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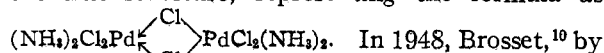
Investigation of Possible Interactions between Palladium(II) and -(IV) and between Palladium(II) and Platinum(IV) in Hydrochloric Acid Solutions and in the Crystalline State^{1,2}

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The properties of some strongly colored polynuclear complexes containing palladium and platinum in both the +2 and +4 oxidation states have been studied. The substance $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$ and the newly synthesized $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$ are dichroic and it is believed that these substances contain chains, $\cdots\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}-\text{M}^{\text{IV}}\text{Cl}-\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}-\text{M}^{\text{IV}}\text{Cl}\cdots$, ($\text{M} = \text{Pd}$ or Pt) as discovered for an analogous platinum compound by Brosset.¹⁰ Strong absorption occurs for light polarized with the electric vector parallel to the chain axis. The palladium compound is diamagnetic or very weakly paramagnetic, confirming the conclusion that it does not contain independent Pd^{II} ions. There is no non-additive absorption of light by hydrochloric acid solutions containing palladium(II) and palladium(IV) or platinum(IV), or by solutions of platinum(II) and -(IV).

Introduction

It has long been known that the polynuclear complexes of either palladium or platinum containing the elements in both the +2 and +4 oxidation states display an abnormally intense coloration. Werner⁴ felt there was an analogy between this deep color and that of quinhydrone. St. Claire-Deville and Debray,⁵ in 1878, discovered the jet black " $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_3$ " and assigned the correct empirical formula. Later Rosenheim and Maass⁶ erroneously stated that this was a mixture, while others^{7a} confused it with isomeric $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_4 \cdot \text{PdCl}_6$. In 1932, Drew and co-workers⁸ prepared this complex and postulated a Pd-Pd metal bond. In 1936, Mann and Purdie⁹ came nearer to the true structure, representing the formula as



In 1948, Brosset,¹⁰ by the determination of the crystal structure of $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Br}_2 \cdot \text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Br}_4$, clarified the situation in regard to polynuclear complexes of this type. The crystals of this substance are orthorhombic, and consist of the infinite chains, illustrated in Fig. 1, which are oriented along the *c* (needle) axis. Each chain contains alternate planes of *trans*- $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Br}_2$ and octahedra of *trans*- $\text{Pt}^{\text{IV}}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Br}_4$. Platinum (II and -(IV) atoms are bonded together by bromine bridges, the bromine-platinum(IV) bonds being shorter. One would accordingly expect that the abnormally intense coloration of this crystal associated with the presence of

platinum in two oxidation states would be observed only for light polarized with its electric vector along the chain axis.

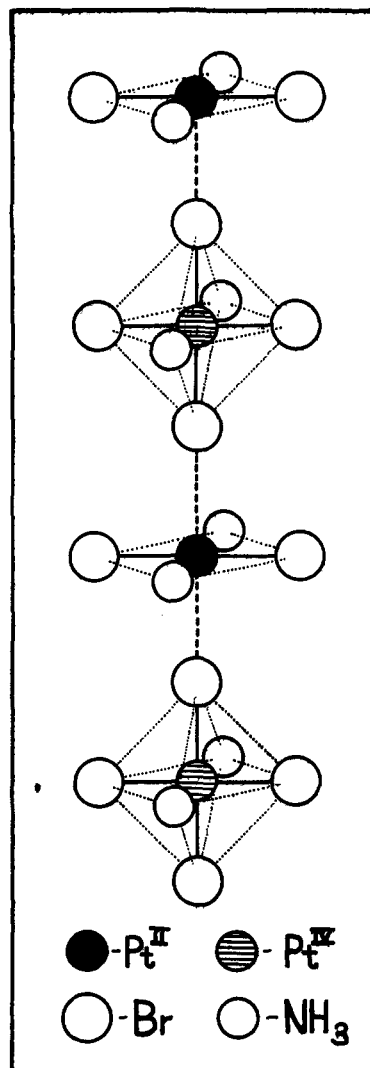


Fig. 1.—A portion of an infinite chain of the $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Br}_2 \cdot \text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Br}_4$ structure (after Brosset¹⁰).

In order to better understand the color deepening in compounds of this type, the magnetic susceptibility and the optical properties of a similar

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(2) For tables of the extinction coefficients of palladium(II) and -(IV) and platinum(II) and -(IV), plotted in Fig. 2, order Document 3044 from American Documentation Institute, 1719 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., remitting \$1.00 for microfilm (images 1 inch high on standard 35 mm. motion picture film) or \$1.00 for photocopies (8 × 8 inches) readable without optical aid.

(3) (a) Atomic Energy Commission Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Physical Sciences of the National Research Council, 1949-1950; (b) U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California.

(4) A. Werner, *Z. anorg. Chem.*, **12**, 53 (1896).

(5) H. St. Claire-Deville and H. Debray, *Compt. rend.*, **87**, 926 (1878).

(6) A. Rosenheim and T. A. Maass, *Z. anorg. Chem.*, **18**, 331 (1898).

(7) M. M. J. Sutherland in J. N. Friend's "A Textbook of Inorganic Chemistry," Vol. X, "The Metal Ammines," Chas. Griffin and Co., Ltd., London, 1928, (a) p. 212, (b) p. 208.

(8) H. D. K. Drew, F. W. Pinckard, G. H. Preston and W. Wardlaw, *J. Chem. Soc.*, 1895 (1932).

(9) F. G. Mann and D. Purdie, *ibid.*, **873** (1936).

(10) C. Brosset, *Arkiv Kemi, Mineral. Geol.*, **26A**, No. 19 (1948).

polynuclear palladium compound, $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ · $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$, have been studied. In view of the equality of the octahedral covalent radii of palladium and platinum,¹¹ and of the relative stabilities of dipositive palladium and tetrapositive platinum, one would expect that chains like those of Fig. 1 containing palladium(II) and platinum(IV) could exist and we report here the synthesis of $(\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4)_n$.

The abnormal coloration of some solutions containing an element in two different oxidation states have been studied in this Laboratory,¹² and it was of interest to study the absorption spectra of solutions containing palladium(II) and -(IV), or platinum(II) and -(IV), or palladium(II) and platinum(IV).

Experimental

Methods.—The petrographic microscope used for the optical examinations was a Winkle-Zeiss instrument with calcite polarizer and analyzer. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were made using a bifilar suspension method similar to that first described by Theorell¹³ and more recently by Howland and Calvin.¹⁴ The sample tube used was calibrated with standard nickel(II) chloride solutions, water and air.

Absorption spectra of solutions were measured using a Beckman model DU quartz spectrophotometer. The absorption cells were the usual rectangular right prism cells with 1.0 cm. light path. Quartz spacers were employed to reduce the light path to 0.1, 0.03 and 0.01 cm. The optical density, D and molar extinction coefficient, ϵ , are defined by $\epsilon Cl = D = \log_{10} I_0/I$, where C is the volume formal concentration of the absorbing species and l is the light path in cm.

Preparations.—Powdered C.P. grade $\text{PdCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and crystalline C.P. grade $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were used as starting materials for the preparation of the various compounds and solutions. The palladium compound gave a negative thiocyanate test for iron.

(1) $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ was prepared^{7b} by dissolving $\text{PdCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in an ammoniacal solution, heating to volatilize the excess ammonia, and then adding a slight excess of concentrated hydrochloric acid to precipitate the bright yellow crystalline product.

(2) $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$ was prepared in two ways, both based on methods of Drew, *et al.*⁸: (a) By bubbling chlorine through an ice-cold suspension of slightly soluble $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (from 2.23 g. $\text{PdCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) until the black microcrystalline product precipitated and no solid starting material remained (absence of yellow material mixed with the black). The product was washed with water and dried by suction filtration and desiccation. (b) By bubbling chlorine through a 100-ml. aqueous suspension of the product from (a), the black microcrystalline material turned deep red due to the formation of unstable $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$. This intermediate was allowed to stand in suspension for several days at room temperature in a desiccator under reduced pressure. Shiny jet black needles of the desired product about 0.005 to 0.08 mm. thick and from 0.5 to 2.0 mm. in length formed by this procedure. On continued standing the palladium(IV) compound completely changed into this macrocrystalline product. The crystals were washed with water and dried between layers of filter paper. This material cannot be recrystallized for on dissolution it is reduced completely to the starting material, $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$. The yield of the crystalline material was 2.35 g., 92%, based on $\text{PdCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$. *Anal.* Calcd. for $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$: Pd, 43.2; Cl, 43.1; N, 11.3; H, 2.47. Found: Pd, 42.5 (by difference); Cl, 42.3; N, 12.1; H, 3.1. It is easier to obtain a pure preparation by (b) then by (a) alone.

(11) L. Pauling, "The Nature of the Chemical Bond," Cornell University Press, Ithaca, N. Y., 1945, p. 182.

(12) N. Davidson, *et al.*, THIS JOURNAL, **72**, 3168 (1950); **71**, 3809 (1949).

(13) H. Theorell, *Arkiv Kemi, Mineral. Geol.*, **16A**, No. 1 (1943).

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(3) To synthesize $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$, $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ was obtained by heating colorless $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}_2$ (prepared as directed in "Inorganic Syntheses"^{18a}) at 150° until completely yellow in color and no loss in weight occurred on further heating. Care must be taken not to reduce to the metal by over-heating. $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$ was prepared by bubbling chlorine through a boiling aqueous solution of $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$. The product crystallized out on cooling as lemon-yellow octahedra. The desired final product, $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$, was obtained by completely dissolving equivalent amounts of $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ and $\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$ in separate minimal portions of boiling water, pouring these two solutions together and continuing to boil for ten minutes. On cooling, orange to orange-red needles of the product crystallized out. The crystals are from 0.005 to 0.1 mm. thick and from 0.5 to 3.0 mm. in length. The larger crystals all appear to be twinned. Crystals are washed and dried between filter paper. The compound may be recrystallized but there is some decomposition into the two starting materials. *Anal.* Calcd. for $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$: Pd, 18.3; Pt, 34.3; Cl, 36.5; N, 9.61; H, 2.08. Found: Pd, 17.4; Pt, 33.7; Cl, 37.8; N, 10.1; total metallic content, 51.1. Palladium was determined by the dimethylglyoxime method, platinum by difference.

(4) To obtain platinum(II) chloride, pulverized platinum(IV) chloride (from $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ^{18b}) in a porcelain boat in a combustion tube was heated to 450° in a stream of chlorine for two hours. The product was removed from the hot combustion tube and cooled in a desiccator. The crude product was leached with water to remove any unreacted platinum(IV) chloride and dried.

(5) A 0.998 *F* hydrochloric acid solution was standardized by a gravimetric (AgCl) method. Sodium thiosulfate solutions were standardized against dried reagent grade potassium iodate.

Solutions containing the PdCl_4^{2-} ion were prepared by dissolution of $\text{PdCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 0.998 *F* hydrochloric acid and were standardized by precipitation and weighing the palladium as the dimethylglyoxime compound. Solutions containing PdCl_6^{4-} were prepared either by chlorination of the PdCl_4^{2-} solutions or by dissolving K_2PdCl_6 in hydrochloric acid. This solid was obtained by addition of excess potassium chloride to a chlorinated PdCl_4^{2-} solution.

Solutions were analyzed for PdCl_6^{4-} plus chlorine iodometrically, by addition of potassium iodide and thiosulfate titration. On addition of the potassium iodide, palladium(II) iodide precipitated as a colloidal black solid that was removed by suction filtration through a sintered glass crucible. The starch end-point cannot be used unless this is done.

The PtCl_4^{2-} solution, prepared by dissolution of powdered platinum(II) chloride in concentrated hydrochloric acid and dilution was standardized by oxidation of the PtCl_4^{2-} to PtCl_6^{2-} with chlorine and precipitation of Cs_2PtCl_6 . Formality of PtCl_6^{2-} in the solution as an impurity was determined by precipitation as Cs_2PtCl_6 before oxidation. The PtCl_6^{2-} solutions were prepared by solution of $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 0.998 *F* hydrochloric acid.

Results

Petrographic Examination.—Crystals of $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$ were found to be dichroic. When the electric vector of the polarized light was vibrating parallel to the needle axis it was completely absorbed, even in the smallest crystals. The transmitted color was lemon-yellow when the electric vector of the plane polarized light was perpendicular to the needle axis. Because of their shape it was not possible to examine the crystals oriented with the needle axis along the microscope axis. There were a few larger crystals (*ca.* 0.08 mm. thick) and all of these exhibited an anomalous dichroism, with a light gray color transmitted when the vibration direction was parallel to the needle axis and complete absorption of the light when the vibration direction was perpendicular

(15) R. N. Keller, "Inorganic Syntheses," Vol. 2, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 1946, (a) p. 250, (b) p. 253.

to this axis. The external symmetry of the crystal is that of a rectangular prism. The crystals all exhibit parallel extinction under crossed nicols. It was impossible to obtain interference figures due to the unusual absorption and small size of the crystals. The refractive indices appeared to be greater than 1.70 and thus not easily determinable by oil immersion methods.

Crystals of $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$ have the same external symmetry as those discussed above and exhibited parallel extinction under crossed nicols. Similar dichroism was observed and the color transmitted when the electric vector of the light was perpendicular to the needle axis was also lemon-yellow. The color transmitted when the electric vector was parallel to the needle axis varied from deep red to almost complete absorption in the thicker crystals. In unpolarized light, the material appeared bright orange to orange-red. Due to the larger size of these crystals compared to the analogous palladium complex, it was possible to obtain an acute bisectrix interference figure although it was quite diffuse. The 2V observed was quite small ($\approx 5^\circ$) and the crystal was found to be optically negative by use of the gypsum plate. These data indicated that the biaxial crystal is orthorhombic or monoclinic and that the gamma (high) refractive index is the one parallel to the needle axis.

Magnetic Susceptibility of $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$. A detailed description of the magnetic susceptibility apparatus and its operation will be given later by the group that designed it. We report here the observed susceptibilities per gram formula weight of samples of $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_4$: (a) a powdered sample obtained by the procedure (2a) of the Preparations section, $-650 (\pm 200) \times 10^{-6}$ c.g.s.; (b) two separate fillings of the susceptibility tube with a more macrocrystalline product obtained by oxidation of the (a) sample according to procedure (2b), $105 (\pm 30)$ and $70 (\pm 30) \times 10^{-6}$ c.g.s. It is suspected that these variable results are not due principally to the instrumental error or to chemical impurities. They could be due to the differences in the degree of orientation of the crystals packed in the spectrometer tube if the substance has a high magnetic anisotropy. The significant result is that the substance is not strongly paramagnetic and hence does not contain any unpaired electrons.

Spectrophotometric Investigations.—Figure 2 shows the absorption spectra of the PdCl_4^{2-} and PdCl_6^{2-} ions. A tabular presentation of the data is available.² The PdCl_4^{2-} data were obtained from solutions 0.118, 0.0118 and 0.00237 *F* in 0.998 *F* hydrochloric acid. A solution 9.08×10^{-3} *F* in K_2PdCl_6 , 0.106 *F* in chlorine and 0.998 *F* in hydrochloric acid was compared to a similar chlorine, hydrochloric acid solution to obtain the PdCl_6^{2-} data.

As regards positions and intensities of absorption maxima, the results of the PdCl_4^{2-} solutions agree well with those of Samuel and Despande¹⁶ for a solution of K_2PdCl_4 in potassium chloride of unspecified concentration. For K_2PdCl_6 in hydrochloric acid of unspecified concentration, these

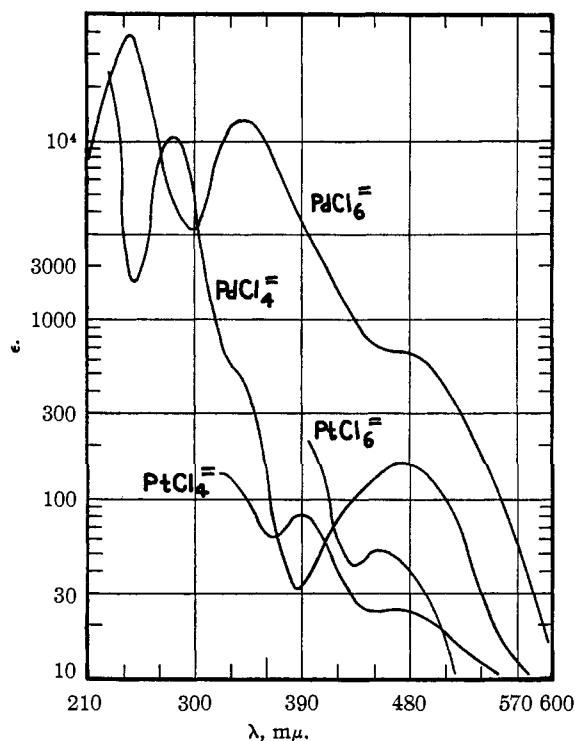


Fig. 2.—Extinction coefficients ($\epsilon = (1/lc) \log_{10}(I_0/I)$ liter/mole cm.) of PdCl_4^{2-} , PdCl_6^{2-} , PtCl_4^{2-} , PtCl_6^{2-} .

authors report an absorption maximum at 280 $m\mu$ as well as those obtained in the present research. This was probably due to some PdCl_4^{2-} formed according to the reaction



The equilibrium data of Wellman¹⁷ ($K = 2.4 \times 10^{-4}$) give the ratio of ($\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}/\text{Pd}^{\text{IV}}$) as 2.5×10^{-3} for the solution used by us.

The following procedure was used to investigate the possibility of interaction absorption in mixtures of PdCl_4^{2-} and PdCl_6^{2-} . A solution of palladium(II) chloride in 0.998 *F* hydrochloric acid was oxidized and saturated with chlorine. A blank of 0.998 *F* hydrochloric acid was found to be 0.106 *F* in chlorine; and the oxidizing titer of the palladium solution minus that of the blank indicated ($\text{Pd}^{\text{IV}} = 0.905$). The spectrum of a sample of this solution was measured in the 540–620 $m\mu$ range using a 0.010 cm. cell length. The solution was then extracted four times with equal volumes of carbon tetrachloride, in order to remove chlorine and drive reaction (1) to the right. The composition was then 0.53 *F* palladium(IV) and 0.37 *F* palladium(II) (calculated free chlorine, 3.5×10^{-4} *F*). The optical densities of this solution corresponded with 1% with those predicted, using Beer's law, from the light absorptions of the components. The extinction coefficients of palladium(IV) determined from the fully chlorinated solution described above agreed within 1% with those obtained from the 9.08×10^{-3} *F* PdCl_6^{2-} solution in 0.998 *F* hydrochloric acid using a 1.0 cm. cell. This is somewhat surprising, because the total amount of chloride in the concentrated

(16) R. Samuel and A. R. R. Despande, *Z. Physik*, **80**, 395 (1933).

(17) H. B. Wellman, *THIS JOURNAL*, **52**, 985 (1930).

solution allows for a (Cl⁻/Pd^{IV}) ratio of only 5.1:1 whereas the dilute solutions contained presumably PdCl₆⁼ ions.

A mixture of equal volumes of 1.47 *F* platinum (II) chloride (containing 0.058 *F* PtCl₆⁼) in *ca.* 6 *F* hydrochloric acid and 2.0 *F* H₂PtCl₆ in 1.0 *F* hydrochloric acid had the same optical density as the sum of one-half of the optical densities of the two component solutions in the wave length region 430–560 mμ. Similarly, Beer's law applied to a 1:1 mixture of 0.234 *F* palladium(II) chloride and 2.0 *F* H₂PtCl₆, each in 1.0 *F* hydrochloric acid. The absorption spectra of the platinum solutions are illustrated in Fig. 2.

Discussion

The marked dichroism of the substance Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂·M(NH₃)₂Cl₄ (M = Pd or Pt) is consistent with the view that these have the same structure as that of Pt(NH₃)₂Br₂·Pt(NH₃)₂Br₄ determined by Brosset, so that there is a chain $\cdots\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}\cdots\text{Cl}\cdots\text{M}^{\text{IV}}\cdots\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}\cdots\text{Cl}\cdots\text{M}^{\text{IV}}\cdots$, along the needle axis of the crystal. Anomalous and strong light absorption due to the oscillation of electrons between the atoms in the +2 and +4 oxidation states under the influence of the electric vector of the light would occur only for light polarized with the electric vector along this axis. This should also be the axis of highest refractive index. It may be mentioned that crystal structure investigations of these substances in these laboratories to be published separately confirm this point of view. (For the larger crystals where the strong absorption was for light perpendicular to the needle axis, it is possible that the crystals have grown differently, and the *c* axis in this case is not the needle axis.) In view of the difference in the II–IV oxidation potentials for platinum and palladium (*ca.* –0.7 and –1.3 v.) one would expect, as observed, that the mixed platinum–palladium

compound would be less colored than the palladium–palladium compound.

The magnetic studies, while not very precise, show that the palladium compound does not contain any unpaired electrons and hence no independent palladium(II) kernels. Syrkin and Belova¹⁸ have reported that the substances PtCl₃, Pt(H₂NCH₂CH₂NH₂)Cl₃ and Pt(NH₃)₂Cl₂(OH) are diamagnetic although they are formally compounds of tripositive platinum. The latter compound has been reported to be strongly dichroic.¹⁹ James²⁰ reports that the compound of palladium(III), “[Pd(NH₃)₃Cl₃]₂” is diamagnetic, and we suppose that this refers to Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂·Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₄.

The non-occurrence of interaction absorption in solution shows that similar strongly colored polymers or dimers do not form, even in solutions which contain rather high concentrations of palladium(II) and palladium(IV) or platinum(IV). It might be supposed that in solutions containing excess free chloride ion, the planar PdCl₄⁼ ion would form two weaker bonds to chlorides in directions perpendicular to the plane, and that this effect would inhibit the formation of the chains illustrated above responsible for the strong coloration. However, this could not have been the case for the solutions studied which contained less chloride than that required for the formation of PdCl₄⁼ and PdCl₆⁼ ions.

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(19) G. B. Bokil and G. I. Distler, *Doklady Akad. Nauk S. S. R.*, **56**, 923 (1947); *C. A.*, **43**, 3683 (1949).

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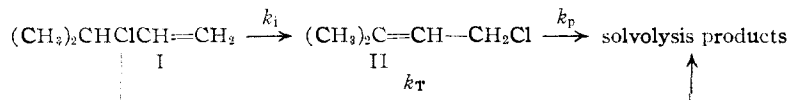
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Allylic Rearrangements. XXXII. The Solvolysis and Intramolecular Rearrangement of α,α -Dimethylallyl Chloride¹

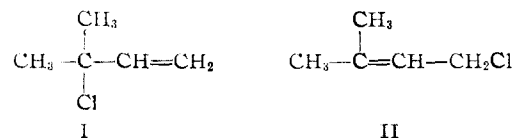
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The acetolysis of α,α -dimethylallyl chloride (I) involves simultaneous solvolysis and intramolecular isomerization to primary chloride γ,γ -dimethylallyl chloride (II).



The kinetics have been treated so as to obtain the rate constants k_1 , k_T and k_p . The possibility of a common intermediate for solvolysis and rearrangement of I is suggested and discussed.

In connection with a general investigation of the kinetics and products of replacement reactions of allylic compounds, we have scrutinized the acetolysis of α,α -dimethylallyl chloride (I) and γ,γ -dimethylallyl chloride (II). During this investigation it developed that a rearrangement of the



tertiary chloride I to the primary isomer II proceeds concurrently with the solvolysis of the tertiary chloride and that it was possible to treat the kinetics of the simultaneous acetolysis and

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