

CUMULATED DOUBLE BOND SYSTEMS AS LIGANDS

IX *. INSERTION OF PLATINUM(0) IN THE NS BOND OF 2,1,3-BENZOTHIADIAZOLE WITH CONCOMITANT P–C BOND RUPTURE, YIELDING A NOVEL COMPLEX $[\text{Pt}_2\text{S}\{\text{N}(6-\mu\text{-N}-4,5\text{-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)\}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Ph}]$. CRYSTAL AND MOLECULAR STRUCTURE AND ^{31}P NMR RESULTS

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Summary

Reaction of $[(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$ with 5,6-dimethyl-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole affords $[\text{Pt}_2\text{S}\{\text{N}(6-\mu\text{-N}-4,5\text{-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)\}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Ph}]$. A crystal structure determination shows that one of the Pt-atoms is inserted into one of the N=S bonds. The two Pt-atoms are bridged by the amino groups produced by this insertion, and by a diphenylphosphido group which is formed by insertion of the other Pt-atom into a P–C bond. The bond distances in the six-membered heterocyclic $\text{PtSNCC-}\mu\text{-N}$ ring indicate an extensive electron delocalization. The ^{31}P -NMR spectrum reveals a large upfield shift for the bridging diphenylphosphido group, which is consistent with its presence in a four-membered ring.

Introduction

An X-ray structure determination of 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_2\text{S}$, indicated that there is an extended π -delocalization in the heterocyclic ring [1] (See Fig. 1). This is confirmed by photoelectron spectra and ab initio calculations, which were published recently [2]. Furthermore, it has been shown that 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole may coordinate via one nitrogen to metal atoms such as Pt^{II}

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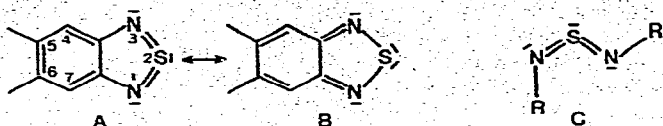


Fig. 1. Two possible resonance structures of 5,6-dimethyl-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (A and B) and the most common configuration of sulfurdiiimines (C).

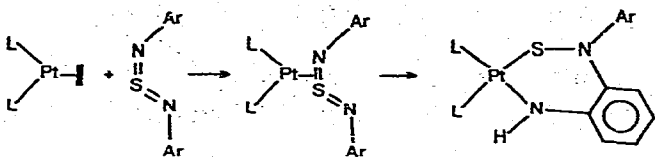


Fig. 2. The reaction of Pt^0 with arylsulfurdiiimines [8], $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$.

[3], Cr^0 , Mo^0 and W^0 [4]. Complexes have also been reported of Hg^{II} , Ag^{II} , Cu^{II} , Cd^{II} [5], Co^{II} , Ni^{II} and Fe^{III} [6], but for these, the mode of bonding of the ligand to the metal was not discussed. Because of the close relation of this ligand to $\text{R}-\text{N}=\text{S}=\text{N}-\text{R}$ [3,4,7] (see Fig. 1), of which we established the interesting rearrangement of arylsulfurdiiimines with Pt^0 as shown in Fig. 2 [8,9,10,11], the reactivity of 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole towards Pt^0 has been investigated.

In this paper we describe crystallographic and NMR (^1H and ^{31}P) studies on $[\text{Pt}_2\text{S}\{\text{N}(6-\mu\text{-N}-4,5\text{-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)\}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Ph}]$.

Experimental

Preparation of $[\text{Pt}_2\text{S}\{\text{N}(6-\mu\text{-N}-4,5\text{-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)\}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Ph}]$

The reaction was carried out under dry oxygen-free nitrogen. Solvents were dried over sodium wire and distilled under nitrogen before use. $[\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$ [12] and 5,6-dimethyl-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole [13] were prepared by published methods.

0.5 mmol 5,6-dimethyl-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (85 mg) was added to a stirred suspension of 0.5 mmol $[\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$ (374 mg) in 20 ml ether. The solution darkened slowly. After stirring for four days at ambient temperature the mixture was refluxed during 2 h. The mixture was set aside at room temperature and after three days 0.09 mmol (121 mg) of black crystals were obtained. Yield 36%.

The complex is insoluble in hexane, soluble but not stable in chloroform, and slightly soluble in benzene. Analysis: Found: C, 55.74; H, 4.13; N, 2.08; S, 3.05; P, 6.74. $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{P}_3\text{Pt}_2\text{S}$ calcd.: C, 55.52; H, 3.98; N, 2.09; S, 2.39; P, 6.93%.

Spectroscopic measurements and analytical data

The ^1H -NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian T60 A and the ^{31}P -NMR spectrum was recorded on a Varian XL-100 spectrometer. Elemental analyses were carried out by the Elemental Analytical Section of the Institute for Organic Chemistry TNO, Utrecht.

Crystal data

Triclinic, cell constants $a = 11.1513(6)$, $b = 12.8134(6)$, $c = 19.109(1)$ Å, $\alpha = 75.601(3)$, $\beta = 88.97(1)$, $\gamma = 77.35(1)^\circ$, $Z = 2$. Space group: $P\bar{1}$.

Intensity data, structure determination and refinement

4077 independent reflections (net intensity $>2.5 \sigma(I)$) were measured on a NONIUS CAD-4 automatic four circle diffractometer (Cu- K_α , θ - 2θ scan). The structure was solved by locating the Pt-atoms from an E^2 -Patterson synthesis. The next step was a difference Fourier, which revealed the three P-atoms and the S-atom. A subsequent difference Fourier gave us all the other atom positions. Refinement by block-diagonal least squares methods proceeded to a final R value of 6.4%.

The atomic coordinates are given in Table 1, the bond distances in Table 2 and the bond angles in Table 3. The positions of the carbon atoms in the phenyl rings, attached to P and Pt were refined in groups and so no standard deviations of the positions, not distances or angles for these phenyl rings are given.

Results and discussion

From the reaction of $[\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$ with 5,6-dimethyl-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole black crystals were obtained, which dissolved to give a dark red colour. Analytical data, ^{31}P -NMR and ^1H -NMR spectra pointed to a dimeric complex, containing three phosphorous groups and one benzothiadiazole group. Single X-ray crystallography revealed that the complex must be formulated as $[\text{Pt}_2\text{S}\{\text{N}(6-\mu\text{-N-4,5-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)\}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Ph}]$ (see Figs. 3 and 4).

The molecular structure

The molecular structure consists of a bimetallic molecule in which the

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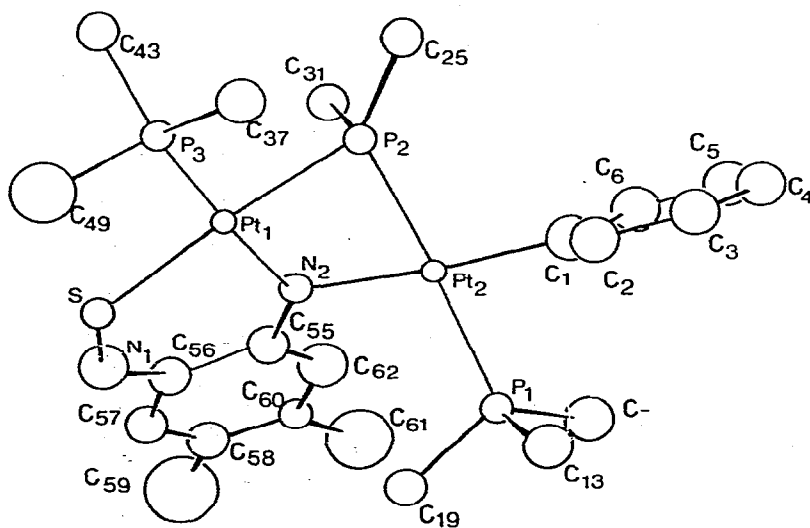


Fig. 3. The molecular structure of $[\text{Pt}_2\text{S}\{\text{N}(6-\mu\text{-N-4,5-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2)\}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Ph}]$, of the phenyl groups attached to P, only the first C-atom is drawn.

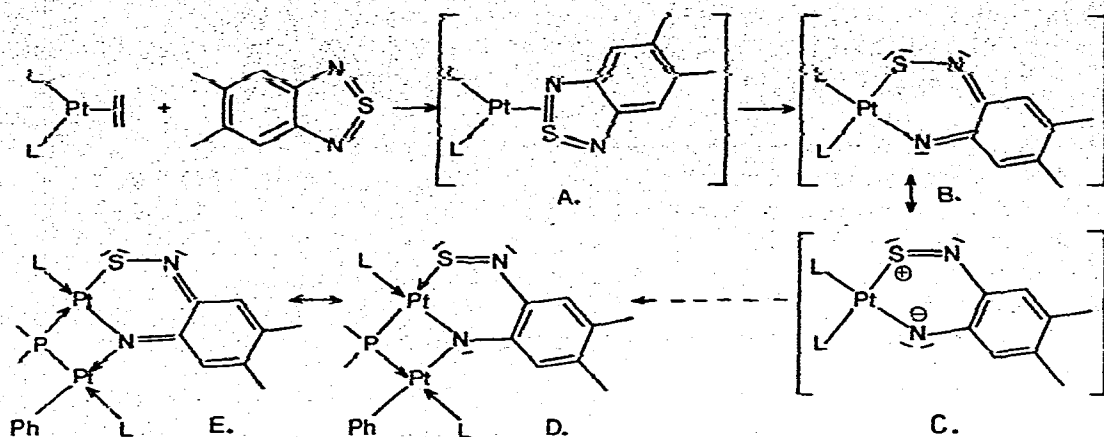


Fig. 4. A possible mechanism for the reaction between $\text{Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}$ and $[\text{Pt}(\text{L})_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$, $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$.

TABLE I

ATOMIC COORDINATES (WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS IN PARENTHESES)^a

Atom	X	Y	Z	Atom	X	YZ	Z
Pt ₁	0.19858(9)	0.32866(8)	0.34720(6)	C ₂₁	0.126	-0.057	0.340
Pt ₂	0.16212(9)	0.32171(8)	0.18554(5)	C ₂₂	0.053	-0.118	0.317
P ₁	0.1819(6)	0.1600(5)	0.1508(3)	C ₂₃	0.022	-0.097	0.243
P ₂	0.1594(6)	0.4684(5)	0.2378(3)	C ₂₄	0.064	-0.015	0.193
P ₃	0.3395(6)	0.3805(5)	0.4034(3)	C ₂₅	0.241	0.578	0.207
S	0.1806(7)	0.1923(6)	0.4454(3)	C ₂₆	0.305	0.590	0.144
N ₁	0.061(2)	0.147(1)	0.438(1)	C ₂₇	0.365	0.676	0.123
N ₂	0.084(1)	0.285(1)	0.288(1)	C ₂₈	0.361	0.751	0.166
C ₅₅	0.003(2)	0.226(1)	0.310(1)	C ₂₉	0.298	0.734	0.230
C ₅₆	-0.015(2)	0.168(2)	0.383(1)	C ₃₀	0.238	0.652	0.250
C ₅₇	-0.110(2)	0.109(2)	0.399(1)	C ₃₁	0.010	0.551	0.241
C ₅₈	-0.104(2)	0.111(2)	0.341(1)	C ₃₂	-0.029	0.582	0.304
C ₅₉	-0.279(3)	0.034(3)	0.358(2)	C ₃₃	-0.141	0.652	0.304
C ₆₀	-0.165(2)	0.165(2)	0.267(1)	C ₃₄	-0.214	0.691	0.241
C ₆₁	-0.245(3)	0.157(3)	0.207(2)	C ₃₅	-0.175	0.661	0.178
C ₆₂	-0.083(2)	0.220(2)	0.253(1)	C ₃₆	0.063	0.591	0.177
C ₁	0.249	0.375	0.093	C ₃₇	0.469	0.403	0.351
C ₂	0.184	0.436	0.029	C ₃₈	0.474	0.392	0.280
C ₃	0.244	0.460	-0.035	C ₃₉	0.575	0.407	0.240
C ₄	0.368	0.445	-0.034	C ₄₀	0.671	0.433	0.271
C ₅	0.434	0.384	0.030	C ₄₁	0.665	0.445	0.342
C ₆	0.374	0.350	0.093	C ₄₂	0.564	0.429	0.382
C ₇	0.102	0.172	0.066	C ₄₃	0.410	0.278	0.486
C ₈	-0.003	0.254	0.048	C ₄₄	0.484	0.881	0.475
C ₉	-0.074	0.261	-0.013	C ₄₅	0.541	0.099	0.534
C ₁₀	-0.039	0.187	-0.056	C ₄₆	0.525	0.114	0.604
C ₁₁	0.066	0.105	-0.038	C ₄₇	0.451	0.210	0.615
C ₁₂	0.136	0.098	0.023	C ₄₈	0.393	0.293	0.556
C ₁₃	0.339	0.102	0.134	C ₄₉	0.278	0.502	0.435
C ₁₄	0.384	0.129	0.065	C ₅₀	0.174	0.503	0.474
C ₁₅	0.504	0.086	0.054	C ₅₁	0.122	0.560	0.500
C ₁₆	0.578	0.016	0.112	C ₅₂	0.174	0.688	0.486
C ₁₇	0.533	-0.010	0.181	C ₅₃	0.277	0.687	0.447
C ₁₈	0.413	0.033	0.192	C ₅₄	0.330	0.595	0.421
C ₁₉	0.136	0.046	0.216				
C ₂₀	0.167	0.025	0.289				

^a All carbon atoms of the phenyl groups attached to Pt and P have been refined in groups; no standard deviations can be given.

TABLE 2
BOND DISTANCES IN Å (WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Pt ₁ -S	2.26(1)	N ₁ -C ₅₆	1.32(3)	P ₃ -C ₄₉	1.81(1)
Pt ₁ -P ₂	2.36(1)	N ₂ -C ₅₅	1.32(3)	C ₅₅ -C ₅₆	1.44(3)
Pt ₁ -P ₃	2.26(1)	P ₁ -C ₇	1.83(1)	C ₅₆ -C ₅₇	1.45(4)
Pt ₁ -N ₂	2.01(3)	P ₁ -C ₁₃	1.85(1)	C ₅₇ -C ₅₈	1.40(4)
Pt ₂ -N ₂	2.21(2)	P ₁ -C ₁₀	1.83(1)	C ₅₈ -C ₅₉	1.60(5)
Pt ₂ -P ₁	2.29(1)	P ₂ -C ₂₅	1.83(1)	C ₅₈ -C ₆₀	1.43(4)
Pt ₂ -P ₂	2.33(1)	P ₂ -C ₃₁	1.82(1)	C ₆₀ -C ₆₁	1.42(5)
Pt ₂ -C ₁	2.062(8)	P ₃ -C ₃₇	1.81(1)	C ₆₀ -C ₆₂	1.28(4)
N ₁ -S	1.62(2)	P ₃ -C ₄₃	1.84(1)	C ₆₂ -C ₅₅	1.52(4)

TABLE 3
BOND ANGLES (°) (WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS IN PARENTHESES)

P ₃ -Pt ₁ -S	92.7(3)	Pt ₂ -P ₁ -C ₇	115.1(3)
S-Pt ₁ -N ₂	91.9(6)	Pt ₂ -P ₁ -C ₁₃	111.6(4)
N ₂ -Pt ₁ -P ₂	73.6(6)	Pt ₂ -P ₁ -C ₁₉	116.3(4)
P ₂ -Pt ₁ -P ₃	102.4(3)	Pt ₂ -C ₁ -C ₂	120.4(4)
P ₂ -Pt ₂ -N ₂	72.5(7)	Pt ₂ -C ₁ -C ₆	120.4(4)
N ₂ -Pt ₂ -P ₁	102.3(7)	Pt ₂ -P ₂ -C ₂₅	126.0(4)
P ₁ -Pt ₂ -C ₁	85.9(2)	Pt ₂ -P ₂ -C ₃₁	112.8(4)
C ₁ -Pt ₂ -P ₂	98.9(2)	S-N ₁ -C ₅₆	130.8(7)
Pt ₁ -S-N ₁	111.5(8)	N ₂ -C ₅₅ -C ₅₆	128(3)
Pt ₁ -N ₂ -C ₅₅	129.2(7)	N ₂ -C ₅₅ -C ₆₂	116(2)
Pt ₁ -N ₂ -Pt ₂	99.1(9)	C ₅₅ -C ₆₂ -C ₆₀	122(3)
Pt ₁ -P ₂ -Pt ₂	84.2(3)	C ₆₂ -C ₆₀ -C ₅₈	121(3)
Pt ₁ -P ₂ -C ₃₁	107.9(3)	C ₆₂ -C ₆₀ -C ₆₁	120(3)
Pt ₁ -P ₂ -C ₂₅	125.4(4)	C ₆₀ -C ₅₈ -C ₅₉	120(3)
Pt ₁ -P ₃ -C ₃₇	115.6(4)	C ₆₀ -C ₅₈ -C ₅₇	122(3)
Pt ₁ -P ₃ -C ₄₃	114.7(3)	C ₅₈ -C ₅₇ -C ₅₆	118(3)
Pt ₁ -P ₃ -C ₄₉	111.9(4)	C ₅₇ -C ₅₆ -C ₅₅	121(3)
Pt ₂ -N ₂ -C ₅₅	130.1(7)		

TABLE 4

Plane	Atoms defining the plane	Dihedral angles between planes (°)		Distances of atoms to plane 7 (Å) ^a	
1	S, Pt ₁ , P ₃	2-1	9.7	S	0.00
2	N ₂ , Pt ₁ , P ₂	3-2	53.2	N ₁	0.00
3	N ₂ , Pt ₂ , P ₂	3-4	8.1	C ₅₆	0.04
4	P ₁ , Pt ₂ , C ₁	5-6	57.1	C ₅₅	-0.04
5	S, Pt ₁ , P ₃ , N ₂ , P ₂	5-7	20.0	N ₂	0.02
6	N ₂ , Pt ₂ , P ₂ , P ₁ , C ₁	5-8	20.2		
7	S, N ₁ , C ₄₆ , C ₅₅ , N ₂	6-7	62.1		
8	C ₅₅ , C ₅₆ , C ₅₇ , C ₅₈ , C ₆₀ , C ₆₂	6-8	55.0		
9	Pt ₁ , N ₂ , C ₅₅	7-8	7.3		
		9-3	29.3		

^a The standard deviation is 0.03 Å.

Pt-atoms are bridged by a diphenylphosphido and by an amino group. There is no direct bond between the two Pt-atoms. Pt₁ and Pt₂ both have an approximately square planar coordination. The dihedral angle between plane 1 (S, Pt₁, P₃) and plane 2 (N₂, Pt₁, P₂) is 9.7°; the dihedral angle between plane 3 (N₂, Pt₂, P₂) and plane 4 (P₁, Pt₂, C₁) is 8.1°. The whole molecule does not have a planar geometry because the dihedral angle between the coordination planes of Pt₁ (S, Pt₁, P₃, N₂, P₂) (plane 5) and Pt₂ (N₂, Pt₂, P₂, P₁, C₁) (plane 6) is 57.1°. The atoms S, N₁, C₅₆, C₅₅ and N₂ lie in one plane (see plane 7 in Table 4). The dihedral angle between this plane (7) and plane 5 is 20.0°.

The N₁—C₅₆ and the N₂—C₅₅ bond lengths are 1.32(4) Å. This value lies between a single NC (1.47 Å) and a double NC (1.22 Å) bond [8,11,14,15,16]. In the case of the NS distance (1.62(3) Å) the same conclusion can be drawn, since the value for a single bond is 1.74 Å and that for a double bond is 1.56 Å [8,14,15,17–20]. These NC and NS bond lengths are comparable to those found for the thiadiazole derivatives [1,13]. So the thiadiazole moiety in the free ligand and in the coordinated situation shows an extended π -delocalization, which may be rationalized in terms of the two resonance structures D and E in Fig. 4. In 4E the bridging nitrogen (N₂) atom has a sp^2 hybridisation and in 4D a sp^3 hybridisation. This is consistent with the observed spatial orientation of N₂, which is intermediate between a trigonal and a tetrahedral configuration. The displacement of the N₂-atom from the plane defined by the three surrounding atoms is 0.12 Å. The sum of the three angles around N₂ is 358° and the Newman projection along the C₅₅—N₂ bond reveals an angle of 162° between the two platinum nitrogen bonds.

The Pt—C, Pt—N, Pt—S and Pt—P bond lengths are consistent with values observed for other complexes [8,11,19,21–24]. The Pt—P bond lengths in the phosphido groups are longer (on average 0.07 Å) than the Pt—P distances of the Pt—phosphine bonds. This difference was also found for the Pt—P distances in [Pt₂(PPh₃)₂(PPh₂)₂] [21]. The lengthening of the metal—phosphorus bond may be caused by electronic and steric effects [24].

Finally it should be noted that two C—C distances in the xylyl-ring, 1.52(4) and 1.28(4) Å, deviate from the ideal C—C distances in an aromatic ring. This may be due to an accidental error in the position of C₆₂.

Mechanism of the formation of the complex

A possible mechanism for the formation of this complex is given in Fig. 4. The first step is probably formation of a π -bonded complex (A), followed by insertion of Pt⁰ in a N—S-bond (B and C). This type of reaction has been observed for the sulfurdiimines (Ar—N=S=N—Ar) (see Fig. 2) [8,9,10]. A rearrangement of the aryl-ring, however, is not necessary in the present case because the

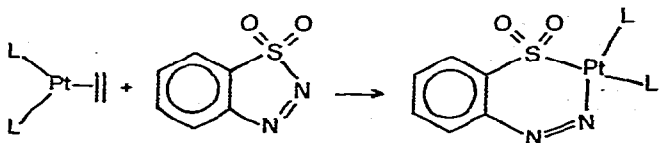


Fig. 5. The reaction of benzo-1,2,3-thiadiazole-1,1-dioxide with [Pt(L₂)(C₂H₄)] [25], L = PPh₃.

aryl-ring in the benzothiadiazole is already in the *cis,cis* conformation. The subsequent steps appear much more complicated, since dimerization and rupture of a P—C bond of coordinated PPh₃ is also observed; it is worth noting that reactions of these types occur in the formation of [Pt₂(PPh₃)₂(PPh₂)₂] from [Pt(PPh₃)₂(C₂H₄)] [21]. The insertion of Pt⁰ into a cyclic NS-bond was also proposed for the reaction of benzo-1,2,3-thiadiazole-1,1-dioxide with [Pt(PPh₃)₂(C₂H₄)] [25] (see Fig. 5).

¹H and ³¹P-NMR spectra

The ¹H-NMR spectrum shows that the two methyl groups in the xylyl-ring are inequivalent. The positions are (in C₆D₆) 1.57 and 1.03 ppm and (in CDCl₃) 1.78 and 1.18 ppm respectively. The proton decoupled ³¹P-NMR spectrum in C₆D₆ belongs to an ABCXY system (A and B the PPh₃ groups, X and Y the Pt-atoms and C the PPh₂ group). δP₁ = 20.1 with ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt—³¹P) = 2662 Hz., δP₃ = 16.9 with ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt—³¹P) = 3161 Hz and δP₂ = -68.6 with ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt—³¹P) = 2016 and 2150 Hz relative to external H₃PO₄ (downfield shifts being positive). The ³¹P—³¹P coupling constants are typical for a *trans* and a *cis* coupling (²J(P₁—P₂) = 345 Hz and ²J(P₂—P₃) = 27 Hz respectively). No coupling has been found between P₁ and P₃. So it may be concluded that the structure both in the solid state and in solution is similar.

It is worth noting that the platinum phosphorous coupling constants for the phosphido group (P₂) are on average lower than those for the phosphine groups. This is also reflected in a longer bond length of the Pt—PPh₂ bonds. This may be caused by the structural constraint in the bridging phosphido ligand as described by Tolman [24] for chelating phosphines. A second notable feature is the large upfield shift of about 90 ppm relative to values of coordinated phosphines. An even larger upfield shift was reported for the phosphido group in [Pd₂Cl₂(PPh₂)₂(PPh₂H)₂] (δ = -132 ppm) [26]. Recently the X-ray structure and the ³¹P-NMR spectrum of [Pd₃Cl(PPh₂)₂PEt₃]₃[[BF₄]] have been published [27]. The ³¹P-NMR shift of the phosphido group in the latter compound had a very large downfield shift (δ = 225.4) of about 200 ppm relative to values for monodentate coordinated phosphines. The upfield shifts refer to phosphides which are situated in a four membered ring, and the downfield shift to a phosphide which is situated in a three membered ring, and so it may be concluded



Fig. 6. The ³¹P-NMR spectrum of [Pt₂S{N(6-μ-N-4,5-Me₂C₆H₂)}(μ-PPh₂)(PPh₃)₂Ph] in C₆D₆.

that the ring size is the decisive influence on the chemical shift, and not the difference in electronic properties between a phosphine and a phosphido group. Garrou [28] proposed empirical rules which involve a downfield shift for a five membered ring and upfield shifts for four and six membered rings. It appears that this rule can also be extended to four membered rings containing two metal atoms. However, the shifts found for rings with one metal atom appear to be lower, e.g. $R_3P-Ir-PCH(CH_3)CH_2$ ($\Delta(P_1-P_2) = 40$ ppm upfield for a four membered ring [29]), than for a ring as reported here with two metal atoms *. More experimental data are needed to check this hypothesis.

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