# Tetrakis(1,2-diaminoethane)dibromodiplatinum(II,IV) Tetraperchlorate and Bis(1,2-diaminopropane)platinum(II)bis(1,2-diaminopropane)diiodoplatinum(IV) Tetraiodide: Three-Dimensionally-Ordered and Three-Dimensionally-Disordered Wolffram's Salt Analogues 

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#### Abstract

$\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}$ (1) crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group $I 222, a=$ 9.658 (4), $b=10.940$ (4), $c=13.550$ (3) $\AA, Z=2$. $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}\right] \mathrm{I}_{4}$ (2) crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group Pmnm, $a=5.770$ (2), $b=7.299$ (4), $c=19.981$ (5) $\AA, Z=2$. The two structures were solved by Patterson and Fourier methods from diffractometer data and refined by least squares to $R=0.064$ for 720 independent reflections for (1) and to $R=0.087$ for 954 independent reflections for (2). In contrast to other Wolffram's salts, neither rotatingcrystal nor oscillation photographs of (1) and (2) showed evidence for a one-dimensional superstructure along the $\mathrm{Pt}^{\text {V }}-X \cdots \mathrm{Pt}^{\text {II }}$ chain. Compound (1) is a Wolffram's salt analogue with a repeat distance of two $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Pt}$ separations, originating from the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$positions. In (2), halide and ligand atoms are statistically disordered in all three dimensions. The two different $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{IV}}-$ $X \cdots \mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ distances along the chains are 2.71 (2) and 2.76 (2) $\AA$ in (1) and 2.995 (2) and 2.815 (2) $\AA$ in (2).


## Introduction

Crystals of Wolffram's red salt and its analogues contain linear chains of halide-bridged platinum ions in the two different oxidation states, $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ and $\mathrm{Pt}^{\text {1V }}$ (Craven \& Hall, 1961; Ryan \& Rundle, 1961; Wallén, Brosset \& Vannerberg, 1962; Brown \& Hall, 1976; Bekaroglu, Breer, Endres, Keller \& Nam Gung, 1977; Breer, Endres, Keller \& Martin, 1978; Yamashita, Matsumoto \& Kida, 1978; El Sharif, Endres, Keller, Martin \& Traeger, 1978; Endres, Keller, Martin, Nam Gung \& Traeger, 1979; Matsumoto, Yamashita \& Kida, 1979). In the classification scheme for 0567-7408/80/010035-05\$01.00
mixed-valence solids proposed by Robin \& Day (1967), these compounds could be grouped in class II (Day, 1977) if the $\mathrm{Pt}^{\text {IV }}-X \cdots \mathrm{Pt}^{\text {II }}$ distances along the chains alternate. The pattern has been found so far in all of these compounds. This structural classification agrees well with the physical properties of these materials (Breer, Endres, Keller \& Martin, 1978; Day, 1975, 1977; Interrante, Browall \& Bundy, 1974, and references therein; Clark, Franks \& Trumble, 1976; Interrante \& Bundy, 1977).

Further structural investigations on these linearchain mixed-valence systems were carried out in this laboratory with the aim of answering two questions:
(i) Are there any compounds with non-alternating $\mathrm{Pt}-X-\mathrm{Pt}$ distances? Such a compound would contain Pt in a formal oxidation state of III.
(ii) Of what type are the three-dimensional interactions in these 'one-dimensional' materials?

Here we report the X-ray structure and opticalreflectivity data of two more Wolffram's salt analogues, both showing only slight distortions from an equidistant $\mathrm{Pt}-X-\mathrm{Pt}$ chain.

## Experimental

## Preparation of compounds

$\left[\mathrm{Pten}_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pten}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}$ (1) was prepared as described earlier (Bekaroglu, Breer, Endres, Keller \& Nam Gung, 1977). Instead of the green needles, which were found recently to crystallize in a monoclinic space group (Bekaroglu, Breer, Endres, Keller \& Nam Gung, 1977), the platelets with a greenish lustre were used for the investigation described here. They turned out to be orthorhombic.
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Table 1. Crystal data of (1) and (2)

|  | Compound (1) | Compound (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $M_{r}$ | $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\mathrm{Pten}_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pten}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}} \\ & 1067.64 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\text { dapn })_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\text { dapn })_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}\right] \mathrm{I}_{4}} \\ & 1447.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| $a(\mathrm{~A})$ | Orthorhombic $I 222$ $9.658(4)$ | Orthorhombic Pmnm 5.770 (2) |
| $b$ ( $\AA$ ) | 10.940 (4) | 7.299 (4) |
| $c(\AA)$ | 13.550 (3) | 19.981 (5) |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 1432 | 1684 |
| Z | 2 | 2 |
| $d_{c}\left(\mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}\right)$ | $2 \cdot 5$ | 2.9 |

$\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{dapn})_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{dapn})_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}\right] \mathrm{I}_{4}$ (2) was prepared from $\mathrm{Pt}(\text { dapn })_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \quad$ (dapn $=1,2$-diaminopropane) (Bekaroglu, Breer, Endres, Keller \& Nam Gung, 1977) by precipitating the $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$with $\mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and acidifying with HI . One half of the aqueous solution of $\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{dapn})_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}$ obtained in this way was oxidized with a solution of $\mathrm{I}_{2}$ in ethanol. The $\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{dapn})_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Pt}(\text { dapn })_{2} \mathrm{I}_{4}$ solutions were evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The residues were dissolved in methanol and mixed together. Adding a mixture of acetone and petroleum ether (40-60) precipitated a blue-brown powder. It was dissolved in methanol and several ml of $n$-butanol, and the solution was allowed to evaporate. Golden, shiny, dichroic, plate-like crystals of (2) formed together with a brown powder.

Rotating-crystal and Weissenberg photographs ( Cu $K_{\alpha}$ radiation) showed the symmetry and systematic extinctions, and yielded approximate lattice constants. Exact lattice constants (Table 1) were calculated by least squares (Berdesinsky \& Nuber, 1966) from the $\theta$ values of 13 reflections for (1) and 26 reflections for (2), measured on a diffractometer.

Intensity measurements obtained on a Siemens diffractometer [Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\theta-2 \theta$ scans, five-value method, $2 \theta \leq 60^{\circ}$ for (1), $2 \theta \leq 55^{\circ}$ for (2)] yielded 720 observed independent reflections for (1) and 954 for (2). In both cases reflections with $I \leq 2.58(I)$ were classified as unobserved. Intensities were corrected only for Lorentz and polarization factors. Calculations were performed on Siemens 301 (Anorganisch-Chemisches Institut, Heidelberg) and IBM 370/168 computers (Universitätsrechenzentrum, Heidelberg) with programs of the XRAY system (Stewart, Kundell \& Baldwin, 1970). Scattering factors were those of Hanson, Herman, Lea \& Skillman (1964).

## Structure determination and refinement

(1): The systematic absences $(h+k+l=2 n+1)$ correspond to the centrosymmetric space group Immm and to noncentrosymmetric $\operatorname{Imm} 2, I 222$ and $I 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$. The positions of $\mathrm{Pt}, \mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{Br}(1)$ midway between the Pt sites could be found in a Patterson synthesis. N and C atoms were located from Fourier maps. Difference
maps were necessary to find the O atoms. Only the refinement in $I 222$ was successful.

Br was shifted away from its central position between $\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ and the $y$ parameter was left free to adjust. The $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$ion and the ligand had to be refined separately. Least-squares refinement in $I 222$ gave $R=0.10$ with isotropic and $R=0.064$ with anisotropic temperature factors. The $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$refined badly, showing large standard deviations in the bond distances and angles. Atomic coordinates are listed in Table 2.*
(2): The systematic absences ( $h 0 l$ with $h+l=2 n+$ 1) correspond to the centrosymmetric space group Pmnm and to the noncentrosymmetric $P m n 2_{1}$. A Patterson synthesis yielded the positions of $\mathrm{Pt}, \mathrm{I}(2)$, and $\mathrm{I}(1)$ exactly midway between the Pt sites. N and C atoms were located from Fourier maps. Least-squares refinement was successful in Pmnm with anisotropic temperature factors for Pt and I and isotropic for C and N . With $\mathrm{I}(1)$ midway between the Pt atoms $R=$ 0.093 was obtained. The $R$ factor dropped to 0.087 when $\mathrm{I}(1)$ was left free to adjust in the $x$ direction. This drop in $R$ on releasing $\mathrm{I}(1)$ from its constrained position was shown to be significantly better within the 0.005

[^0]Table 2. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^{3}$ ) of compound (1)

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Br | 0 | $248(2)$ | 0 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(1)$ | $177(5)$ | $0(4)$ | $95(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $157(4)$ | $500(4)$ | $102(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $286(6)$ | $57(7)$ | $34(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $297(6)$ | $464(6)$ | $54(5)$ |
| Cl | $424(1)$ | $755(4)$ | $201(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $509(14)$ | $651(6)$ | $233(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $304(5)$ | $770(10)$ | $211(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $460(10)$ | $758(9)$ | $96(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $477(12)$ | $855(3)$ | $240(3)$ |

Table 3. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^{3}$ ) of compound (2)

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pt | 250 | 341.5 (2) | 250 |
| I(1) | 762 (2) | 342.5 (6) | 250 |
| I(2) | 250 | $156 \cdot 6$ (5) | $635 \cdot 7$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 250 | 148 (4) | 327 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 250 | 530 (4) | 327 (1) |
| C(1) | 203 (9) | 436 (6) | 106 (2) |
| C(2) | 183 (9) | 251 (7) | 108 (3) |
| C(3) | 218 (29) | 145 (15) | 438 (5) |
| C(4) | 242 (46) | 539 (10) | 454 (3) |

level of Hamilton's (1965) test. No improvement in $R$ could be achieved with anisotropic refinement of the ligand atoms. The only effect of the calculations was poorer standard deviations in the anisotropic $U_{i j}$ values of the C atoms than in the isotropic $U$ values. Atomic coordinates are listed in Table 3.*

## Description of the structure

Fig. 1 shows the $\left[\mathrm{Pten}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ complex units as a projection on to the $a c$ plane. The bond angles and bond distances of the two crystallographically inequivalent complex units of (1) are shown in Table 4. The bond distances and angles of the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$counter ion are shown in Table 5. The Br atoms refined to positions which yield $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Br}$ distances of 2.71 (2) and 2.76 (2) $\AA$, which are not significantly different. Thus, within experimental error, the Br is located midway between the Pt sites. Similar arguments hold for the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{N}$ distances in the two cations $[\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)=2.03$ (5), $\operatorname{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)=2.07(4) \AA]$. This implies crystallographically different but possibly chemically equivalent $\mathrm{Pt}^{\text {III }}$ units, within experimental error.

Fig. 2 shows one complex unit of (2) projected on to the $b c$ plane. The point-group symmetry of the Pt sites ( 2 mm ) implies a statistical disorder of the ligand atoms to fulfil the symmetry conditions. The mirror plane in the $\mathrm{PtN}_{4}$ plane generates two sites for each C , one above and one below the plane. Therefore the C atoms have to be inserted into the calculations with an occupancy factor of $0 \cdot 5$. For the symmetry conditions

* See previous footnote.


Fig. 1. A projection of the $\left[\mathrm{Pten}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cations on to the $a c$ plane. For numbering scheme, bond lengths and angles see Table 4. The spheres are drawn with arbitrary values for the thermal parameters.

Table 4. Bond lengths $(\AA)$ and bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ of the [Pten ${ }_{2}{ }^{2+}$ cations of compound (1)

| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $2.03(5)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $78(2)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.48(8)$ | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $104(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.55(9)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $113(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $2.07(4)$ | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $84(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.54(7)$ | $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $111(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.67(9)$ | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $105(4)$ |



Fig. 2. A projection of the $\left[\operatorname{Pt}(d a p n)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cation on to the $b c$ plane with the numbering scheme, bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) and bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$. The four possible orientations of the methyl group of the statistically disordered ligand are indicated by dotted lines. The spheres are drawn with arbitrary values for the thermal parameters.

Table 5. Bond lengths $(\AA)$ and bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ of the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$ion of compound (1)

| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $1.46(4)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $120(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $1.23(3)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $104(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $1.49(3)$ | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $109(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $1.35(4)$ | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | $108(3)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $107(4)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $105(2)$ |

it would be sufficient to locate one methyl group (and its mirror image generated by the mirror plane parallel to the $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{tN}_{4}}$ plane) on each side of the complex, cis to each other. However, a difference Fourier synthesis showed prominent maxima at the two other possible methyl sites. Insertion of C with an occupancy factor of $\frac{1}{4}$ at each site lowered $R$ by 0.001 . The additional methyl sites are indicated by dotted bonds in Fig. 2. Two half-occupied I positions in the strand are found and result in $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{I}$ separations of 2.815 (2) and 2.995 (2) $\AA$, respectively.

## Discussion and comparison with other Wolffram's salt analogues

Usually Wolffram's salt analogues show a one-dimensional superstructure along the $M-X \cdots M$ chains. The true repeat distance along the chain comprises two metal-metal separations, but adjacent chains are disordered such that the distribution of $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{IV}}$ and $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{IV}}$ over the Pt sites is random. Thus a repeat distance of only one metal-metal separation is found for the threedimensional structure, and the one-dimensional superstructure reveals itself as diffuse sheets midway between the planes of the Bragg reflections. In [Pten $\left.{ }_{2}\right]$ $\left[\mathrm{Pten}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}$ (1), normal though weak Bragg reflections occur instead of diffuse sheets. This means full three-dimensional order with a repeat distance of two metal-metal separations along the chains. The only other Wolffram's salt analogues with this exceptional
three-dimensional ordering are the Cl and the Cl ,en analogues of (1) (Bekaroglu, Breer, Endres, Keller \& Nam Gung, 1977; Matsumoto, Yamashita \& Kida, 1978). The structure of (1) makes it evident that only the perchlorate ions contribute markedly to the reflections with $k=2 n+1$, for the Br atoms are midway, within experimental error, between two Pt sites of a chain. Hence the 'long' unit cell originates mainly from the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$distribution. The two independent $\mathrm{Pt}_{2}$ en sites are occupied by different enantiomeric forms of the complex molecule. This gives another weak contribution to the reflections with $k$ odd. It could be argued whether this distribution of the two enantiomeric forms is the reason for or a consequence of the three-dimensional order. We argue that it is a consequence of the ordering imposed by the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$distribution, for in nearly all Wolffram's salt analogues which contain two enantiomeric forms, these forms are distributed statistically over the complex sites. There is no obvious reason why the two forms should show the unusual ordering found in (1) if it is not a consequence of crystal forces originating from the distribution of the counter ions.

There are short contacts between the N atoms of the ligand and O atoms of the perchlorate ions as shown in Fig. 3. The shortest [2.92(5) $\AA$ between $N(2)$ and $\mathrm{O}(4)]$ suggest hydrogen bonds which may cause the three-dimensional order of the structure.
$\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{dapn})_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{dapn})_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2}\right] \mathrm{I}_{4}$ (2), on the other hand, exhibits neither the diffuse sheets nor the corresponding Bragg reflections. This could be explained by positioning the halogen atoms in the chain exactly midway between the Pt sites. However, this structure determination shows that this is not the case. Thus the other possible explanation should be correct: the $\mathrm{Pt}^{11} / \mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{tv}}$ distribution along the chain shows no longrange order. This suggests either the frequent occur-


Fig. 3. Projection of the $\mathrm{Pt} \cdots \mathrm{Br} \cdots \mathrm{Pt}$ chain into the $b c$ plane. Hydrogen bonds between the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$ions and N atoms of the ligand ( $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ distances $<3.0 \AA$ ) are indicated by dotted lines. The circles indicate the centres of the atom positions.
rence of intermediate states of the type $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{Pt}--\mathrm{I}$, or a rapid interchange of the I between the two possible sites. The latter interpretation describes an interconversion of $\mathrm{Pt}^{11}$ and $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{tv}}$ through $\mathrm{Pt} \leftarrow X \rightarrow \mathrm{Pt}$ lattice vibrations. Neutron diffraction data would be necessary to prove this phonon-like behaviour.

Day (1977) has pointed out that changes in the oxidation states of the central metal, brought about by changes in the Pt $-X-\mathrm{Pt}$ separations, should affect the in-plane metal to ligand bonds. This means a coupling of the phonons along the chains to the vibrations perpendicular to the chains, accompanied by a coupling of the electronic transitions. Raman investigations should provide more insight into these problems.

Fig. 4 shows the single-crystal optical-reflectance spectrum of (1) illustrating the anisotropic character of the optical properties. However, the band width and the intensity of the parallel reflectivity is considerably smaller than those reported for $\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{dapn})_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\text { dapn })_{2}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{I}_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}$ (Breer, Endres, Keller \& Martin, 1978). This means that the electron mobility along the chains is larger in the latter compound, even if the difference between the $\mathrm{Pt}^{1 \mathrm{I}}-X$ and $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{IV}}-X$ bond lengths is more pronounced $[0.19 \AA$ compared to practically zero in (1)]. This unexpected fact could be accounted for in the following way: the differences in the $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{IV}^{\mathrm{V}}}--\mathrm{I}$ and the $\mathrm{Pt}^{1 \mathrm{v}}--\mathrm{Br}$ distances in the compound quoted above and in (1) $(0.24 \AA)$ correspond to the difference in the van der Waals radii ( $0.2 \AA$; Pauling, 1960). Hence the effective overlap $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{IV}_{-}}-X$ is practically the same in both compounds, and the unusually long $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}-\mathrm{Br}$ distance in (1) together with the lower polarizability of Br compared to I leads to less efficient electronic exchange between the Pt atoms. This would mean that placing the halogen midway between the Pt atoms is not sufficient to achieve pronounced one-dimensional electron mobility.


Fig. 4. Single-crystal reflectance spectra of $\left\{\right.$ Pten $_{2} \|$ Pten $\left.\boldsymbol{B r}_{2}\right|_{2} \mid$ $\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{4}$. The polarization of the incident light was parallel ( $\uparrow \uparrow$ polarization) and perpendicular ( L, polarization) to the $\mathrm{Pt} \cdots \mathrm{Br} \cdots \mathrm{Pt}$ chain.

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# Molecular Structure and Absolute Configuration of $(+)_{D}$-[1-(2-Diphenylphosphinoferrocenyl)ethyl]dimethylamine 

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#### Abstract

The molecular structure of the title compound, [ $\left.\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NP}\right)\right], \mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{FeNP}$, has been determined from X -ray diffraction data and refined by least squares to $R=0.047$ ( 1472 reflexions with $I>2.3 \sigma_{I}$ ). Crystals are monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1}, a=$ 11.026 (7), $b=11 \cdot 193$ (6), $c=9.653$ (5) $\AA, \beta=$ $106.85(4)^{\circ}, Z=2$. The absolute configuration of the disubstituted ferrocene is $R$ and the ethyl $\alpha \mathrm{C}$ atom is $S$.

The rhodium(I) complexes of several chiral phosphines have been found to be effective catalysts for asymmetric hydrogenation reactions (Sinou \& Kagan, 1976; Fryzuk \& Bosnich, 1977, and references therein;


Cullen \& Yeh, 1977). One such phosphine ligand is [1-(2-diphenylphosphinoferrocenyl)ethyl]dimethylamine (PPFA) which possesses a chiral centre at the aminesubstituted C atom and can be prepared as either optical isomer (Battelle, Bau, Gokel, Oyakawa \& Ugi, 1972). [(diene) $\mathrm{Rh}(+)-\mathrm{PPFA}]^{+} X^{-}$[diene $=$norbornadiene (NBD) or cyclooctadiene; $X^{-}=\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}$or $\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}$] and [(diene) $\mathrm{Rh}(-)$-PPFA] ${ }^{+} X^{-}$have been used in the specific hydrogenation of $\alpha$-acetamidocinnamic acid, giving high optical yields of $R$ and $S$ products respectively (Cullen \& Yeh, 1977). As part of a study of the structures of these complexes, we report here the crystal structure of the parent (+)-PPFA ligand to confirm the absolute configuration and to allow us to compare the geometry of the free ligand with that of the coordinated species.


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