# Molecular Structure of Dinuclear Complexes of Platinum(II). Part III. ${ }^{1}$ Dichloro-bis- $\mu$-ethanethiolato-bis(tripropylphosphine)diplatinum(II) 

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The title compound is orthorhombic, space group Pbca, $a=20 \cdot 02(1), b=21 \cdot 73(1), c=15 \cdot 72(1) A, Z=4$. Least-squares refinement of $X$-ray diffractometer data using 2115 independent structure amplitudes converged with R 0.05 .

The co-ordination round each platinum atom is strained square-planar, but the two co-ordination planes are not coplanar, having a dihedral angle of $130^{\circ}$ between them. This conformation is partly attributed to severe steric repulsion between the alkyl groups on the phosphorus and on the sulphur atoms. The non-planarity of the ( $\mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ ) bridge and the pyramidal configuration at the sulphur atoms are unfavourable to $d_{\pi}-p_{\pi}$ aromatic bonding in the bridge while allowing $d_{\pi}-d_{\pi}$ overlap. The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}$ bonds trans to P have approximately normal lengths for single bonds $[2 \cdot 37(1) A]$, whilst those cis to P and trans to Cl are much shorter $[2 \cdot 27(1) \AA$ ] : the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds are also short $[2 \cdot 26(1) A]$. The stability of the cis-isomer is attributed to the continuous zig-zag chain of strong cis-bonds $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ in which one of the bridging sulphur atoms is held by two strong bonds; the trans-isomer is inherently less stable because one $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}$ bond to each bridging sulphur atom will be weakened by the transinfluence of the phosphines. The bonds in the zig-zag chain in the cis-isomer all have appreciable $\boldsymbol{\pi}$-character, and a multiple overlap of $d_{\pi}$ orbitals resembling conjugation may be present.

Dinuclear complexes of $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ usually have the transconfiguration, and the eight principal atoms (two $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$, two bridging, and four terminal ligand atoms) are coplanar. The structures of three examples of trans complexes, (I)-(III) have been described in detail in earlier papers in this series; ${ }^{\mathbf{1 , 2}}$ their $c i s$-isomers are unknown. The trimethylarsine analogue of (I) is also trans. ${ }^{3}$


Exceptions to the general rule that the trans configuration is preferred have been found ${ }^{4-6}$ when thiol
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radicals act as bridging groups, e.g. (IV; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}$, etc; $\mathrm{R}^{\mathbf{1}}=$ alkyl or aryl) and (IV; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{SR}^{2} ; \mathrm{R}^{1}$ and $\mathrm{R}^{\mathbf{2}}=$ alkyl). Those complexes have high dipole

moments ( $>10 \mathrm{D}$ ), and are stable in the cis-configuration in spite of the high electrostatic stress indicated by the dipole moment; their trans-isomers are labile and difficult to isolate in a pure state. Surprisingly, however, the stable form of the complex (IV; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{SR}^{\mathbf{2}}, \mathrm{R}^{\mathbf{1}}$ and $\mathrm{R}^{3}=$ aryl) is trans, whilst that of (IV; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{SR}^{2}$, $\mathrm{R}^{\mathbf{2}}=$ aryl, $\mathrm{R}^{\mathbf{1}}=$ alkyl) is cis. These observations led Chatt and Hart ${ }^{6}$ to suggest that there might be some special property in the thiol bridge, perhaps involving $d_{\pi}-d_{\pi}$ bonding and the $p$-orbitals of the sulphur atoms; this might make the bridge an 'inorganic aromatic ring', which could account for cis-directing effects in substitution and formation reactions, and also for the differing effects of conjugated aryl groups and nonconjugating alkyl groups in the thiol radical. To

[^0]investigate the question further, we have determined the structure of the cis-complex (V); we were unable to prepare satisfactory crystals of the trans-isomer, which readily converts to a mixture of the cis and trans forms on attempted recrystallisation.

Molecular structure.-The structure of the molecule is shown in the Figure and the principal molecular dimensions are listed in Table 1.
(i) Molecular conformation. The co-ordination round each platinum atom is approximately square-planar, and

(V)
the molecule has the predicted cis-configuration. Unexpectedly, however, the central $\left\{\mathrm{PtS}_{2} \mathrm{Pt}\right\}$ bridge is not planar, the dihedral angle between the two platinum


The molecular structure. For clarity, the heavy atoms have been labelled in only one half of the molecule, and only the $\alpha$-carbon atoms have been numbered
co-ordination planes being $130^{\circ}$. This appears to be the first example of a non-planar bridge in dinuclear $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ complexes, though examples are known amongst $\mathrm{Pd}^{\mathrm{II}}$ and $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ complexes, e.g. in $\left\{\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{SPr})_{2}\right\}_{6},{ }^{7}\left\{\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{2^{-}}\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{2}\right\}_{6},\left\{\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{2}\right\}_{6}{ }^{8}$ and $\left\{\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{SEt})_{2}\right\}_{6},{ }^{9}$ where the dihedral angle is constrained to be $120^{\circ}$ by the cyclic hexameric structure, and in $\left\{\mathrm{PdCl}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{CH} \ldots \mathrm{CH} \ldots\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{CH} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right\}_{2}$ and $\left\{\mathrm{PdBr}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right)\right\}_{2}$, where the angles ${ }^{\mathbf{1 0 , 1 1}}$ are 150 and $139^{\circ}$ respectively.

The lack of planarity in the $\left\{\mathrm{PtS}_{2} \mathrm{Pt}\right\}$ bridge can be attributed, at least partly, to intramolecular crowding between the alkyl groups on the two phosphorus atoms and on $\mathrm{S}(2)$, as shown by several short non-bonding distances $(3 \cdot 0-3 \cdot 2 \AA)$ between carbon atoms. The crowding is minimised by the adoption of the axial position (relative to the mean plane through the $\mathrm{Pt}, \mathrm{S}$, Cl , and P atoms) by the ethyl group on $\mathrm{S}(2)$, rather than the equatorial position which is adopted on $S(1)$; in

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$\left\{\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{2}\right\}_{6}$ also, half the hydroxyethyl groups are axial and half equatorial. ${ }^{8}$ The crowding is also reduced by increasing the two $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}(2)$ angles to $96^{\circ}$, rather than the usual $90^{\circ}$. The bond angles in the central ring

Table 1
Bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) and bond angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) with estimated standard deviations in parentheses

| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 2-267(7) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 1.89(2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 2.257(7) | $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 1-86(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2-339(6) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.53(3) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | $2 \cdot 338(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1 \cdot 54(3)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $1 \cdot 56(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 2-378(6) | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1.51 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | $2 \cdot 363$ (5) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $1 \cdot 55(4)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | $1 \cdot 58(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 2.281(6) | Mean | 1.55 |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 2-267(6) |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1-54(4) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.86(2) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1 \cdot 55(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1-85(2) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 1.53(4) |
| $\mathbf{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.88(2) | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1 \cdot 55(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.83(2) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $1 \cdot 53(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 1.87(2) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $1 \cdot 56(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 1.85(2) | Mean | 1.54 |
| Mean | 1.86 |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(19-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 1.47(3) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $1.55(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 85.1(2) | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 116.6(8) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 89•7(2) | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 109.2(9) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 116.2(8) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | $96.3(2)$ | $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $111.0(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 95.9(2) | $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $114 \cdot 1(8)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 115.0(8) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 173•2(2) | Mean | 113.7 |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 176.6(2) |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $116.8(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 95-2(3) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $113.4(16)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 94.8(2) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 111.7(17) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 111-1(17) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 172.7(3) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 112.8(21) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | $172 \cdot 1(2)$ | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 112.1(21) |
|  |  | Mean | 112.8 |
| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 79.9(2) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | $80 \cdot 5(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 101-8(11) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 107.4(12) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 89•1(3) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 104.0(11) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 88.8(2) | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $102 \cdot 9(13)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 106.4(11) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $111 \cdot 6(10)$ | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 106.6(12) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $110 \cdot 2(8)$ | Mean | 104.9 |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 104.4(7) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 108.3(8) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 107.5(28) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $108 \cdot 2(22)$ |
| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 108.2(19) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $107 \cdot 0(22)$ |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | 108.5(16) | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $112 \cdot 0(23)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 104.8(29) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 109•1(22) |
|  |  | Mean | 108.1 |

are all smaller than expected, especially the $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}$ angles ( 80 and $81^{\circ}$ ) which give further indication of strain. Angles at bridging sulphur atoms appear to vary so widely that no firm conclusions can be drawn; values have been reported varying from $98^{\circ}$ in $\left\{\mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{4^{-}}\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{SMe}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}^{12}$ and $\left\{\left(\pi-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Mo}(\mathrm{SBu})_{2} \mathrm{FeCl}_{2}\right\}^{13} \quad 92^{\circ}$ in

[^1]$\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{SPh})_{4}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]^{14}$ and $\left.\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left\{\mathrm{SC}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{2}\right)\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{HCO}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]\right]^{15}$ $83^{\circ}$ in $\left\{\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{SEt})_{2}\right\}_{6},{ }^{9}\left\{\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{2}\right\}_{6}$, and $\left\{\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{SC}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7}\right)_{2}\right\}_{6}{ }_{6}{ }^{8}$ $83^{\circ}$ and $81^{\circ}$ in $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{SMe})_{2} \mathrm{Mo}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\right]^{16} 81$ and $80^{\circ}$ in the present compound, and $79^{\circ}$ in $\left[\mathrm{Cr}_{2}(\mathrm{SPh})_{2}(\pi-\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{NO})_{2}\right]^{17}$
In each phosphine ligand, one propyl group has its $\alpha$-carbon atom approximately in the platinum coordination plane, and as far as possible from the chlorine atom. This conformation is also found in (I)-(III), and is evidently very stable.
(ii) Bond lengths. The bond-lengths involving $\mathrm{Pt}^{I I}$ are listed in Table 2 together with those from the other determinations in this series; in all cases $\sigma$ is $<0.01 \AA$. The trans-weakening effects of the ligands are in the usual order, $\mathrm{P} \gg \mathrm{S}>\mathrm{N} \sim \mathrm{Cl}$, and these effects are discussed in more detail elsewhere. ${ }^{18}$

The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds are much shorter than the radius sum, as is usual in complexes of $\mathrm{Pt}^{11}$. The $\mathrm{Pt}^{-} \mathrm{S}(2)$ bonds are considerably shorter than those in (II) and (III), presumably because they have more $\pi$-bond character.

Table 2
Bond lengths in dinuclear $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ complexes

| Bond trans-group | Cl | NCS | SCN | SR | $\mathrm{PR}_{3}$ | Radius sum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Cl}$ * | 2.28 | $2 \cdot 28$ | $2 \cdot 31$ | $2 \cdot 34$ | $2 \cdot 43$ | $2 \cdot 31$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{NCS}$ | 1.97 |  |  |  | $2 \cdot 07$ | $1 \cdot 96$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{SCN}$ | $2 \cdot 33$ |  |  |  | $2 \cdot 41$ | $2 \cdot 36$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{SR}$ | $2 \cdot 27$ |  |  |  | $2 \cdot 37$ | $2 \cdot 36$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{PR}_{3}$ | $2 \cdot 23$ | $2 \cdot 24$ | 2.26 | 2.26 |  | $2 \cdot 42$ |

Very short $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}$ bonds occur in other sulphur-bridged complexes, e.g. $2 \cdot 21$ and $2 \cdot 25 \AA$ in $\left\{\mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{4}\left(\mathrm{SEt}_{2}\right)\right]_{2}{ }^{12}$ and $2 \cdot 22$ and $2 \cdot 23 \AA$ in $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{~S}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(\mathrm{CO})\right]^{19}$ The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}(1)$ bonds, trans to phosphine, are much longer and have approximately the lengths expected for single bonds.
(iii) Stability of the complex. Though the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}(2)$ bonds appear to have some $\pi$-character, the central $\left\{\mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}\right\}$ ring does not have the properties expected of an 'aromatic inorganic ring' involving $p$ orbitals. It is not planar, and the four $\mathrm{Pt}^{-\mathrm{S}}$ bonds are neither equal nor alternating. The co-ordination round sulphur is pyramidal rather than planar, and therefore does not favour the formation of a $p_{\pi}-d_{\pi}$ delocalised $\pi$-system in the ring.

The principal feature of the bonding is the chain of short and presumably strong bonds, $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$. The structure can be represented as (VI) which indicates how the second bridging ligand $\mathrm{S}(1)$ is held by two bonds, both of which are trans to phosphine and therefore relatively weak. This second ligand can readily be exchanged (e.g. for $\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}$, etc.) without affecting the stability of the chain. This type of structure can occur only when one of the bridging ligands can form two strong bonds to the metal atoms, and when the cis-

[^2]conformation is adopted. The thiolate ligand can form two strong bonds, and in the cis-complex (VI) one of them does so. In the less stable trans-complex (VII) one bond from each sulphur is weakened by the transinfluence of the phosphines, so that the two metal centres are held together less strongly, and dissociation occurs

more readily than in the cis-form (VI). Chlorine, whose bonds to $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ have little or no $\pi$-character, ${ }^{2}$ can form only two normal bonds, and thiocyanate can form one strong and one normal bond to platinum. Complexes (I)-(III) cannot therefore show this special effect, and thus adopt the normal trans-configuration.
Chatt and Hart ${ }^{6}$ have earlier concluded, on the basis of dipole-moment measurements, that the thiolate group $\mathrm{S}(2)$, cis to the phosphines, is firmly bound, whilst the trans-group $\mathrm{S}(1)$ is readily replaceable by other ligands; our results show the structural reasons for this difference.
As pointed out, the pyramidal co-ordination at the sulphur atoms precludes $p_{\pi}-d_{\pi}$ overlap, and the $\pi$ character of the bonds of the $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ chain must arise from $d_{\pi}-d_{\pi}$ overlap. It is probably significant that, if we regard $\mathrm{S}(2)$ as approximately tetrahedrally coordinated with the lone-pair ' E ' as the fourth ' virtual ligand ', then: (a) $\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{S}(2), \mathrm{Pt}(1), \mathrm{P}(1)$, and $\mathrm{C}(7)$ are nearly coplanar, and (b) $\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{S}(2), \mathrm{Pt}(2), \mathrm{P}(2)$, and $\mathrm{C}(16)$ are also nearly coplanar.
This geometrical arrangement is favourable to a ' multiple overlap' of $\pi$-bonding orbitals which can give the chain of short bonds some of the characteristics of a conjugated chain. ${ }^{18}$ We cannot at this stage assess quantitatively the stabilising effect of this conjugation. It may be that the steric factors and the strong $\pi$-bonding are sufficient to stabilise the $c i s$-isomer and the nonplanar conformation, and that conjugation is a minor effect which can occur only when the geometrical arrangement is already determined by these factors. The fact that the trans-isomer can be isolated though not in a pure form, indicates that the cis-isomer is only slightly more stable than the trans, and that all these possible stabilising factors must be small in magnitude.

[^3]Table 3

|  | $10^{5} \times / a$ | $10^{5} y / b$ | $10^{5} z / c$ | $10^{4} U_{11}$ | $10^{4} 2 U_{12}$ | $10^{4} 2 U_{13}$ | $10^{4} U_{22}$ | $10^{4} 2 U_{23}$ | $10^{4} U_{33}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 19250(6) | 8674(4) | 27497(5) | 1071(7) | -33(12) | -235(14) | 547(5) | $-31(9)$ | 736(6) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 30410 (5) | $-1632(4)$ | 24170(5) | 824(6) | -167(11) | 32(13) | $613(5)$ | 79(9) | 671 (5) |
|  | $10^{4} \times 1 a$ | $10^{4} y / b$ | $10^{4} z / \mathrm{c}$ | $10^{3} U_{11}$ | $10^{3} 2 U_{12}$ | $10^{3} 2 U_{13}$ | $10^{3} U_{22}$ | $10^{3} 2 U_{23}$ | $10^{3} U_{33}$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 1634(4) | 1694(3) | 1871(5) | 194(9) | 24(10) | -82(12) | 67(41) | 42(8) | 140(6) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 1271(4) | 4743(3) | 1223(4) | 123(6) | 23 (8) | -67(9) | 87(45) | $2(8)$ | 104(5) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 850(4) | 816(3) | 3196(4) | 91 (5) | 22(9) | -30(8) | $88(48)$ | -24(8) | $88(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)$ | $2054(3)$ | 3802(3) | 2444(4) | 95(5) | 6(7) | -25(9) | $62(32)$ | $9(7)$ | 92(4) |
| S(1) | 3088(3) | 923(2) | 2455 (3) | $99(4)$ | $-50(7)$ | 3(9) | $66(32)$ | 0 (7) | 83(4) |
| S(2) | 2712(3) | 5017(3) | 3465 (4) | 104(5) | $-1(7)$ | $-1(7)$ | 57(35) | $12(6)$ | $70(4)$ |
| C(1) | 198(12) | 825(12) | 2358(15) | 85(16) | $75(34)$ | $-47(30)$ | 168(27) | -42(38) | 99(19) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 325(9) | 428(15) | $1570(20)$ | $216(38)$ | 65(56) | $-50(50)$ | 155(29) | -92(42) | 126(25) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 4814(20) | 620(24) | 4113(21) | 195(38) | 22(89) | 198(55) | 426 (64) | -69(68) | 117(28) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 647(13) | $1519(11)$ | 3804(14) | 121 (22) | $61(32)$ | $-21(30)$ | 91(17) | $-27(27)$ | $82(16)$ |
| C(5) | 1094(13) | 1613(11) | 4591(14) | $119(23)$ | $-9(34)$ | -29(31) | 98(19) | -43(28) | 81(16) |
| C(6) | 907(18) | 2237(10) | $5005(16)$ | 255(37) | $1(39)$ | $-23(46)$ | 66(15) | -17(29) | 93(19) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 642(12) | 172(10) | 3948(15) | 98(20) | $-18(30)$ | 17(30) | 73(15) | $13(30)$ | 119(19) |
| C(8) | 4370(13) | 4535(12) | 3485(18) | 111(22) | $18(34)$ | $-8(36)$ | 86(18) | $-71(35)$ | $143(24)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 4377(16) | 4040(12) | 4176(20) | 183(34) | 35(44) | -21(47) | 93(20) | $57(38)$ | 157(27) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 2529(15) | 3525(12) | $1529(14)$ | 130(22) | 43(33) | 58(34) | 80(18) | $-12(28)$ | 93(17) |
| C(11) | 3228(12) | 3787(12) | 1548(14) | 83(20) | 78(34) | 66(29) | $136(20)$ | $-9(30)$ | 93(17) |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 3647(18) | 3576(13) | 769(17) | 215(35) | 75(49) | 41(46) | 121(25) | 62(37) | 109(22) |
| C(13) | 1242(12) | 3385(11) | 2337(19) | 82(16) | -65(29) | $-86(38)$ | 99(17) | 70(37) | $168(26)$ |
| C(14) | 752(16) | 3527(14) | 3075(21) | 131(26) | 25(43) | 84(47) | $139(25)$ | 100(45) | 184(30) |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 126(13) | 3147(16) | 2872(28) | 57(17) | -48(39) | $-25(53)$ | $200(33)$ | 223(71) | $345(54)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 2471(14) | 3487(11) | 3398(13) | 149(23) | $50(33)$ | -74(34) | 75(17) | 31(27) | 84(16) |
| C(17) | 2583(15) | 2767(11) | 3333(18) | 162(28) | 30(37) | -22(45) | 74(18) | $8(33)$ | 137(25) |
| $\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 2922(17) | 2536(12) | $4163(20)$ | $230(35)$ | 29(47) | $-205(57)$ | 65(15) | $75(38)$ | $193(30)$ |
| C(19) | 3253(15) | 1237(11) | 1356(15) | 203(33) | $-11(40)$ | $64(40)$ | 74(17) | 51(29) | 103(18) |
| $\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 3654(17) | 1803(13) | 1442(19) | 181(31) | $-112(44)$ | 57(47) | $115(23)$ | $115(39)$ | 148(25) |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 2740(11) | 331(10) | 4399(13) | 100(19) | 16(29) | $-53(25)$ | 97(19) | $-18(25)$ | 60(14) |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)$ | 1897(18) | 4795(12) | 4851(16) | 233(42) | -39(5l) | 148(50) | $101(20)$ | $31(33)$ | 113(21) |

These results suggest no definite reason why the compounds (IV; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{SR}^{2}, \mathrm{R}^{1}$ and $\mathrm{R}^{2}=$ aryl) should normally be trans, and this point requires further clarification.

## experimental

Crystal Data.- $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}, \quad M=904 \cdot 1$, Orthorhombic, $a=20.024 \pm 0.010, \quad b=21.726 \pm 0.009, \quad c=$ $15.720 \pm 0.008 \AA, \quad U=6838.5 \AA^{3}, D_{\mathrm{m}}$ (by flotation) $=$ $1.758 ; Z=4, D_{\mathrm{c}}=1.758, F(000)=1744$. Space group Pbca ( $\mathrm{D}_{2 h}^{15}$ No. 61). Zirconium-filtered Mo- $K_{\alpha}$ radiation, $\lambda=0.7107 \AA ; \mu\left(\mathrm{Mo}-K_{\alpha}\right)=97.5 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

All measurements were made on a Picker single-crystal four-circle diffractometer equipped with a scintillation counter and a pulse-height analyser. The orientation and cell dimensions, with their estimated standard deviations, were obtained by least-squares fit of $\chi, \phi, \omega, 2 \theta$ values ${ }^{20}$ for 12 independent planes. The $\theta-2 \theta$ scan method was used for data collection scanning from $0.5^{\circ}$ below $\alpha_{1}$ to $0.4^{\circ}$ above $\alpha_{2}$, at $1 \cdot 0^{\circ} 2 \theta \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$. The background was measured for 20 s at each end of the scan. Every 8 h the intensities of the 006 and the 800 reflections were measured; over the 23 days of data collection their intensities varied by only $\pm 3 \%$.

Intensities were measured for 3325 reflections in the octant [ $h k l$ ] with $\sin \theta / \lambda \leqslant 0 \cdot 5$. These were corrected for Lorentz and polarisation factors, and for absorption by use of the method of Busing and Levy modified to give a more even sample point distribution. ${ }^{21}$ The crystal dimensions were $0.24 \times 0.29 \times 0.32 \mathrm{~mm}$ and 558 sample points were used whose mean separation was $30 \mu$. By averaging struc-

[^4]ture amplitudes from equivalent observed reflections, structure amplitudes for 2115 independent reflections were obtained. The observed intensities of a further 810 independent reflections were less than their statistical standard deviations and these were omitted from the analysis.

Table 4
Analysis of agreement of observed and calculated structure factors

| Range | $N$ | $\Sigma\left\|F_{0}\right\|$ | $\Sigma\left\|F_{c}\right\|$ | $\Sigma\|\Delta F\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mean } \\ & w\|\Delta F\|^{2} \end{aligned}$ | $R(\%)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left\|F_{0}\right\|$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0--49 | 473 | 18686 | 17176 | 3882 | $30 \cdot 0$ | 20.8 |
| 50-99 | 708 | 50908 | 50440 | 3625 | $15 \cdot 6$ | $7 \cdot 1$ |
| 100-149 | 388 | 47015 | 47142 | 1836 | $20 \cdot 2$ | $3 \cdot 9$ |
| 150-199 | 222 | 38377 | 38213 | 1047 | 29.3 | $2 \cdot 7$ |
| 200-249 | 111 | 24691 | 24663 | 510 | 34-4 | $2 \cdot 1$ |
| 250-299 | 56 | 15317 | 15330 | 289 | $37 \cdot 7$ | 1.9 |
| 300-399 | 73 | 24946 | 25042 | 676 | $69 \cdot 7$ | $2 \cdot 7$ |
| 400--499 | 45 | 20209 | 20483 | 620 | $96 \cdot 3$ | $3 \cdot 0$ |
| 600- | 39 | 25465 | 26428 | 1168 | 96.5 | $4 \cdot 5$ |
| $\sin \theta / \lambda$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-0.09 | 26 | 9851 | 10730 | 1054 | $322 \cdot 2$ | $10 \cdot 7$ |
| $0 \cdot 10-0.19$ | 188 | 39383 | 39228 | 1688 | $54 \cdot 7$ | $4 \cdot 3$ |
| $0.20-0.29$ | 468 | 77111 | 46718 | 2623 | $20 \cdot 9$ | $3 \cdot 4$ |
| $0.30-0.39$ | 781 | 87607 | 87201 | 3922 | $17 \cdot 2$ | $4 \cdot 5$ |
| $0.40-0.49$ | 652 | 51463 | 50941 | 4367 | 25.8 | $8 \cdot 5$ |
| * $N$ is no. in ranges. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Structure Determination.-The positions of the platinum atoms were found from a three-dimensional Patterson synthesis. The independent positional and isotropic thermal parameters of these atoms, and the scale factor, were adjusted by 3 cycles of least-squares refinement, which reduced $R$ to $0 \cdot 407$. Difference syntheses then revealed the positions of all the other atoms except hydrogen. After 8
cycles of least-squares refinement of the positional and anisotropic thermal parameters, $R$ was 0.051 . The convergence factor for the last cycle was 0.103 \{the convergence factor is $\left[\left(\Sigma w d^{2}\right)_{n-1}-\left(\Sigma w d^{2}\right)_{n}\right] /\left[\left(\Sigma w d^{2}\right)_{n-1}\right]$ where $n$ is the cycle number, $w=$ weight of the observation, and $d=$ $|\Delta F|\}$. The platinum atoms were refined in one matrix block that included both positional and anisotropic thermal parameters. The remaining atoms were refined using five matrix blocks for the positional co-ordinates, and one block-diagonal matrix for their thermal parameters. The

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weighting scheme used was $\left[1 / w=1+\left(F_{0}-b\right)^{2} / a^{2}\right]$ where $a=104$ and $b=226$.

The atomic form factors used were taken from ref. 22 with a correction for anomalous dispersion for Pt

The final atomic parameters are listed in Table 3, and an analysis of the agreement between observed and calculated structure factors is given in Table 4. The observed and calculated structure factors are listed in Supplementary Publication No. SUP 20380 ( 24 pp ., 1 microfiche).*

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