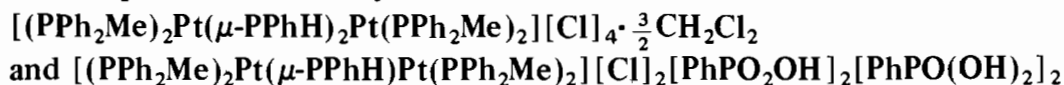


## The Preparation and X-ray Characterisation of



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## Abstract

Reaction of  $(\text{PPh})_5$  with  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_2$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  gives  $[(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})_2\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2][\text{Cl}]_4 \cdot \frac{3}{2}\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1) or  $[(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2][\text{Cl}]_2[\text{PhPO}_2\text{OH}]_2[\text{PhPO}(\text{OH})_2]_2$  (2) as shown by microanalyses and X-ray crystallography. The reaction appears (on the basis of  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR) to proceed via *trans*- $\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)_2(\text{PPhH})\text{Cl}$ . The X-ray structures of 1 and 2 reveal, in both cases, planar coordination of the platinum atoms with a planar  $\text{Pt}_2\text{P}_2$  central ring. The P–Pt–P and Pt–P–Pt angles are 105 and 75°, respectively. All Pt–P bond lengths are equivalent.

## Introduction

Although bimetallic platinum compounds are quite common when bridged by halides, chelating phosphorus–oxygen and phosphite ligands [1], binuclear platinum compounds with pnictide group bridging atoms are rare. Examples are  $[\text{Rh}(\mu\text{-t-Bu}(\text{H})\text{P})(\text{PMe}_3)_2]_2$  and  $[\text{Ni}(\mu\text{-t-Bu}(\text{H})\text{P})(\text{PMe}_3)_2]_2$  [2] formed from the reaction of the appropriate dichlorobis(trimethylphosphine)metal complex and  $(\text{H})(\text{t-Bu})\text{PLi}$ . We have synthesised  $[(\text{R}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-NH}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PR}_3)_2][\text{BF}_4]_2$  from the reaction of  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_2$  with sodium metal and  $\text{HBF}_4$  in liquid ammonia [3]. We are involved in the study of  $(\text{PPh})_5$  with a variety of reagents [4, 5]. Here we report the reaction of  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_2$  with  $(\text{PPh})_5$  which yields compounds with the central  $\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})_2\text{Pt}$  dimer core. The compounds have been characterised by microanalyses, X-ray crystallography and infrared spectroscopy.

## Experimental

## General

All reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere using standard Schlenk line techniques

unless stated otherwise. Solvents were distilled prior to use;  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  from  $\text{CaH}_2$  and n-hexane from Na/benzophenone.  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  was dried over 3A molecular sieves.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra were obtained on a Jeol FX90Q spectrometer operating at 36.21 MHz and referenced to external  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ . Infrared spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 1720X instrument using KBr discs. Microanalyses was provided by the Imperial College Microanalytical Service and Pascher Microanalytical laboratory, F.R.G.,  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_2$  were prepared from  $\text{Pt}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}_2$  and the stoichiometric quantity of free phosphine [6].  $(\text{PPh})_5$  was made by reaction of  $\text{PPhCl}_2$  and magnesium in toluene by the standard procedure [7].

## Preparation of the Complexes

Cyclopentaphosphine  $(\text{PPh})_5$  (0.0243 g, 0.045 mmol) was dissolved in degassed  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 ml) at room temperature.  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PMePh}_2)_2$  (0.060 g, 0.090 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for five days. The solvent was reduced to c. 2 ml *in vacuo*. Degassed  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  (0.5 ml) was added and the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  spectra recorded. Addition of n-hexane (15 ml) gave colourless crystals of  $(\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})(\text{PMePh}_2)_2\text{Cl}_2)_2$  (1) (0.038 g, 0.0245 mmol, 54%). *Anal. Calc.* for  $[\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})(\text{PMePh}_2)_2]_2\text{Cl}_4 \cdot 1.5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : C, 48.6; H, 4.1; Cl, 9.5. Found: C, 48.7; H, 4.1; Cl, 7.9.

When the reaction was carried out in non-degassed solvents in air, the product was (in the case of  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PMePh}_2)_2$ )  $[(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})_2\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2][\text{Cl}]_2[\text{PhPO}_2\text{OH}]_2[\text{PhPO}(\text{OH})_2]_2$  (2) in 42% yield. *Anal. Calc.* for  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solvate: C, 48.2; H, 4.2; Cl, 6.4; P, 14.1; O, 8.7. Found: C, 48.5; H, 4.3; Cl, 5.8; P, 13.1; O, 8.5.

## X-ray Studies

Crystal data:  $\text{C}_{64}\text{H}_{64}\text{P}_6\text{Pt}_2 \cdot 4\text{Cl} \cdot 1.5(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$  (1),  $M = 1674.0$ , monoclinic,  $a = 13.812(8)$ ,  $b = 12.481(6)$ ,  $c = 20.339(10)$  Å,  $\beta = 91.90(5)^\circ$ ,  $V = 3504$  Å<sup>3</sup>, space group  $P2_1/n$ ,  $Z = 2$  (the molecule is disposed about a centre of symmetry),  $D_c = 1.59$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>, Cu radiation,  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å,  $\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 116$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 1642$ .

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Data were measured on a Nicolet R3m diffractometer with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation (graphite monochromator) using  $\omega$ -scans. A crystal of dimensions 0.17  $\times$  0.17  $\times$  0.23 mm was used. A total of 3840 independent reflections ( $2\theta < 116^\circ$ ) were measured, of which 3458 had  $|F_o| > 3\sigma(|F_o|)$  and were considered to be observed. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarisation factors. Due to a *c.* 50% decomposition of the sample during the data collection and also its encapsulation in epoxy resin no absorption correction was applied. The structure was solved by direct methods. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. A  $\Delta F$  map revealed the presence of a 75% dichloromethane molecule. The positions of the hydrogen atoms were idealised, C–H = 0.96 Å, P–H = 1.33 Å, assigned isotropic thermal parameters,  $U(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$  and allowed to ride on their parent carbon atoms. The methyl groups were refined as idealised rigid bodies. Refinement was by block-cascade full-matrix least-squares to  $R = 0.063$ ,  $R_w = 0.060$  [ $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F) + 0.00050F^2$ ]. The maximum and minimum residual electron densities in the final  $\Delta F$  map were 4.18 and  $-1.59$  e  $\text{Å}^{-3}$ , respectively. The mean and maximum shift/error in the final refinement were 0.015 and 0.094, respectively.

Crystal data:  $[\text{C}_{64}\text{H}_{64}\text{P}_6\text{Pt}_2] \cdot 2[\text{Cl}] \cdot 2[\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{O}_3\text{P}] \cdot 2[\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_3\text{P}]$  (2),  $M = 2111$ , triclinic,  $a = 13.375(2)$ ,  $b = 13.520(2)$ ,  $c = 15.052(2)$  Å,  $\alpha = 92.55(1)$ ,  $\beta = 107.02(1)$ ,  $\gamma = 118.86(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2223$  Å $^3$ , space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $Z = 1$  (the molecule is disposed about a centre of symmetry),  $D_c = 1.58$  g  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ , Cu radiation,  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å,  $\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 86$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 1050$ .

Data were measured on a Nicolet R3m diffractometer with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation (graphite monochromator) using  $\omega$  scans. A crystal of dimensions 0.07  $\times$  0.07  $\times$  0.33 mm was used. A total of 6001 independent reflections ( $2\theta \leq 116^\circ$ ) were measured, of which 5456 had  $|F_o| > 3\sigma(|F_o|)$  and were considered to be observed. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarisation factors; a numerical absorption correction (face-indexed crystal) was applied; maximum and minimum transmission factors 0.638 and 0.311. The structure was solved by direct methods. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydroxy protons on the alkylphosphates were located from a  $\Delta F$  map and refined isotropically. The positions of the remaining hydrogen atoms were idealised, C–H = 0.96 Å, P–H = 1.33 Å, assigned isotropic thermal parameters,  $U(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$  and allowed to ride on their parent carbon atoms. The methyl groups were refined as rigid bodies. Refinement was by block-cascade full-matrix least-squares to  $R = 0.042$ ,  $R_w = 0.043$  [ $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F) + 0.00094F^2$ ]. The maximum and minimum residual electron densities in the final  $\Delta F$  map were 1.37 and  $-1.79$  e  $\text{Å}^{-3}$ , respectively. The mean and maximum shift/error in the

final refinement were 0.010 and 0.147, respectively. Computations were carried out on an Eclipse S140 computer using the SHELXTL program system [8].

## Results and Discussion

Treatment of  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_2$  with  $(\text{PPh})_5$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  produces  $\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})_2\text{Pt}$  dimers 1 and 2 in reasonable yield. We have performed the reaction under an inert atmosphere and in air. Monitoring of the anaerobic reaction by  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (Fig. 1) reveals an intermediate whose spectrum consists of a triplet and a doublet ( $^2J(^{31}\text{P}\text{-}^{31}\text{P})$  20 Hz) with platinum satellites as well as minor impurities. The intermediate is postulated as *trans*- $\text{PtCl}(\text{PPhH})(\text{PR}_3)_2$ . It is observed in solution after *c.* 1 day and is the main species in the solution after five days. The intermediate has  $^1J(^{195}\text{Pt}\text{-}^{31}\text{P})$  couplings of *c.* 2400 Hz (2P, doublet) and *c.* 3500 Hz (1P, triplet) (Table 1). This is consistent with the structure proposed in Fig. 1. The *trans*  $\text{PR}_3$  groups would account for the low value of  $^1J$  coupling (*trans*- $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_2$  has a

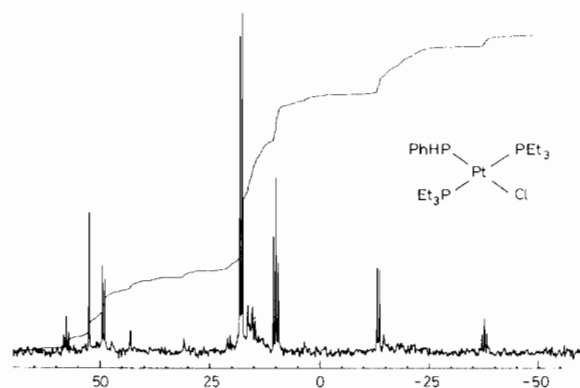


Fig. 1.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution) of the crude reaction between  $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PEt}_3)_2$  and  $(\text{PPh})_5$ .

TABLE 1.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR data for the intermediates observed during the formation of 1 and 2<sup>a</sup>

Compound	$\delta_A$	$\delta_X$	$^1J_A$	$^1J_X$	$^2J_{AX}$	
1a	17.9	10.0	2270	3460	21	
1c	10.4	-4.3	2428	3620	20	
	$\delta_A$	$\delta_X$	$\delta_M$	$^1J_A$	$^1J_X$	$^2J_{AX}$
2a	16.5	49.6	21.4	2240	3883	22
2b	-4.8	47.9	22.3	2250	3882	22
2c	10.4	48.5	21.9	2272	3804	22

<sup>a</sup><sub>a</sub> =  $\text{PEt}_3$ , <sub>b</sub> =  $\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}$ , <sub>c</sub> =  $\text{PMePh}_2$ ;  $^1J = ^{31}\text{P}\text{-}^{195}\text{Pt}$ ;  $^2J = ^{31}\text{P}\text{-}^{31}\text{P}$ ; resonance A is a doublet of intensity 2, resonance X is a triplet intensity 1, resonance M is a singlet.

$^1J$  coupling of *c.* 2400 Hz [9]. The PPhH<sup>-</sup> anion *trans* to chloride would be expected to have a large value of  $^1J$  ( $^1J\{^{195}\text{Pt}-^{31}\text{P}\}$  in *cis*-PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is *c.* 3500 Hz). The two equivalent PR<sub>3</sub> groups are split by the *cis* PPhH phosphorus into a doublet (*cis*  $^2J\{^{31}\text{P}-^{31}\text{P}\} = 19$  Hz) and the PPhH phosphorus consequently appears as a triplet. Without proton decoupling the triplet is split into two sets of multiplets with  $^1J\{^1\text{H}-^{31}\text{P}\}$  of 460 Hz, confirming the presence of a P-H bond.

In the case of the reaction carried out in air the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of the intermediate has a similar pattern although the triplet is shifted to higher field by *c.* 50 ppm and the magnitude of the  $^1J\{^{195}\text{Pt}-^{31}\text{P}\}$  coupling constant has increased by *c.* 200 Hz. The resonance due to the *trans*-PR<sub>3</sub> ligands is unaltered from the anaerobic case. The large change in  $\delta$   $^{31}\text{P}$  for the triplet implies that the group *trans* to PPhH<sup>-</sup> is different, possibly of the type OPO since we observe additional  $^{31}\text{P}$  resonances around *c.* 25 ppm in this case; we propose that the intermediate includes coordinated PhPO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>.

The study of the reactivity of (PPh)<sub>5</sub> with PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> where PR<sub>3</sub> is PET<sub>3</sub> or PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph, failed to produce crystals of the expected dimeric compound yielding instead yellow oils. No reaction occurred in the case of PR<sub>3</sub> = dppe, probably as the required *trans* geometry of the intermediate could not be obtained for this chelating ligand.

The product in both the aerobic and anaerobic reactions where PR<sub>3</sub> = PMePh<sub>2</sub> crystallised out of the reaction mixture on the addition of n-hexane. Once formed both [(PPh<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>Pt(μ-PPhH)<sub>2</sub>Pt(PPh<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>][Cl]<sub>4</sub>·3/2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (**1**) and [(PPh<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>Pt(μ-PPhH)Pt(PPh<sub>2</sub>Me)<sub>2</sub>][Cl]<sub>2</sub>[PhPO<sub>2</sub>OH]<sub>2</sub>[PhPO(OH)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (**2**) are insoluble in all common organic solvents, thus no  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR studies on these species were possible. Furthermore the mass spectra of these species (in the FAB mode) were unsatisfactory due to the solubility problems. In the EI mode no M<sup>+</sup> was observable although fragmentation ions due to [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and PPhH<sup>+</sup> were seen.

The infrared spectrum of **1** shows the expected vibrations due to the PPh<sub>2</sub>Me ligand in addition to a ν(P-H) vibration at 2580 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **2** has the ν(O-H) vibration at 3440 cm<sup>-1</sup> and δ(O-H) at 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The ν(P-H) vibration occurs at 2680 cm<sup>-1</sup> and P=O vibrations occur at 1130 vs, 998 vs and 921 vs cm<sup>-1</sup>. The other observed ligand vibrations are identical to those in **1**.

Fractional atomic coordinates for the non-hydrogen atoms in **1** and **2** are given in Tables 2 and 3, respectively with selected comparative bond lengths and angles listed in Table 4. Figure 2 shows a perspective view of **2** with phenyl rings omitted for clarity. The geometries of the central cores of **1** and **2** are identical. Both platinum atoms have essentially planar coordination geometries with a

maximum deviation of 0.1 Å (for P(3)). Both **1** and **2** possess a crystallographic centre of symmetry at the centre of the Pt<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> ring resulting in the ring being planar. All of the Pt-P bond lengths are identical and the bridging is symmetric. The phosphorus bridges produce a contraction of the P(3)-Pt-P(3') angle (75°) from normal square planar geometry. This is undoubtedly due to the desire of the bridging phosphorus atoms to retain normal tetrahedral geometry. The Pt-P(3)-Ph and Pt'-P(3)-Ph angles are 110.1(4) and 113.7(4)° in **1** and 109.4(3) and 111.6(3)° in **2**. The Pt-P(3)-Pt' angles are 104.9(1)

TABLE 2. Atom coordinates (×10<sup>4</sup>) and temperature factors (Å<sup>2</sup> × 10<sup>3</sup>) for **1** with e.s.d.s in parentheses

Atom	x	y	z	U <sub>eq</sub> <sup>a</sup>
Pt	3921(1)	4231(1)	225(1)	26(1)*
P(1)	2257(2)	4583(2)	124(1)	31(1)*
C(1)	1905(10)	5648(9)	-445(5)	39(3)*
C(2)	2192(11)	5535(11)	-1089(7)	62(3)*
C(3)	1925(12)	6337(13)	-1566(7)	77(3)*
C(4)	1371(13)	7211(13)	-1372(9)	96(3)*
C(5)	1115(11)	7285(11)	-740(11)	91(3)*
C(6)	1359(10)	6537(10)	-267(7)	52(3)*
C(7)	1741(10)	4978(8)	894(5)	37(3)*
C(8)	792(10)	4794(12)	1042(7)	58(3)*
C(9)	430(11)	5124(12)	1632(7)	69(3)*
C(10)	1000(13)	5601(12)	2066(8)	78(3)*
C(11)	1944(15)	5827(12)	1946(7)	85(3)*
C(12)	2354(11)	5492(10)	1364(6)	56(3)*
C(13)	1498(10)	3509(9)	-207(6)	48(3)*
P(2)	3760(2)	2485(2)	623(1)	31(1)*
C(14)	2749(9)	2238(9)	1144(5)	38(3)*
C(15)	2645(10)	2893(11)	1679(5)	50(3)*
C(16)	1844(12)	2801(12)	2073(6)	68(3)*
C(17)	1182(12)	2060(12)	1958(7)	74(3)*
C(18)	1238(11)	1379(12)	1429(8)	74(3)*
C(19)	2036(11)	1467(10)	1009(7)	59(3)*
C(20)	4773(9)	1975(8)	1123(4)	34(2)*
C(21)	5194(10)	2613(9)	1604(5)	41(3)*
C(22)	5930(11)	2248(11)	1998(5)	55(3)*
C(23)	6282(11)	1193(12)	1917(6)	59(3)*
C(24)	5860(11)	563(10)	1448(7)	60(3)*
C(25)	5135(10)	952(9)	1049(6)	43(3)*
C(26)	3625(10)	1572(9)	-72(5)	40(3)*
P(3)	5595(2)	4123(2)	195(1)	29(1)*
C(31)	5940(9)	2999(9)	-293(5)	38(3)*
C(32)	6633(10)	2235(9)	-50(7)	46(3)*
C(33)	6899(12)	1394(10)	-423(8)	70(3)*
C(34)	6521(12)	1248(10)	-1043(9)	76(3)*
C(35)	5844(12)	1945(11)	-1289(6)	63(3)*
C(36)	5538(10)	2845(9)	-927(5)	45(3)*
Cl(1)	3004(4)	2596(4)	-1712(2)	87(1)*
Cl(2)	4193(4)	4549(3)	-2172(2)	99(2)*
C(40)	651(6)	1170(6)	-1354(3)	104(3)*
Cl(3)	999(6)	435(6)	-684(3)	191(3)*
Cl(4)	-479(6)	1702(6)	-1310(3)	198(3)*

<sup>a</sup>Starred items: equivalent isotropic *U* defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalised *U*<sub>ij</sub> tensor.

TABLE 3. Atom coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and temperature factors ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **2** with e.s.d.s in parentheses

Atom	x	y	z	$U_{eq}^a$
Pt	4476(1)	3693(1)	507(1)	33(1)*
P(1)	2553(2)	2057(1)	209(1)	37(1)*
C(1)	1294(5)	2272(5)	-381(5)	41(2)*
C(2)	1274(6)	3204(6)	58(5)	50(2)*
C(3)	341(7)	3379(7)	-351(6)	60(2)*
C(4)	-613(7)	2639(8)	-1193(7)	74(2)*
C(5)	-599(7)	1722(8)	-1616(6)	68(2)*
C(6)	348(6)	1537(6)	-1220(5)	50(2)*
C(7)	2273(6)	795(5)	-539(5)	41(2)*
C(8)	2906(7)	970(6)	-1156(5)	50(2)*
C(9)	2766(8)	22(7)	-1700(6)	65(2)*
C(10)	1995(8)	-1089(7)	-1629(6)	68(2)*
C(11)	1364(8)	-1253(7)	-1029(7)	69(2)*
C(12)	1505(7)	-322(6)	-474(6)	55(2)*
C(13)	2226(7)	1632(6)	1268(5)	50(2)*
P(2)	5561(2)	3207(2)	1748(1)	39(1)*
C(14)	4955(6)	1691(6)	1783(5)	45(2)*
C(15)	4697(7)	929(6)	990(6)	55(2)*
C(16)	4230(7)	-245(7)	980(7)	65(2)*
C(17)	4033(8)	-661(7)	1770(7)	76(2)*
C(18)	4268(9)	94(7)	2542(7)	83(2)*
C(19)	4734(7)	1272(7)	2572(6)	63(2)*
C(20)	7074(6)	3638(6)	1718(5)	45(2)*
C(21)	7200(7)	3534(6)	845(5)	51(2)*
C(22)	8312(7)	3800(7)	785(6)	62(2)*
C(23)	9302(8)	4201(8)	1595(7)	79(2)*
C(24)	9193(8)	4306(9)	2462(8)	92(2)*
C(25)	8074(8)	4020(8)	2528(6)	74(2)*
C(26)	5810(8)	3933(7)	2901(5)	58(2)*
P(3)	6179(2)	5509(2)	704(1)	41(1)*
C(31)	6675(8)	6376(7)	1869(5)	69(2)*
C(32)	5838(11)	6517(7)	2150(6)	90(2)*
C(33)	6215(15)	7174(10)	3036(9)	174(3)*
C(34)	7392(16)	7681(11)	3639(9)	238(3)*
C(35)	8217(14)	7560(12)	3376(8)	205(3)*
C(36)	7880(10)	6917(10)	2485(7)	128(3)*
Cl	2733(3)	6105(2)	1819(2)	96(1)*
P(4)	3115(2)	4225(2)	3665(2)	66(1)*
O(1)	2795(8)	4199(6)	2586(5)	106(2)*
O(2)	4478(5)	4813(5)	4137(5)	84(2)*
O(3)	2543(6)	4757(5)	4102(5)	90(2)*
C(41)	2416(7)	2731(7)	3696(5)	59(2)*
C(42)	3112(8)	2247(8)	4059(6)	73(2)*
C(43)	2559(10)	1099(9)	4056(7)	89(2)*
C(44)	1308(10)	391(9)	3694(7)	93(2)*
C(45)	631(9)	854(8)	3339(8)	100(2)*
C(46)	1165(8)	2008(8)	3314(7)	83(2)*
P(5)	3602(3)	7821(2)	4542(2)	77(1)*
O(4)	3842(7)	6889(5)	4819(5)	91(2)*
O(5)	3095(11)	7692(9)	3449(6)	151(2)*
O(6)	4759(7)	8976(6)	5000(6)	104(2)*
C(51)	2385(10)	7709(9)	4891(7)	92(2)*
C(52)	1294(15)	6816(18)	4522(17)	440(3)*
C(53)	393(17)	6699(19)	4841(18)	362(3)*
C(54)	514(16)	7375(18)	5435(11)	241(3)*
C(55)	1557(14)	8539(15)	5685(9)	185(3)*
C(56)	2456(13)	8608(13)	5426(9)	135(3)*

\*Starred items; equivalent isotropic  $U$  defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

TABLE 4. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) in **1** and **2**<sup>a</sup>

	1	2
Pt–P(1)	2.341(3)	2.336(1)
Pt–P(2)	2.338(3)	2.339(2)
Pt–P(3)	2.319(3)	2.334(1)
Pt–P(3')	2.330(3)	2.326(2)
P(3)–C(31)	1.792(11)	1.809(8)
Pt–P(3)–Pt'	104.9(1)	105.4(1)
P(3)–Pt–P(3')	75.1(1)	74.6(1)
P(1)–Pt–P(2)	93.5(1)	96.5(1)
P(1)–Pt–P(3')	95.5(1)	95.9(1)
P(2)–Pt–P(3)	93.5(1)	93.3(1)
Pt–P(3)–C(31)	110.1(4)	109.4(3)
Pt'–P(3)–C(31)	113.7(4)	111.6(3)

<sup>a</sup>P–C bond lengths in the  $\text{PMePh}_2$  ligands are normal, in the range 1.81–1.83  $\text{\AA}$ .

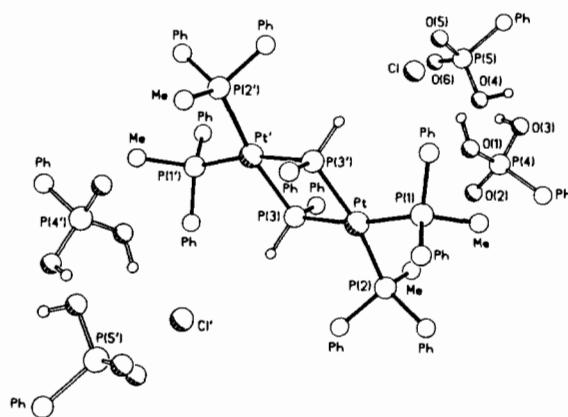


Fig. 2. The X-ray crystal structure of  $[(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPhH})\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_2\text{Me})_2][\text{Cl}]_2[\text{PhPO}_2(\text{OH})]_2[\text{PhPO}(\text{OH})_2]_2$  (**2**), phenyl rings omitted for clarity. The central, metal containing core in **1** has an identical structure.

and  $105.4(1)^\circ$  in **1** and **2**, respectively. The *trans*-annular P(3)...P(3') distance is 2.82  $\text{\AA}$  and the Pt...Pt' separation is 3.7  $\text{\AA}$  in both structures. In **1** there are no anion–cation interactions although, interestingly, there is a short Cl(1)...Cl(2) contact of 3.10  $\text{\AA}$ . In **2** the alkylphosphate groups hydrogen bond to the chloride ion (H(10)...Cl 2.0  $\text{\AA}$ , O(1)...Cl 2.90  $\text{\AA}$ , O(1)–H(10)...Cl  $152^\circ$ ) and there is a strong O–H...O bond between adjacent alkylphosphates (H(30)...O(4) 1.56  $\text{\AA}$ , O(3)...O(4) 2.51  $\text{\AA}$ , O(3)–H(30)...O(4)  $163^\circ$ ).

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