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SOME NEW MONOHYDRIDOMONOPHOSPHIDO BRIDGED DIPLATINUM COMPLEXES

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Summary

The cation $[(PPh_3)(Ph)Pt(\mu-H)(\mu-PPh_2)Pt(PPh_3)_2]^+$ (III), was obtained from the reaction of $[Pt(1,5-C_8H_{12})_2]$, trans- $[Pt(Ph)(acetone)(PPh_3)_2][BF_4]$, PPh₃ and H₂. The molecular structure of III is reported. It is shown that the Ph and Ph₂P fragments arise from the cleavage of one molecule of PPh₃.

Hydrido-bridged complexes have been extensively studied in recent years because of their interesting structural features [1] and their potential use as reaction intermediates in homogeneous catalysis [2].

A recent publication [3] describes the preparation of the dihydro-bridged species I and II from reaction 1.



We now find that the reaction of eq. 2 instead of giving the expected product of type (II), gives the cationic species (III).

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$$[Pt(COD)_{2}] + 2PR_{3} + H_{2} + trans - [PtY(acetone)(PR_{3})_{2}][BF_{4}] \rightarrow$$

$$[I][BF_{4}] \text{ or } [II][BF_{4}] \qquad (1)$$

(COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene; for Y = H, R = Et, Ph and Cy $[I]^+$; for Y = Ph, R = Et, $[II]^+$)

 $[Pt(COD)_2] + H_2 + 2PPh_3 + trans - [Pt(Ph)(acetone)(PPh_3)_2][BF_4]$ (2)



The molecular geometry of III, as its $[BF_4]$ salt, was established by X-ray diffraction [4]. A perspective view of III is shown in Fig. 1. Compound [III][BF₄] consists of discrete cations and $[BF_4]$ anions. There are two chemically equivalent but crystallographically independent molecules in the unit cell. The overall geometries of the two cations and the two anions do not differ significantly; the only relevant (ca. 11 σ) difference observed in the two independent cations is the Pt—Pt bond length which is 2.889(3) Å in one of them and 2.912(2) Å in the other. This difference may be due to packing forces. Similar effects have been observed in the anion [(CO)₅Mo(μ -H)Mo(CO)₅]⁻ [5]. The coordination around each platinum atom can be described as distorted square planar if one assumes



Fig. 1. A perspective view of the cation $[(PPh_3)(Ph)Pt(\mu-H)(\mu-PPh_2)Pt(PPh_3)_2]^+$. The Pt····Pt bond distances are 2.889(2) and 2.912(2) Å for the two independent molecules in the unit cell (see text). Other relevant (average) bond distances (Å) and angles (°) are: Pt(1)—P(1) 2.250(7), Pt(1)—P(2) 2.360(7), Pt(1)—P(3) 2.247(7), Pt(2)—P(3) 2.162(8), Pt(2)—P(4) 2.270(8), Pt(2)—C(1) 2.06(3); Pt(1)—P(3)—Pt(2) 82.3(2), P(1)—Pt(1)—P(3) 99.8(3), P(1)—Pt(1)—P(2) 98.9(3), P(4)—Pt(2)—C(1) 88.0(9), P(3)—Pt(2)—C(1) 94.6(9).

that also a hydride ligand is bridging the two platinum atoms. Although this bridging hydride ligand could not be located with certainty, its presence is confirmed by the ¹H NMR spectrum of III (see later). Three of the Pt—Pt—L bond angles ($L = PPh_3$ for Pt(1) and L = Ph for Pt(2)) are larger than 90°, as Pt—Pt—L angles are generally in the mononuclear complexes of the type *trans*-[PtHL(PR₃)₂] [6,7], and it is noteworthy that in III they are smaller around Pt(2) which is the less crowded side of the molecule.

There are small deviations from planarity as judged from the displacements from the least squares plane through Pt, P and C(1) atoms (in the range 0.05-0.25 Å) possibly due to the presence of bulky phosphine ligands.

The Pt—Pt distance (av. 2.901(2) \pm 0.012 Å) falls within the expected range if one considers that (1) on going from a dihydrido-bridged species, e.g., [(CO)₄W-(μ -H)₂W(CO)₄]²⁻ (3.016 Å) [8] to the diphosphido-bridged compounds of similar structure, e.g., [(CO)₄M(μ -PEt₂)₂M(CO)₄]²⁻ (3.053 Å for M = W and 3.057 Å for M = Mo) [9] there is a lengthening of the M—M bond, (2) that a further lengthening of this bond occurs when one of the bridging ligands is a hydride and the other a phosphide, e.g., [(η^5 -C₅H₅)(CO)₂Mo(μ -H)(μ -PMe₂)Mo-(CO)₂(η^5 -C₅H₅)] (3.267 Å) [10] vs. [(PEt₃)(CO)₃Mo(μ -PMe₂)₂Mo(CO)₃(PEt₃)] (3.089 Å) [11] and (3) that the Pt—Pt distance in [(PCy₃)(Et₃Si)Pt(μ -H)₂Pt-(Et₃Si)(PCy₃)] is 2.692 Å [12].

The Pt(1)—P(3) and Pt(2)—P(3) distances, 2.247(7) and 2.162(8) Å, respectively, are much shorter than those observed in related platinum(II) complexes with phosphido bridges [13,14] and the asymmetry of the bridge may be related to the different coordination spheres of Pt(1) and Pt(2). The Pt(1)—P(3)—Pt(2) bond angle, 82°, is larger than the Pt—P—Pt bond angles found in the complexes mentioned above. Thus, the longer Pt—Pt distance is associated with shorter Pt—P bonds and a larger Pt—P—Pt bond angle. The three Pt—P bond-lengths span most of the range normally observed Pt^{II}—P bonds [15].

The ¹H, ³¹P and ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR data for III [16] are first order, and are consistent with the crystal structure and can all be discussed using a "first-order" approximation.

The ¹H NMR spectrum of the hydride ligand (δ -6.5 ppm) appears as a doublet of multiplets flanked by three sets of ¹⁹⁵Pt-satellites arising from the isotopomers (¹⁹⁵Pt¹)(Pt²)*(ca. 22%), (Pt¹)*(¹⁹⁵Pt²) (ca. 22%) and (¹⁹⁵Pt¹)(¹⁹⁵Pt²) (ca. 11%). ((Pt)* indicates a "non-magnetic" Pt-isotope)). Noteworthy are the ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt¹,¹H) 600 Hz, and ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt²,¹H) 324 Hz and the ²J(³¹P¹,¹H) 98 Hz while ²J(³¹P^{*},¹H) for x = 2, 3 and 4, fall in the range 7–18 Hz [17].

The ³¹P NMR spectrum shows the four inequivalent phosphorus nuclei ($\delta(P^1)$ 18.1; $\delta(P^2)$ 15.3; $\delta(P^3)$ 121.3 and $\delta(P^4)$ 22.9 ppm) each showing coupling to both ¹⁹⁵Pt¹ and ¹⁹⁵Pt² [18]. While the chemical shifts and most of the coupling constants fall in the ranges observed in related bonding situations [18], the ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt¹, ³¹P¹) (3785 Hz) is unusually large and comparable with ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt, ³¹P) in compounds where the phosphorus atom in question has a weakly held electronegative ligand in *trans* position [19], e.g., X = NO₃⁻ in the series *cis*-[PtX₂(P-n-Bu₃)₂]. While it has been previously observed that the ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt, ³¹P) value for a phosphorus atom in *trans* to a terminal hydride [3], the value ob-

served in III is unusually high and could be taken to indicate that the $H-Pt^1$ interaction is quite weak.

The ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR data for III [20] are consistent with the solid state structure and were particularly useful for the assignment of the ${}^{1}J({}^{195}\text{Pt},{}^{31}\text{P})$ couplings.

The question of whether the phenyl group bonded to Pt^2 originates from the cation *trans*- $[Pt(Ph)(acetone)(PPh_3)_2]^+$ or from the cleaved PPh₃ was resolved by carrying out the reaction 3. As this gave III and not its *p*-tolyl analogue, we conclude that the σ -bonded phenyl group comes from the cleavage of PPh₃.

$[Pt(COD)_2] + H_2 + 2PPh_3 + trans - [Pt(p-Tol)(acetone)(PPh_3)_2]^+$ (3)

Similar P—C bond cleavages in PPh₃ complexes have been frequently observed [21] and such reactions are often responsible for catalyst deactivation. It should be pointed out here that the P—C bond cleavage described here occurs at ca. 0°C, while those observed earlier are reported to require higher temperatures [13]. The detailed mechanism leading to the formation of compounds of type III is currently under investigation.

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- ¹3 (1⁹⁵Pt¹, ³¹P¹)
 ³785 Hz, ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt¹, ³¹P²)
 ²509 Hz, ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt¹, ³¹P³)
 ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt², ³¹P⁴)
 ²895 Hz, ²Or ³J(¹⁹⁵Pt¹, ³¹P⁴)
 ⁵7.5 Hz, ²Or ³J(¹⁹⁵Pt², ³¹P¹)
 ¹1 Hz, ²Or ³J(¹⁹⁵Pt², ³¹P³)
 ⁵4.8 Hz, ²J(³¹P¹, ³¹P²)
 ³18.3 Hz, ²J(³¹P¹, ³¹P³)
 ⁶6 Hz, ²J(³¹P², ³¹P³)
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