Formation of Dimethylsulfide Singly-bridged Diplatinum Complexes by Reaction of Bridged Dimers $[Pt_2Cl_4(Pyridine^{subst.})_2]$. Identification of a Labile Diplatinum Precursor with a Single Chloride Bridge

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Amongst the opening reactions by various ligands of diplatinum complexes with chloride bridges $[(PtX_2L)_2]$ studied in our laboratory [1], we obtained complexes with a pyrazine bridge using a bidentate ligand as dimethyl pyrazine [2]. We thought it possible to obtain compounds with a single sulfur bridge using dimethyl sulfide (DMS). We found that DMS is indeed able to open dimers such as $[(PtCl_2 Py^{subst.})_2]$ even at low temperature.

The opening of the chloro-bridged complex by DMS occurs according to:



a: $Py^{subst.} = Py^{2,6}; Py^{2,4,6}$ b: $Py^{subst.} = Py^{2}; Py^{4}$

 Py^2 ; $Py^4 = 2$ or 4-methylpyridine; $Py^{2,6} = 2,6$ -dimethylpyridine; $Py^{2,4,6} = 2,4,6$ -trimethylpyridine.

With crowded pyridines $(Py^{2,6} \text{ and } Py^{2,4,6})$ the monobridged compound 2a is rapidly formed (15 min at room temperature, with one or two DMS equivalents) under a *trans, trans* configuration (90%). The *trans* monomer 3a is formed at R. T. with ten DMS equivalents (24 h, 80% yield) or at 70 °C with two equivalents (24 h, 50% yield).

Compound 3b with a less crowded pyridine is formed directly (70% yield, 20 °C) with two DMS equivalents as previously reported [1]: *cis* 3b (30%) and *trans* 3b (70%), isolated by solid-liquid chromatography.

The monobridged compound 2b can be obtained with a good yield when using one equivalent of DMS at 20 °C (80% yield Py^{subst.} = Py² and 65% Py^{subst.} = Py⁴). This compound is a mixture of three stereoisomers *cis,cis*; *cis,trans* and *trans,trans*, separated

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at a temperature lower than $10 \,^{\circ}$ C (they interconvert at higher temperature). Their physical characteristics have been determined.

A new type of structure is shown by compounds 3a (Py^{subst.} = Py^{2,6} and Py^{2,4,6}: crowded pyridines) under a unique *trans* stereochemistry, as shown by IR, ¹³C NMR (terminal DMS at 22.45 ppm) and ¹H NMR ($J_{Pt-H} = 42$ Hz) (Table I). Though doubly bridged thioether complexes of platinum are known [3, 4], only one singly bridged neutral compound is reported [5]. Unfortunately, this compound is very weakly soluble, due to its *cis,cis* configuration, and only IR data were obtained.

Compounds 2 are the first monobridged thioether platinum complexes reported as a mixture of three stereoisomers. These stereoisomers have been separated and identified through IR ($\nu_{Pt-S} = 405$ cm⁻¹), ¹³C NMR (CH₃ of bridging DMS at 28 ppm) and ¹H NMR ($J_{Pt-H} = 34$ Hz for the *trans* configuration, $J_{Pt-H} = 40$ Hz for the *cis* configuration).

A confirmation of structure 2 is obtained through different syntheses:

(a) Reaction of [PtCl₂(Py^{subst.})(DMS)] with the chlorobridged dimer 1:



(b) Reaction of $[PtCl_2(Py^{subst.})(DMS)]$ with *trans* $[PtCl_2(Py^{subst.})(acetone)]$ [6] at 0 °C, yielding only *cis,trans* and *trans,trans* 2:



Concerning the splitting of dichloro bridged diplatinum compounds, it has generally been assumed [7] that the initial ligand attack is slow, followed by a rapid second step. We have recently shown [2] that such a mechanism was not operative in the case of pyrazine opening of 1, which yields a singly bridged complex (rapid first step). We have observed a new example with the reaction of one DMS equivalent on dimer 1 ($Py^{subst.} = Py^2$) at -40 °C: a new mono-chlorobridged complex is formed under these conditions. This new compound 4, which is stable only

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Substituted	¹ H NMR, ppm			¹³ C NMR, ppm			IR cm	_	F°C
pyridme	CH ₃ pyridine(2,6)	CH ₃ pyridine(4)	CH ₃ (sulfide)	CCH ₃ pyridine(2,6)	CCH ₃ pyridine(4)	CCH ₃ sulfide	S-Ha	^ν Pt-Cl	
Complexes 2									
Py2,4,6 (trans, trans)	$3.23 J_{Pt-H} = 14 Hz$	2.31	3.14 J _{Pt-H} = 34 Hz	$26.74 J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 28 \text{ Hz}$	20.74	27.53	405	350	216
Py ^{2,6} (trans, trans)	$3.32 J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 14 \text{ Hz}$		$3.18 J_{Pt-H} = 35 Hz$	$27 J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 27 \text{ Hz}$		28	405	340	234
Py ² (cis, cis)	đ			a A			415	320 335	205
Py ² (cis, trans)	$2.73 J_{\text{PtH}} = 12 \text{ Hz}$		$3.36 J_{\text{Pt}-\text{H}} = 40 \text{ Hz}$	27.89 J _{Pt-C}		29.54	405	345	194
	3.27 J _{Pt—H} not determined		$3.42 J_{Pt-H} = 32 Hz$	26.31 J _{Pt-C} not determined		29.42		330sh	
Py ² (trans, trans)	$3.21 J_{Pt-H} = 13 Hz$		$3.17 J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 35 \text{ Hz}$	26.25 J _{Pt-C} = 29 Hz		27.47	410	340	189
Py ⁴ (cis, cis)	હ			e			425	315 340	210
Py ⁴ (cis, trans)		2.39	$3.26 J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 32 \text{ Hz}$		21.68	29.73	405	325sh	200
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Complexes 3 Py ^{2, 4, 6} <i>trans</i> Py ^{2, 6} <i>trans</i>	3.19 J _{Pt-H} = 13 Hz 3.25 J _{Pt-H} = 13 Hz	2.31	2.41 J _{Pt-H} = 42 Hz 2.42 J _{Pt-H} = 42.3 Hz	26.61 J _{Pt-C} = 26 Hz : 26.92 J _{Pt-C} = 26 Hz	20.71	22.45 <i>J</i> _{Pt-C} = 14.5 Hz 22.47 <i>J</i> _{Pt-C} = 13.7 Hz	330 325 sh	355 335	165 135
Complex 4 Py ²	3.33 $J_{Pt-H} = 12 Hz$ 3.01 $J_{Pt-H} = 13 Hz$		2.62 <i>J</i> _{Pt-H} = 44 Hz 2.40 <i>J</i> _{Pt-H} = 44 Hz	27.29 26.85		22.78 22.29			

TABLE I. Main Physical Constants of Complexes 2, 3 and 4.

^aCompounds too weakly soluble.

at low temperature, is transformed into complex 2 within 15 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C:



Two methyl signals characteristic of terminal DMS and two methyl signals for 2-methylpyridines in different environments are found for 4 in ¹H and ¹³C NMR (Table I). Such a structure 4 (two or three isomers) with only one bridging chloride is therefore a highly probable intermediate for the formation of the DMS monobridged complex 2.

In conclusion, we have been able to isolate at low temperature the three isomers of the DMS monobridged diplatinum complexes 2a (Py²; Py⁴). With crowded substituted pyridines $(Py^{2,6}; Py^{2,4,6})$ the *trans,trans* compounds 2b are stable at room temperature but the DMS monomers 3b can be obtained under different conditions.

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