

Bimetallic Phosphorus Ylide Gold-Silver Complexes

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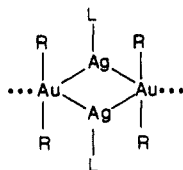
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Cationic complexes $[\text{Au}(\text{CH}_2\text{PR}_3)_2]\text{ClO}_4$ ($\text{PR}_3 = \text{PPh}_3, \text{PPh}_2\text{Me}, \text{PPhMe}_2$), which can be prepared from $[\text{Au}(\text{SC}_4\text{H}_8)_2]\text{ClO}_4$ and CH_2PR_3 , react with AgClO_4 or $(\text{O}_3\text{ClO})\text{AgPPh}_3$ to give neutral $[(\text{R}_3\text{PCH}_2)_2\text{Au}\{\mu\text{-Ag}(\text{OCIO}_3)_2\}_2\text{Au}(\text{CH}_2\text{PR}_3)_2]$ or cationic $[(\text{Ph}_3\text{PCH}_2)_2\text{Au}(\mu\text{-AgPPh}_3)_2\text{Au}(\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_3)_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ complexes containing Au_2Ag_2 rings where the Au-Ag bonds are unsupported by any covalent bridge. The structure of one neutral complex ($\text{PR}_3 = \text{PPh}_3$) has been solved by X-ray crystallography. It crystallizes in space group $P2_1/n$ with $a = 13.282$ (3) Å, $b = 13.458$ (4) Å, $c = 22.016$ (5) Å, $\beta = 93.58$ (3)°, and $Z = 2$.

Introduction

Recently we have reported the synthesis of a family of unprecedented clusters containing the unit

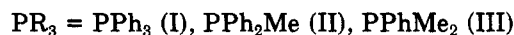
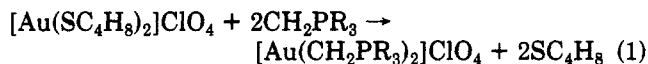


which forms polymeric neutral complexes through short $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Au}$ contacts. Some 35 complexes of this type ($\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5, \text{C}_6\text{F}_3\text{H}_2, \text{C}_6\text{Cl}_5$; $\text{L} = \text{group VB (15) or VIB (16)}^8$ donors, olefins, acetylenes, arenes) have been prepared, and the structures of two examples ($\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5, \text{L} = \text{SC}_4\text{H}_8, \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$) have been solved.^{1,2} To what degree the polyhalophenyl groups R , the short $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Au}$ contacts, or both are responsible for the stability of this novel type of cluster is a problem that can be addressed by attempting the synthesis of other complexes lacking one or both characteristics but containing Au_2Ag_2 rings with direct Au-Ag bonds unsupported by any bridging ligand.

Here we report the synthesis of a new type of neutral nonpolymeric $[(\text{ylide})_2\text{Au}\{\mu\text{-Ag}(\text{OCIO}_3)_2\}_2\text{Au}(\text{ylide})_2]$ complexes, containing the Au_2Ag_2 moiety and lacking any $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Au}$ interaction.

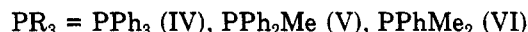
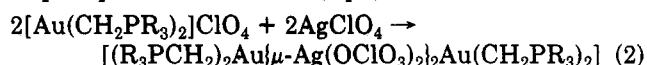
Results and Discussion

Addition of $[\text{Au}(\text{SC}_4\text{H}_8)_2]\text{ClO}_4$ to tetrahydrofuran solutions of CH_2PR_3 causes the precipitation of cationic bis(ylide)gold complexes (eq 1)



Complexes I-III are air- and moisture-stable white solids and 1:1 electrolytes in acetone solution (see Table I). Their IR spectra (Nujol mulls) show two bands at 1100 (s, br) and 625 (m) cm^{-1} due to the ClO_4^- anion,³ a band due to $\nu(\text{Au}-\text{C})$ appears⁴ at 562-539 (m) cm^{-1} . These complexes (I-III) react (1:1) with AgClO_4 in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{OEt}_2$ solution

to precipitate white solids (eq 2).



Complexes IV-VI are air- and moisture-stable white solids, but their dichloromethane or acetone solutions decompose to re-form the starting products. Despite the difficulties arising from this lack of stability, single crystals of complex IV could be obtained by slow diffusion at -20 °C of an AgClO_4 solution (0.26 mmol in 12 mL of diethyl ether) into a dichloromethane solution of complex I (0.18 mmol in 6 mL of dichloromethane). Its structure has been established by X-ray crystallography (Figure 1).

The molecule is centrosymmetric; the Au-Ag distances (2.783, 2.760 (2) Å) in the central Au_2Ag_2 ring are within the previously observed range (2.70-2.79 Å).¹ The silver atoms are bonded to two gold atoms and two oxygen atoms (of two perchlorato ligands) in a distorted tetrahedral environment. The C(1)-Au-C(2) angle (173.9 (5)°) is almost linear. $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Au}$ contacts are not observed probably because of the barrier formed by the six phenyl groups of the two $\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ ligands linked to each gold center.

The IR spectra of complexes IV-VI show bands at 1130 (s), 1110 (s), 920 (m), and 620 (m, br) cm^{-1} due to the coordinated $-\text{OCIO}_3$ groups.³ The $\nu(\text{Au}-\text{C})$ band appears at almost the same position (564-544 cm^{-1}) as in the starting bis(ylide) complexes.

If $(\text{O}_3\text{ClO})\text{AgPPh}_3$ is substituted for AgClO_4 in eq 2, the cationic $[(\text{Ph}_3\text{PCH}_2)_2\text{Au}(\mu\text{-AgPPh}_3)_2\text{Au}(\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_3)_2](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ (VII) is obtained. Conductivity measurements (in acetone or nitromethane) cannot be carried out due to decomposition (see above), but the IR spectrum clearly shows the presence of the ClO_4^- anion [(one band at 1080 (s, br) cm^{-1} and another band at 620 (m) cm^{-1}].

Experimental Section

Instrumentation and general experimental techniques were as described earlier.¹ The yields, melting points, C, H, and Au (or Au + Ag) analyses, conductivities, and $\nu(\text{Au}-\text{C})$ of the novel complexes are listed in Table I.

Preparation of the Complexes. $[\text{Au}(\text{CH}_2\text{PR}_3)_2]\text{ClO}_4$ [$\text{PR}_3 = \text{PPh}_3$ (I), PPh_2Me (II), or PPhMe_2 (III)]. To a tetrahydrofuran solution (40 mL) of CH_2PR_3 (1 mmol) (prepared by reacting equimolar amounts of $[\text{CH}_2\text{PR}_3]\text{ClO}_4$ and BuLi) was added $[\text{Au}(\text{SC}_4\text{H}_8)_2]\text{ClO}_4$ ⁵ (0.189 g, 0.4 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Complexes I-III pre-

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Table I. Analytical Data for Complexes

| complex | yield, % | anal. found (calcd) | | | Δ_M^a | mp, °C | $\nu(\text{Au-C}), \text{cm}^{-1}$ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| | | C | H | Au (or Au + Ag) | | | |
| [Au(CH ₂ PPh ₃) ₂ ClO ₄] (I) | 78 | 53.8 (53.8) | 4.0 (4.05) | 23.35 (23.2) | 130 | 208 dec | 562 |
| [Au(CH ₂ PPh ₂ Me) ₂ ClO ₄] (II) | 60 | 46.6 (46.4) | 4.1 (4.2) | 27.9 (27.2) | 122 | 100 | 550 |
| [Au(CH ₂ PPhMe ₂) ₂ ClO ₄] (III) | 80 | 35.9 (36.0) | 2.5 (2.2) | 32.4 (32.8) | 155 | 104 | 539 |
| [Au(CH ₂ PPh ₃) ₂ Ag(OCIO ₃) ₂] (IV) | 88 | 43.3 (43.2) | 3.1 (3.2) | 28.6 (28.9) | | 195 dec | 564 |
| [Au(CH ₂ PPh ₂ Me) ₂ Ag(OCIO ₃) ₂] (V) | 87 | 36.0 (36.1) | 3.1 (3.2) | 32.5 (32.7) | | 186 dec | 562 |
| [Au(CH ₂ PPhMe ₂) ₂ Ag(OCIO ₃) ₂] (VI) | 77 | 26.6 (26.75) | 3.2 (3.2) | 38.0 (37.7) | | 159 dec | 544 |
| [Au(CH ₂ PPh ₃) ₂ Ag(PPh ₃) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₄] (VII) | 92 | 50.9 (51.0) | 3.9 (3.75) | 24.0 (23.1) | | 104 | 558 |

^aIn acetone, $\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$.

Table II. Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Isotropic Thermal Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$)

| | x | y | z | U |
|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| Ag | 6144 (1) | 839 (1) | 5088 (1) | 63 (1) ^a |
| Au | 4257 (1) | 875 (1) | 5572 (1) | 44 (1) ^a |
| Cl(1) | 6929 (4) | 2706 (5) | 4224 (3) | 139 (3) ^a |
| O(11) | 7228 (10) | 1759 (8) | 4409 (6) | 130 (5) |
| O(12) | 6876 (17) | 3321 (13) | 4724 (7) | 411 (25) |
| O(13) | 7637 (12) | 3085 (15) | 3846 (9) | 295 (15) |
| O(14) | 6004 (10) | 2662 (13) | 3900 (8) | 224 (10) |
| Cl(2) | 7922 (3) | 281 (3) | 6270 (2) | 66 (2) ^a |
| O(21) | 7552 (11) | 560 (12) | 5694 (5) | 193 (8) |
| O(22) | 7250 (8) | -370 (9) | 6516 (5) | 117 (5) |
| O(23) | 8049 (15) | 1114 (10) | 6636 (8) | 371 (20) |
| O(24) | 8856 (8) | -171 (11) | 6231 (7) | 168 (7) |
| C(1) | 3890 (10) | 1698 (10) | 4790 (6) | 49 (4) |
| P(1) | 3034 (3) | 2698 (3) | 4918 (2) | 47 (1) ^a |
| C(2) | 4737 (10) | -42 (11) | 6305 (6) | 51 (4) |
| P(2) | 4405 (3) | 366 (3) | 7024 (2) | 49 (1) ^a |
| C(12) | 963 (7) | 2727 (7) | 4724 (4) | 65 (4) |
| C(13) | -13 | 2370 | 4778 | 79 (5) |
| C(14) | -170 | 1522 | 5124 | 76 (5) |
| C(15) | 649 | 1033 | 5417 | 88 (6) |
| C(16) | 1625 | 1390 | 5363 | 70 (5) |
| C(11) | 1782 | 2238 | 5016 | 48 (3) |
| C(22) | 2632 (8) | 4511 (8) | 4378 (4) | 72 (5) |
| C(23) | 2439 | 5132 | 3878 | 93 (6) |
| C(24) | 2555 | 4777 | 3291 | 83 (5) |
| C(25) | 2865 | 3799 | 3205 | 88 (6) |
| C(26) | 3059 | 3177 | 3705 | 75 (5) |
| C(21) | 2942 | 3533 | 4292 | 58 (4) |
| C(32) | 4356 (8) | 3980 (8) | 5493 (4) | 76 (5) |
| C(33) | 4724 | 4580 | 5973 | 99 (6) |
| C(34) | 4227 | 4610 | 6513 | 103 (7) |
| C(35) | 3362 | 4040 | 6572 | 110 (7) |
| C(36) | 2994 | 3439 | 6091 | 79 (5) |
| C(31) | 3491 | 3409 | 5552 | 48 (4) |
| C(42) | 5469 (8) | -1243 (8) | 7487 (4) | 71 (5) |
| C(43) | 5796 | -1910 | 7942 | 79 (5) |
| C(44) | 5388 | -1873 | 8510 | 95 (6) |
| C(45) | 4653 | -1168 | 8623 | 91 (6) |
| C(46) | 4325 | -500 | 8168 | 75 (5) |
| C(41) | 4734 | -538 | 7600 | 60 (4) |
| C(52) | 2455 (9) | -229 (7) | 6822 (5) | 79 (5) |
| C(53) | 1410 | -113 | 6808 | 99 (6) |
| C(54) | 996 | 767 | 7015 | 85 (5) |
| C(55) | 1626 | 1531 | 7237 | 100 (6) |
| C(56) | 2671 | 1415 | 7251 | 83 (5) |
| C(51) | 3085 | 535 | 7043 | 62 (4) |
| C(62) | 5586 (9) | 2020 (9) | 6816 (4) | 87 (6) |
| C(63) | 6098 | 2891 | 6988 | 101 (6) |
| C(64) | 6080 | 3238 | 7584 | 83 (5) |
| C(65) | 5549 | 2716 | 8008 | 94 (6) |
| C(66) | 5037 | 1845 | 7836 | 80 (5) |
| C(61) | 5055 | 1497 | 7240 | 61 (4) |

^aEquivalent isotropic U defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

precipitated as white solids which were filtered off and recrystallized from acetone/diethyl ether.

[$(\text{R}_2\text{PCH}_2)_2\text{Au}(\mu\text{-Ag}(\text{OCIO}_3)_2)_2\text{Au}(\text{CH}_2\text{PR}_3)_2$] [$\text{PR}_3 = \text{PPh}_3$ (IV), PPh_2Me (V), or PPhMe_2 (VI)]. To a dichloromethane solution (25 mL) of I (0.255 g, 0.3 mmol), II (0.217 g, 0.3 mmol), or III (0.180 g, 0.3 mmol) was added a diethyl ether solution (15

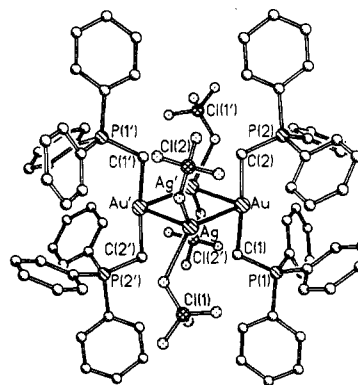


Figure 1. The molecule of IV in the crystal, showing the atom numbering scheme. Radii are arbitrary; H atoms are omitted. Primes indicate symmetry-equivalent atoms (symmetry operator $1-x, -y, 1-z$); the crystallographic center of symmetry imposes exact planarity on the Au_2Ag_2 ring.

Table III. Bond Lengths (\AA)

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Ag-Au | 2.783 (1) | Ag-O(11) | 2.473 (13) |
| Ag-O(21) | 2.260 (13) | Ag-Au' | 2.760 (1) |
| Au-C(1) | 2.079 (13) | Au-C(2) | 2.099 (13) |
| Cl(1)-O(12) | 1.382 (18) | Cl(1)-O(11) | 1.389 (13) |
| Cl(1)-O(14) | 1.383 (15) | Cl(1)-O(13) | 1.391 (20) |
| Cl(2)-O(22) | 1.384 (12) | Cl(2)-O(21) | 1.383 (12) |
| Cl(2)-O(24) | 1.389 (12) | Cl(2)-O(23) | 1.384 (16) |
| P(1)-C(11) | 1.799 (11) | C(1)-P(1) | 1.796 (14) |
| P(1)-C(31) | 1.768 (11) | P(1)-C(21) | 1.777 (10) |
| P(2)-C(41) | 1.791 (10) | C(2)-P(2) | 1.757 (13) |
| P(2)-C(61) | 1.800 (12) | P(2)-C(51) | 1.770 (12) |

mL) of AgClO_4 (0.062 g, 0.3 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Complexes IV-VI precipitated as white solids which were filtered off.

[$(\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2)_2\text{Au}(\mu\text{-AgPPh}_3)_2\text{Au}(\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_3)_2$](ClO_4)₄ (VII). To a dichloromethane solution (25 mL) of I (0.255 g, 0.3 mmol) was added $\text{Ag}(\text{OCIO}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)$ (0.141 g, 0.3 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature, when the solution was evaporated to ca. 4 mL and addition of diethyl ether (20 mL) led to precipitation of complex VII as a white solid.

Crystal Structure Determination of IV. Crystal data: $\text{C}_{76}\text{H}_{68}\text{AgAuCl}_4\text{P}_4\text{O}_{16}$; M , 2112.7; monoclinic; space group $P2_1/n$; $a = 13.282$ (3) \AA , $b = 13.458$ (4) \AA , $c = 22.016$ (5) \AA , $\beta = 93.58$ (3)°; $U = 3927 \text{\AA}^3$; $Z = 2$, $D_{\text{calcd}} = 1.79 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\lambda(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.71069 \text{\AA}$; $\mu = 4.5 \text{ mm}^{-1}$; $F(000) = 2064$.

Data were collected on a Stoe-Siemens four-circle diffractometer in profile-fitting mode.⁷ $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 50^\circ$, 8960 intensities, 6896 unique,

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Table IV. Bond Angles (deg)

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Au-Ag-O(11) | 142.6 (3) | Au-Ag-O(21) | 120.6 (3) |
| O(11)-Ag-O(21) | 87.1 (5) | Au-Ag-Au' | 93.8 (1) |
| O(11)-Ag-Au' | 101.6 (3) | O(21)-Ag-Au' | 107.3 (4) |
| Ag-Au-C(1) | 82.1 (4) | Ag-Au-C(2) | 92.7 (4) |
| C(1)-Au-C(2) | 173.9 (5) | Ag-Au-Ag' | 86.2 (1) |
| C(1)-Au-Ag' | 89.0 (4) | C(2)-Au-Ag' | 87.3 (4) |
| O(11)-Cl(1)-O(12) | 110.2 (10) | O(11)-Cl(1)-O(13) | 108.6 (10) |
| O(12)-Cl(1)-O(13) | 109.0 (12) | O(11)-Cl(1)-O(14) | 109.9 (10) |
| O(12)-Cl(1)-O(14) | 110.5 (12) | O(13)-Cl(1)-O(14) | 108.6 (11) |
| Ag-O(11)-Cl(1) | 118.0 (8) | O(21)-Cl(2)-O(22) | 109.2 (8) |
| O(21)-Cl(2)-O(23) | 109.7 (10) | O(22)-Cl(2)-O(23) | 110.1 (9) |
| O(21)-Cl(2)-O(24) | 109.2 (9) | O(22)-Cl(2)-O(24) | 110.3 (8) |
| O(23)-Cl(2)-O(24) | 108.3 (10) | Ag-O(21)-Cl(2) | 145.1 (9) |
| Au-C(1)-P(1) | 112.8 (6) | C(1)-P(1)-C(11) | 111.1 (6) |
| C(1)-P(1)-C(21) | 111.4 (6) | C(1)-P(1)-C(31) | 109.9 (6) |
| Au-C(2)-P(2) | 115.4 (7) | C(2)-P(2)-C(41) | 111.2 (6) |
| C(2)-P(2)-C(51) | 111.5 (6) | C(2)-P(2)-C(61) | 111.0 (6) |
| P(1)-C(11)-C(12) | 118.8 (3) | P(1)-C(11)-C(16) | 121.2 (3) |
| P(1)-C(21)-C(22) | 119.8 (3) | P(1)-C(21)-C(26) | 119.7 (3) |
| P(1)-C(31)-C(32) | 118.0 (4) | P(1)-C(31)-C(36) | 122.0 (4) |
| P(2)-C(41)-C(42) | 118.6 (3) | P(2)-C(41)-C(46) | 121.3 (3) |
| P(2)-C(51)-C(52) | 118.1 (3) | P(2)-C(51)-C(56) | 121.9 (3) |
| P(2)-C(61)-C(62) | 120.3 (3) | P(2)-C(61)-C(66) | 119.7 (3) |

4569 with $F > 4\sigma(F)$ were used for all calculations (program system SHELXTL). Cell constants were refined from 2θ values of 56 reflections in the range 20–23°. An absorption correction based on ψ -scans was applied (transmissions 0.37–0.66; crystal size 0.45

$\times 0.45 \times 0.4$ mm).

The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method and refined on F to $R = 0.075$ and $R_w = 0.071$ [Au, Ag, Cl, and P atoms anisotropic; phenyl rings as idealized rigid groups with C–C = 1.395 Å and C–H = 0.96 Å; methylene H included by using a riding model; weighting scheme $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F) + 0.0005F^2$; 168 parameters]. Final atomic coordinates are given in table II (see also Figure 1).

The high-temperature factors of the O atoms and the presence of significant electron density associated with the perchlorate groups probably indicate disorder, but no sensible disorder model could be refined. The corresponding bond lengths and angles of the ClO_4^- groups should therefore be interpreted with caution. These problems are also reflected in the rather high R value.

Single crystals of V could be obtained but lost solvent too readily to permit X-ray analysis. The cell constants of V are $a = 17.5$ Å, $b = 17.1$ Å, $c = 25.25$ Å, and $\beta = 102.5^\circ$ (monoclinic P).

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Mercury in Organic Chemistry. 34.¹ Synthesis of Vinylmercurials via Mercuration of Propargylic Amines

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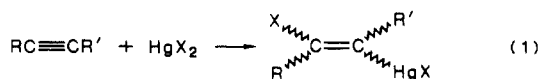
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Propargylic amines react readily with 1–2 M HgCl_2 in 2–6 M HCl to precipitate the ammonium trichloromercurate, bis(ammonium) tetrachloromercurate, or bis(ammonium) hexachlorodimercurate salts 1–10 in which mercuric chloride has added in a trans manner across the original carbon-carbon triple bond placing the mercury nearer to nitrogen. X-ray crystallographic data on one of each type of these salts are provided.

Introduction

Vinylmercurials have proven to be versatile intermediates in organic synthesis.^{2–4} While a number of methods presently exist for the preparation of vinylmercurials, one of the simplest and most important approaches involves the direct addition of mercury(II) salts to acetylenes (eq 1). For instance, mercuric acetate adds primarily trans



to internal dialkyl-^{5–10} and alkylarylacetylenes^{11,12} and cis

to diphenylacetylene^{5,7,13,14} to afford stable, isolable (β -acetoxyvinyl)mercurials. Mercuric chloride adds to internal acetylenic halides,^{15,16} ethers,^{17–19} alcohols,^{15,20,21}

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