

Preliminary communication

A ROUTE FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF NOVEL ASYMMETRIC BINUCLEAR PENTAFLUOROPHENYL DERIVATIVES OF PALLADIUM(II)

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Summary

Binuclear halogen-bridged complexes of the type $(C_5F_5)_2Pd(\mu-Cl)_2ML_2$ ($M = Ni, Pd$ ($L_2 = dpe$), Pt ($L = PEt_3$)) have been prepared by reaction of *cis*- $Pd(C_6F_5)_2(PhCN)_2$ with the corresponding halo complexes, MCl_2L_2 , in dichloromethane. IR and NMR structural data are discussed.

Neutral binuclear organo complexes of palladium(II) of the type $L(C_6F_5)Pd(\mu-Cl)_2Pd(C_6F_5)L$ are known compounds which can be prepared by reaction between $Pd(C_6F_5)_2L_2$ and $PdCl_2$ [1]. However, to our knowledge no method has been described for the synthesis of neutral binuclear pentafluorophenyl derivatives in which the metal atoms have different coordination environments. Such a method requires the availability of a labile organometallic palladium complex that can react with a halo-complex, $PdCl_2L_2$ to give the desired product, $(C_6F_5)_2Pd(\mu-Cl)_2PdL_2$.

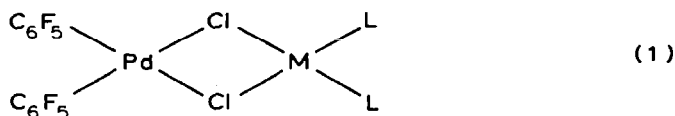
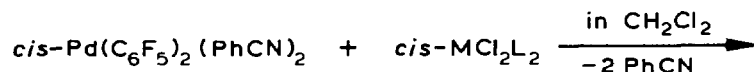
The labile complexes $Pd(C_6F_5)_2(\text{dioxane})$ [2] and $Pd(C_6F_5)_2(PhCN)_2$ [3] have been shown to be good precursors for the synthesis of several pentafluorophenyl derivatives of palladium(II) [3,4]. We now report that $Pd(C_6F_5)_2(PhCN)_2$, an organometallic analogue of the so-called "soluble palladium chloride", $PdCl_2(PhCN)_2$, can be used as starting material for the preparation of homo- and hetero-nuclear bimetallic complexes of the required type.

TABLE I

1H -, ^{31}P - AND ^{19}F -NMR DATA FOR COMPOUND 3 (solvent $CDCl_3$)

1H (ppm vs. $SiMe_4$)	2.02 (m, 12H), 1.25 (m, 18H)
^{31}P (ppm vs. H_3PO_4)	11.64; $J(^{195}Pt-^{31}P)$ 3514.5 Hz
^{19}F (ppm vs. $CFCl_3$)	-116.12 (<i>o</i> -F), -162.00 (<i>p</i> -F), -164.92 (<i>m</i> -F)

When $cis\text{-Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\text{PhCN})_2$ and the appropriate chloro complex, MCl_2L_2 (molar ratio 1/1) are allowed to react in dichloromethane the binuclear complexes 1–3 are formed according to eq. 1. Compounds 1–3 can be readily isolated by



(1 : M = Ni, L₂ = dpe ;

2 : M = Pd, L₂ = dpe ;

3 : M = Pt, L = PEt₃)

precipitation with hexane (yields higher than 80%). Satisfactory analyses have been obtained for the complexes. All three are pale yellow (Pd, Pt) or orange (Ni) air-stable solids, and thermogravimetric analysis shows that they decompose above 100°C. Their acetone solutions are non-conducting. Their infrared spectra show the two absorptions in the 800 cm⁻¹ region which are characteristic of the $cis\text{-Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2$ fragment [4]. That the non-organometallic compound is linked to the organometallic moiety is demonstrated by the absence of infrared bands in the $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ region as well as by the fall (ca. 15 cm⁻¹) observed for the $\nu(\text{M}-\text{Cl})$ frequencies on going from Cl_2ML_2 to $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pd}(\mu\text{-Cl})_2\text{ML}_2$ (1: 320, 305; 2: 275, 265; 3: 280, 265 cm⁻¹).

NMR data for compound 3 are listed in Table 1. The chemical shifts of the ¹⁹F resonances are normal for bis(pentafluorophenyl) derivatives of palladium(II) [5], but the ³¹P resonance is clearly influenced by the coordination of $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ to the $cis\text{-Pd}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2$ moiety. Thus a downfield coordination chemical shift of 21.24 ppm is found for $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ [Data for $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ are: δ -9.60 ppm, $J(^{195}\text{Pt}-^{31}\text{P})$ 3520 Hz [6].]

The synthetic method described herein, which is seemingly of general application, should allow the study of the interaction of the $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pd}$ fragment with various halogeno complexes MX_2L_2 .

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