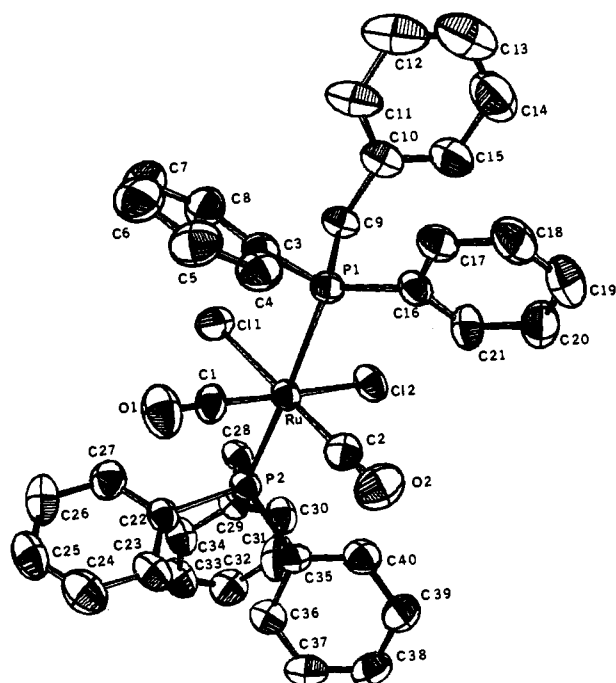


Figure 1. The $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\text{BzIpph}_2)\text{Cl}_2$ molecule. Ellipsoids of 50% probability are shown.³⁴

Table VI. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (Deg) for $\text{Ru}(\text{BzIpph}_2)_2(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2^a$

Ru-Cl(1)	2.430 (2)	Ru-P(1)	2.410 (2)
Ru-Cl(2)	2.428 (2)	Ru-P(2)	2.410 (2)
Ru-C(1)	1.869 (7)	C(1)-O(1)	1.131 (9)
Ru-C(2)	1.858 (7)	C(2)-O(2)	1.129 (10)
Cl(1)-Ru-Cl(2)	89.9 (1)	C(1)-Ru-P(1)	92.1 (2)
Cl(1)-Ru-C(1)	87.0 (2)	C(1)-Ru-P(2)	91.9 (2)
Cl(1)-Ru-C(2)	177.2 (2)	C(2)-Ru-P(1)	92.4 (2)
Cl(1)-Ru-P(1)	85.7 (1)	C(2)-Ru-P(2)	94.9 (2)
Cl(1)-Ru-P(2)	87.2 (1)	P(1)-Ru-P(2)	171.7 (1)
Cl(2)-Ru-C(1)	176.7 (2)	Ru-C(1)-O(1)	177.9 (6)
Cl(2)-Ru-C(2)	92.1 (2)	Ru-C(2)-O(2)	177.1 (6)
Cl(2)-Ru-P(1)	88.9 (1)	Ru-P(1)-C(3)	109.8 (2)
Cl(2)-Ru-P(2)	86.8 (1)	Ru-P(1)-C(9)	112.7 (2)
C(1)-Ru-C(2)	90.9 (3)	Ru-P(1)-C(16)	117.2 (2)

^a The remaining bond lengths and angles of interest are given in the supplementary material.

tively. For *cis*-(BzIpph_2) $_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$, the positional parameters are listed in Table V, and important bond lengths and bond angles are given in Table VI. For *trans*-(BzIpph_2) $_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$, fractional coordinates are listed in Table VII, and important bond distances and angles are listed in Table VIII. Both of these complexes are nearly regular octahedra with little distortion in bond angles. This could be attributed to the lack of large steric effects, which supports the conclusions derived from the ^{31}P NMR data. The Ru-P, Ru-Cl, Ru-C, and C-O bond lengths also all appear normal and are not significantly different from those observed for similar compounds as can be seen in Table IX. There are, however, significant differences in the Ru-C, Ru-Cl, and C-O bond lengths between the *cis* and *trans* complexes. The Ru-Cl and C-O bonds are longer and the Ru-C bonds shorter in *cis*-(BzIpph_2) $_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ than in *trans*-(BzIpph_2) $_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$, while the Ru-P bonds are essentially the same in the two compounds. These differences are a manifestation of the stronger trans influence²¹ of CO than Cl. The infrared data (Table I) on these com-

pounds also suggest that the Ru-C bonds are stronger and the Ru-Cl bonds weaker in the *cis* complexes than in the *trans*.

Collectively these data suggest the $(\text{R}_3\text{P})_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ complexes, which usually possess *trans*⁸ R_3P (except for Et_2PPh) because of steric reasons. The greater thermodynamic stability of *cis*-($\text{R}_3\text{P})_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ relative to *trans*-($\text{R}_3\text{P})_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ results from electronic factors in maximizing the strength of the Ru-C bond at the expense of the Ru-Cl bond.

It is of interest to compare the structures of $(\text{BzIpph}_2)_2\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$, $(\text{BzIpph}_2)_2\text{Pd}(\text{CN})_2$,¹⁷ and $(\text{BzIpph}_2)_2\text{Pd}(\text{N}_3)_2$ ¹⁷ for which the conformation of the BzIpph_2 ligand changes in each case. For both the ruthenium chloride and palladium azide complexes the tribenzylphosphine configuration is such that ortho-metalation of the tribenzylphosphine could occur with minimum motion of the ligand and should therefore be reasonably facile. The ruthenium complexes do undergo base-promoted ortho-metalation reactions, which will be reported later. The nonbonded distances listed in Table X indicate significant interactions along what conceivably could be the ortho-metalation reaction coordinate.

Experimental Section

A. Reagents and Physical Measurements. The phosphines were prepared from commercial (Aldrich) PCl_3 , PhPCl_2 , and Ph_2PCl by standard Grignard reactions.²² All chemicals were reagent grade and were used as received. Melting points were determined on a Meltemp apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were performed by Galbraith Laboratories, Knoxville, TN 37921.

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 599 spectrophotometer as Nujol mulls between CsBr plates.

The ^1H , $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra were recorded at 99.54, 25.00, and 40.26 MHz, respectively, on a JEOL FX-100 spectrometer in the Fourier-transform mode. The NM-3980 multinuclear probe was equipped with a JES-VT-3 variable-temperature controller. Temperatures were monitored with thermometers and/or thermocouples placed directly in the sample tubes and were found to be constant within $\pm 1^\circ$. Proton and carbon-13 chemical shifts were measured relative to internal Me_4Si . Phosphorus-31 chemical shifts were measured relative to external PPh_3 and were corrected to 85% H_3PO_4 with downfield shifts being positive.

B. Preparation of the Complexes. The complexes were prepared by slight modifications of literature preparations for similar complexes.^{16,23,24} An example of a typical preparation of each isomer is as follows.

***cis*-Dichlorodicyarbonylbis(tribenzylphosphine)ruthenium(II).** A solution containing 0.17 g (0.65 mmol) of $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 50 mL of 2-methoxyethanol was refluxed while carbon monoxide was bubbled through the solution for approximately 6 h. To the resultant yellow solution was added a solution of 0.49 g (1.62 mmol) of BzIpph_2 in 10 mL of N_2 -degassed CH_2Cl_2 , and this solution was refluxed under carbon monoxide until a colorless solid or solution was obtained. A modified Dean-Stark trap was then inserted, and the solution volume was reduced with continued refluxing. The colorless crystals that volunteered were filtered and washed with anhydrous diethyl ether and vacuum-dried. The yield was 60% (based on ruthenium); mp 226–228 $^\circ\text{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{42}\text{Cl}_2\text{RuP}_2\text{O}_2$: C, 63.15; H, 5.06. Found: C, 63.50; H, 5.10.

***trans*-Dichlorodicyarbonylbis(tribenzylphosphine)ruthenium(II).** A solution containing 0.6032 g (2.3 mmol) of $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 50 mL of absolute ethanol was refluxed under CO for approximately 6.5 h. To the resultant cooled solution was added a solution of 2.21 g (7.27 mmol) of PBzIpph_2 in 10 mL of degassed CH_2Cl_2 , and the solution was allowed to sit at room temperature under CO. The yellow solid was

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Table VII. Fractional Atomic Coordinates and Thermal Parameters with Estimated Standard Deviations^a for Ru(Bzl₃P)₂(CO)₂Cl₂

atom	x	y	z	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₁₂	U ₁₃	U ₂₃
Ru(1)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	0.0 (0)	51.6 (2)	33.9 (2)	35.0 (2)	24.9 (2)	9.6 (2)	15.6 (1)
Cl(2)	-1325 (1)	584 (1)	2001 (1)	58.9 (5)	50.3 (5)	41.5 (4)	26.5 (4)	13.9 (4)	14.9 (3)
C(3)	1253 (3)	-228 (3)	1268 (3)	69 (2)	35 (2)	46 (2)	26 (2)	4 (2)	14 (1)
O(4)	2010 (3)	-417 (2)	1877 (3)	109 (2)	57 (1)	70 (2)	44 (1)	-21 (1)	17 (1)
P(5)	1480 (1)	2377 (1)	1133 (1)	53.3 (5)	36.9 (4)	40.7 (4)	26.1 (4)	12.8 (4)	17.9 (3)
C(6)	2111 (3)	3309 (3)	3288 (3)	70 (2)	51 (2)	45 (2)	32 (2)	11 (2)	19 (1)
C(7)	2623 (4)	2623 (4)	4158 (3)	71 (2)	48 (2)	42 (2)	31 (2)	8 (2)	15 (1)
C(8)	4025 (4)	2933 (4)	4415 (4)	68 (2)	78 (2)	58 (2)	38 (2)	11 (2)	29 (2)
C(9)	4462 (4)	2407 (5)	5274 (4)	86 (3)	112 (3)	71 (3)	63 (3)	6 (2)	36 (2)
C(10)	3535 (5)	1676 (4)	5910 (4)	119 (4)	91 (3)	64 (2)	60 (3)	8 (2)	40 (2)
C(11)	2157 (5)	1450 (4)	5690 (4)	106 (3)	78 (3)	55 (2)	32 (2)	7 (2)	38 (2)
C(12)	1686 (4)	1956 (3)	4823 (4)	79 (2)	64 (2)	53 (2)	29 (2)	11 (2)	28 (2)
C(13)	462 (3)	3262 (3)	846 (3)	59 (2)	45 (2)	45 (2)	28 (2)	9 (1)	18 (1)
C(14)	1086 (3)	4781 (3)	1725 (3)	49 (2)	40 (2)	46 (2)	27 (1)	6 (1)	18 (1)
C(15)	840 (3)	5406 (3)	3184 (4)	64 (2)	52 (2)	59 (2)	33 (2)	16 (2)	25 (2)
C(16)	1385 (4)	6797 (4)	3985 (4)	94 (3)	62 (2)	56 (2)	50 (2)	2 (2)	7 (2)
C(17)	2182 (4)	7577 (3)	3319 (5)	92 (3)	42 (2)	97 (3)	31 (2)	-18 (2)	17 (2)
C(18)	2428 (4)	6981 (4)	1874 (5)	85 (3)	57 (2)	105 (3)	30 (2)	14 (2)	52 (2)
C(19)	1881 (4)	5596 (3)	1082 (4)	84 (2)	55 (2)	60 (2)	39 (2)	18 (2)	34 (2)
C(20)	3046 (3)	2983 (3)	298 (3)	67 (2)	51 (2)	54 (2)	29 (2)	22 (2)	27 (2)
C(21)	4386 (3)	3024 (3)	922 (3)	53 (2)	48 (2)	52 (2)	22 (2)	19 (2)	15 (2)
C(22)	4549 (3)	1866 (3)	658 (4)	55 (2)	50 (2)	70 (2)	25 (2)	7 (2)	7 (2)
C(23)	5766 (4)	1921 (4)	1301 (5)	64 (3)	73 (3)	91 (3)	41 (2)	10 (2)	16 (2)
C(24)	6870 (4)	3129 (5)	2197 (4)	58 (2)	94 (3)	72 (3)	35 (2)	8 (2)	10 (2)
C(25)	6776 (4)	4300 (4)	2417 (4)	58 (2)	73 (3)	66 (2)	6 (2)	11 (2)	3 (2)
C(26)	5544 (4)	4253 (3)	1798 (4)	77 (3)	58 (2)	68 (2)	29 (2)	30 (2)	21 (2)

atom	x	y	z	U _{iso} , Å ²	atom	x	y	z	U _{iso} , Å ²
H(6A)	2953 (34)	4294 (32)	3584 (36)	96 (11)	H(17)	2609 (32)	8503 (31)	3889 (35)	88 (10)
H(6B)	1192 (28)	3385 (26)	3658 (30)	64 (8)	H(18)	2940 (30)	7463 (30)	1424 (34)	82 (10)
H(8)	4837 (32)	3584 (30)	3981 (35)	91 (10)	H(19)	2031 (25)	5192 (24)	97 (27)	50 (7)
H(9)	5379 (34)	2542 (33)	5320 (38)	102 (12)	H(20A)	2697 (25)	2416 (25)	-714 (28)	50 (7)
H(10)	3970 (30)	1343 (28)	6457 (33)	77 (9)	H(20B)	3203 (29)	3863 (28)	465 (31)	69 (9)
H(11)	1391 (36)	1110 (35)	6160 (41)	118 (13)	H(22)	3809 (27)	1029 (26)	49 (29)	62 (8)
H(12)	683 (40)	1809 (38)	4809 (43)	128 (14)	H(23)	5787 (34)	1118 (33)	1216 (38)	101 (11)
H(13A)	316 (23)	2979 (22)	-188 (26)	40 (7)	H(24)	7739 (33)	3164 (32)	2639 (36)	96 (11)
H(13B)	-380 (25)	2886 (24)	1087 (28)	49 (7)	H(25)	7516 (33)	5141 (32)	2990 (37)	96 (11)
H(15)	311 (25)	4894 (24)	3639 (27)	50 (7)	H(26)	5434 (28)	4971 (27)	1904 (31)	69 (9)
H(16)	1236 (32)	7177 (31)	5026 (35)	92 (11)					

^a Positional parameters are given $\times 10^4$ and thermal parameters $\times 10^3$ in Å². Numbers in parentheses are esd's in the units of the least significant digit given for the corresponding parameter. See Figures 1 or 2 for the identities of the atoms. The anisotropic temperature factor is $\exp[-2\pi^2(h^2a^*U_{11} + k^2b^*U_{22} + l^2c^*U_{33} + 2hka^*b^*U_{12} + 2hla^*c^*U_{13} + 2klb^*c^*U_{23})]$.

Table VIII. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (Deg) for (Bzl₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂^a

Ru(1)-Cl(2)	2.418 (1)	P(5)-C(6)	1.875 (3)
Ru(1)-C(3)	1.948 (3)	P(5)-C(13)	1.855 (3)
Ru(1)-P(5)	2.398 (1)	P(5)-C(20)	1.856 (3)
C(3)-O(4)	1.122 (4)		
Cl(2)-Ru(1)-C(3)	93.71 (8)	Ru(1)-P(5)-C(6)	118.61 (10)
Cl(2)-Ru(1)-P(5)	85.04 (2)	Ru(1)-P(5)-C(13)	109.20 (9)
C(3)-Ru(1)-P(5)	90.03 (9)	Ru(1)-P(5)-C(20)	118.16 (10)
Ru(1)-C(3)-O(4)	173.66 (28)		

^a The remaining bond lengths and angles of interest are given in the supplementary material.

filtered, washed with anhydrous diethyl ether, and vacuum-dried. The yield was 57% based on ruthenium; mp 225–227 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₄₂Cl₂RuP₂O₂: C, 63.15; H, 5.06. Found: C, 63.00; H, 5.10.

In a similar manner the following complexes were prepared.

cis-Dichlorodicarbonylbis(dibenzylphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II).

The yield was 90%; mp 235–238 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₃₈Cl₂RuP₂O₂: C, 62.37; H, 4.74. Found: C, 62.70; H, 4.10.

trans-Dichlorodicarbonylbis(dibenzylphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II).

The yield was 82%; mp 230–236 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₃₈Cl₂RuP₂O₂: C, 62.37; H, 4.74. Found: C, 62.50; H, 4.60.

cis-Dichlorodicarbonylbis(benzylidiphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II).

The yield was 95%; mp 260–263 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₄₀H₃₄Cl₂RuP₂O₂: C, 61.54; H, 4.39. Found: C, 61.30; H, 4.70.

trans-Dichlorodicarbonylbis(benzylidiphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II).

The yield was 78%; mp 225–259 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₃₈Cl₂RuP₂O₂: C, 61.51; H, 4.39. Found: C, 61.50; H, 4.40.

C. X-ray Data Collection. 1. **cis-(BzlPPH₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂.**^{1b} Crystal Data. At 27 °C with Mo Kα (λ = 0.70954 Å) radiation, a clear crystal of (BzlPPH₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ yielded the following information: fw = 1019.37, a = 14.564 (2) Å, b = 29.391 (3) Å, c = 10.440 (2) Å, β = 90.48 (2)°, Z = 4, monoclinic, space group P2₁/a, D_{calcd} = 1.47 g cm⁻³, μ = 9.01 cm⁻¹ (no correction made).

Data were collected on an automated four-circle diffractometer described previously.²⁵ All data within a sphere of 45° (6885 reflections) in the hkl and hkl̄ octants were measured with use of an ω-step scan technique.

As a general check on electronic and crystal stability, the intensities of 5 standard reflections were remeasured every 75 reflections. These standard reflections were not observed to vary significantly throughout the data collection period. Systematic extinctions of the type h0l, h = 2n + 1, and 0k0, k = 2n + 1, uniquely indicate the space group as P2₁/a.

The intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. The variance in each intensity was calculated by

$$\sigma^2 = C_T + k_i C_B + (0.03 C_T)^2 + (0.03 C_B)^2$$

where C_T and C_B represent the total and background counts, k_i is a counting-time constant, and 0.03 is an estimate of nonstatistical error. The estimated deviations were calculated by a finite difference method.²⁶ Equivalent data were averaged, and 4688 reflections with |F_o| > 3.0[σ(F_o)] were considered observed and retained for the structure analysis.

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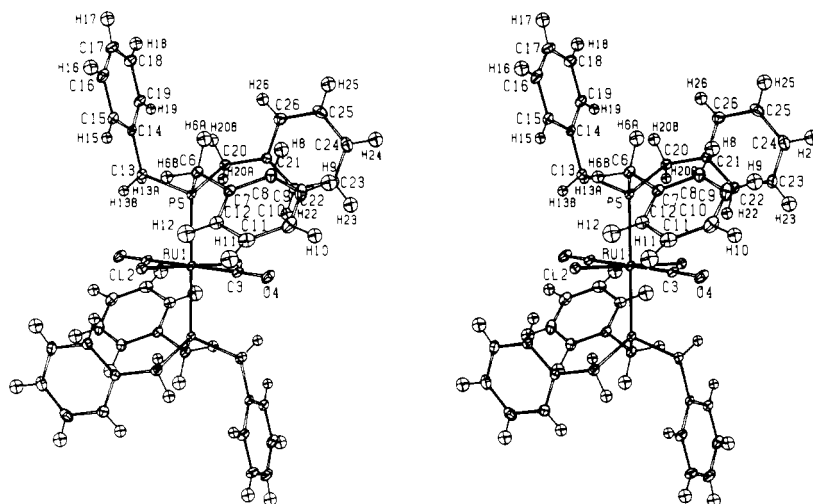


Figure 2. Stereoview of the $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2(\text{Bzl}_3\text{P})_2\text{Cl}_2$ molecule. Ellipsoids of 10% probability are shown.³⁴

Table IX. Representative Structural Data for Ruthenium Complexes

complexes	d, Å				ref
	Ru-P	Ru-Cl	Ru-CO	C-O	
<i>trans</i> -(Bzl_3P) ₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$	2.398	2.418	1.948	1.122	a
<i>cis</i> -(BzlPPH_2) ₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$	2.410	2.429	1.863	1.130	a
(PPh_3) ₃ RuCl_2	2.38	2.387	...	...	b
$\text{Ru}(\text{Me}_2\text{SO})_4\text{Cl}_2$	...	2.435	...	...	c
(PPh_3) ₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})(\text{SnCl}_3)((\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O})$	2.393	2.405	1.796	1.156	d
(Me_2PPh) ₂ $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{CO})(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)$	2.414	2.415	1.831	1.136	e
(π -allyl)(NO) $\text{Ru}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$	2.344	...	...	...	f
(CSe)(PPh_3) ₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})\text{Cl}_2$	2.391	...	...	...	f
(RNC)(PPh_3) ₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})(\text{O}_2\text{C-C})$	...	2.428	...	...	g
(CS)(PPh_3) ₂ $\text{RuCl}_3\text{Ru}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}$	2.373	...	1.81	1.14	h
(<i>N,N'</i> -Et ₂ Im) RuCl_2	2.386	...	...	...	i
<i>trans</i> -($\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$) $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$	2.26-2.36	2.45-2.58	...	...	j
($\text{N}_2\text{HC}_6\text{H}_5$)(PPh_3) $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}$	2.455	2.463	...	...	k
(Et_2NCS_2) ₄ $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_3\text{Cl}_2$	2.343	...	1.866	...	k
{(SnMe_3) $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_4$ }_2	2.354	...	...	...	l
(η -C ₆ H ₆) $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})(\text{GeCl}_3)_3$	2.439	2.424	1.911	1.055	l
	2.415	...	1.912	1.122	l
	...	2.55	1.68	1.22	m
	1.932-1.947	1.129-1.140	n
	1.87	1.14	o

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Table X. Nonbonded Intramolecular Distances^a (Å) for (Bzl_3P)₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$

H(22)-C(3)	3.04 (3)	H(6B)-Cl(2)	3.09 (3)
H(22)-O(4)	3.11 (3)	H(13B)-Cl(2)	3.04 (3)
H(22)-Cl(2)	2.71 (3)	H(20A)-Cl(2)	2.98 (3)
H(12)-Cl(2)	2.86 (4)	C(3)-Cl(2)	3.006 (3), 3.202 (4)

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Solution and Refinement. The position of the ruthenium atom was obtained from analysis of a sharpened Patterson map. The positions of the remaining nonhydrogen atoms were found by subsequent structure factor and electron density map calculations.²⁷ The aromatic

and methylene hydrogen positions were calculated and included in later structure factor calculations. The nonhydrogen positional and anisotropic thermal parameters were refined by block-diagonal matrix procedures²⁸ to a final conventional residual $R = 0.064$ and a weighted residual $R_w = 0.078$.

The molecular structure is illustrated in Figure 1. The atomic positional parameters and principal nonhydrogen bond lengths and angles are given in Tables V and VI (others are given in the supplementary material as Table VIA).

2. *trans*-(Bzl_3P)₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$.^{1c} **Diffraction Section.** A single crystal of (Bzl_3P)₂ $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ with extreme dimensions of 0.28 ×

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0.20 × 0.18 mm was mounted approximately along its longest dimension on a glass rod.

A Syntex four-circle computer-controlled diffractometer with graphite-monochromatized Mo K α radiation (K α_1 , λ 0.70930 Å; K α_2 , λ 0.71359 Å) was used for preliminary experiments and for the measurement of diffraction intensities. The cell constants and their standard deviations (see Crystal Data) were determined by least-squares treatment of the angular coordinates of 15 independent reflections with 2θ values up to 18.7°. The reflections were examined with use of the θ - 2θ scan technique. Each reflection was scanned at a constant rate of 4.0° min⁻¹ from 0.8° (in 2θ) below the calculated K α_1 peak to 0.8° above the K α_2 maximum. The background to scan time ratio was 0.7. Three check reflections, monitored after every 100 reflections during the course of data collection, showed no significant fluctuations.

Standard deviations were assigned according to the formula

$$\sigma(I) = [(CT + B_1 + B_2)\omega^2 + (pI)^2]^{1/2}$$

where CT is the total integrated count, B_1 and B_2 are the background counts, and the intensity is $I = \omega(CT - B_1 - B_2)$. A value of 0.02 was assigned to the empirical parameter p to account for instrumental inaccuracies. The weights (w) used in least-squares refinement of the structural parameters were the reciprocal squares of $\sigma(F_o)$. Of the 3550 unique reflections measured (those for which $2\theta < 50^\circ$), 2830 had intensities such that $I > 3[\sigma(I)]$. All intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects.²⁹ The monochromator crystal was assumed to be half-perfect and half-mosaic in character in the polarization correction. A correction for the effect of absorption ($\mu = 6.32 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) was not made. The atomic scattering factors for Ru⁰, P⁰, Cl⁰, O⁰, C⁰,³⁰ and H(bonded)³¹ were used; all but the last were modified to include the real part of the anomalous dispersion correction.³²

Crystal Data: (Bzl₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂, triclinic, $P\bar{1}$, $a = 10.478$ (2) Å, $b = 11.968$ (3) Å, $c = 9.623$ (2) Å, $\alpha = 113.81$ (2)°, $\beta = 90.65$ (2)°, $\gamma = 112.63$ (2)°, $V = 998.9$ (4) Å³, mol wt 836.77, $d_{\text{obsd}}(\text{floatation}) = 1.39$ (1) g cm⁻³, $d_{\text{calcd}} = 1.39$ g cm⁻³, and $Z = 1$.

Structure Determination. Because there is only one molecule in this triclinic unit cell, the ruthenium atom could be placed at the origin, whether the space group is $P1$ or $P\bar{1}$. The resulting Fourier function, which was necessarily centrosymmetric, indicated reasonable positions for all of the nonhydrogen atoms in the unit cell with $R_1 = \sum(|F_o - |F_c||)/\sum F_o = 0.41$, so the space group $P\bar{1}$ was chosen. Of the 25 new atoms, 4 were designated Cl(2), C(3), O(4), and P(5) and the remaining as carbons. With use of the 1836 lowest angle reflections, 3 cycles of full-matrix least-squares refinement³³ with isotropic thermal

parameters reduced R_1 to 0.083 and $R_2 = [\sum w(F_o - |F_c|)^2/wF_o^2]^{1/2}$ to 0.096. One cycle of isotropic (anisotropic for the Ru, Cl, and P atoms) refinement followed by two cycles of anisotropic refinement led to $R_1 = 0.043$ and $R_2 = 0.057$. The 21 hydrogen positions were calculated with the assumption of a C-H distance of 0.95 Å, and a difference function showed a peak very near each of these calculated positions. One cycle of least-squares refinement with fixed calculated hydrogen positions led to $R_1 = 0.036$ and $R_2 = 0.044$, and another using all 2830 observed reflections resulted in $R_1 = 0.048$ and $R_2 = 0.070$. A difference Fourier function clearly revealed the positions of the 21 hydrogen atoms, which were then included in several more cycles of least-squares refinement with anisotropic thermal parameters for nonhydrogens and isotropic ones for hydrogens. At convergence, the error indices were $R_1 = 0.029$ and $R_2 = 0.030$. The "goodness-of-fit", $[\sum w(F_o - |F_c|)^2/(m - s)]^{1/2}$, is 1.44, where m (2830) is the total number of observations used in least-squares refinement, and s (316) is the total number of parameters. The overdetermination ratio (m/s) is 9.0.

In the final cycle of least-squares refinement, all shifts were less than 20% of their esd's. The two largest peaks on the final difference function ($\text{esd} = 0.05 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$) were 0.29 e Å⁻³ in height and were less than 1.1 Å from Ru(1). The positional and thermal parameters of the atoms are listed in Table VII. Selected interatomic distances and angles are given in Table VIII (others are given in the supplementary material as Table VIII A), and the least-square planes of interest are given in Table XI as supplementary material. Figure 2 shows a labeled stereoview of the molecule.

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Supplementary Material Available: Listings of observed and calculated structure factors, additional bond distances and angles for (Bzl₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ (Table VIII A) and (BzlPPh₂)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ (Table VI A), and least-squares planes of interest for (Bzl₃P)₂Ru(CO)₂Cl₂ (Table XI) (40 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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