Synthesis, Solid-state and Solution Structure, and Reactivity of *cis***-[** $Pt(C_6F_5)_2(NC_5H_4-2-CH_2C_6H_5)$ **]: A Compound Displaying an Arene-Platinum Interaction**

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The reaction of cis- $[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(THF)₂]$ and 2-benzylpyridine (molar ratio 1:1) in CH₂Cl₂ yields cis [Pt(C_6F_5)₂(NC₅H₄-2-CH₂C₆H₅)] (1), which in the solid state (X-ray) shows a weak η^2 -benzyl-Pt interaction. The structure in solution is discussed on the basis of its NMR data (¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F). Complex 1 reacts with CO, yielding cis -[Pt(C_6F_5)₂(NC₅H₄-2-CH₂C₆H₅)(CO)] (2), which does not contain any benzyl–Pt interaction. Crystal data for complex 1: C₂₄H₁₁NF₁₀Pt, M = 698.44; monoclinic, space group P_{1}/n ; $a = 9.283(1)$, $b = 13.836(1)$, $c = 16.615(1)$ Å; $\beta = 95.25(1)$ °; $V = 2124.9(3)$ \AA^3 ; $Z = 4$. The final R value is 0.0276 for 2513 unique observed $(F_o^2 \geq 2.5\sigma(F_o^2))$ absorption-corrected reflections collected at 223 K.

Introduction

q2-Arene-metal complexes have been proposed **as** intermediates in homogeneous hydrogenation reactions of arenes catalyzed by transition-metal complexes' **as** well **as** in ortho-metalation reactiom2 Most of these complexes have been obtained by generating in situ an electrophilic center which reacts with one π -bond of a benzene molecule³ or of a phenyl fragment of the ligand present in the complex. In the latter case an intramolecular η^2 -arenemetal compound is obtained. $4,5$

 ${\rm Recently}$ we have prepared $\overline{{\rm cis}\text{-}{\rm [Pt(C_6F_5)_2]}(\eta^2\text{-}C_6H_5)}$ C-

 (C_6H_5) =NN = C(C₆H₅)₂}], by reacting *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂-(THF)₂] (THF = tetrahydrofuran) with either Ph_2CN_2 or $(C_6H_5)_2C=NN=C(C_6H_5)_2$, and its thermolysis has ren-

dered $[\dot{P}t(C_6F_5)(2-C_6H_4)C(C_6H_5)$ = NN = $(\eta^2-C_6H_5)C$ - (C_6H_5)]; both complexes display unusual intramolecular η^2 -arene-Pt interactions,⁵ the structure of the latter being established by X-ray diffraction. Moreover, the reaction between cis- $[Pd(C_6F_5)_2(THF)_2]$ and $C_6H_5CH_2NMe_2$ has $\frac{1}{2}$

 \mathbf{r} endered *cis-* [Pd(C₆F₅)2 $\{(\eta^1\text{-}C_6H_5)CH_2NMe_2\}$], an unprecedented palladium complex displaying a η^1 -arene-Pd interaction.6

In this paper we report the synthesis and structural characterization of *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)₂(NC₅H₄-2-CH₂C₆H₅)] (1), a compound displaying a n^2 -arene-Pt interaction in the

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solid state (X-ray). **Ita** structure in solution is **also** discussed on the basis of its NMR data $(^1H, ^{13}C,$ and $^{19}F)$. This arene-Pt interaction is weak and can be released by reaction of **1** with CO.

Results and Discussion

(a) Synthesis of cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(NC_5H_4-2-CH_2C_6H_5)]$ **(1).** Complex **1** *can* be obtained in good yield by reaction between cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(THF)_2]$ and 2-benzylpyridine (molar ratio 1:1) in $CH₂Cl₂$. Elemental analyses and relevant **IR** and NMR data are given in the Experimental Section.

(b) Structural Study. X-ray **Crystal** Structure. Figure 1 shows a structural drawing of the molecule. Selected bond distances and angles are given in Table I. *As* can be seen from Figure 1, the 2-benzylpyridine molecule, $NC_5H_4-2-CH_2C_6H_5$, is bonded to the "cis-Pt- $(C_6F_5)_2$ " fragment as a chelate ligand by using the N donor atom and a η^2 interaction (C(19) and C(20)) of the phenyl ring. The Pt-C distances for the η^2 interaction are equal within experimental error $(Pt-C(19) = 2.375(7)$ Å and Pt- $C(20) = 2.363(8)$ Å) and similar to the shorter distance found in the previous η^2 -arene-Pt compound that was structurally characterized.⁵ The coordinated phenyl ring is essentially planar, and the C-C distances within the ring show the sequence short-long-short, consistent with a perceptible loss of aromaticity *88* **a** consequence of the *q2* coordination. The coordinated *C-C* double bond $(C(19)-C(20) = 1.400(10)$ Å) is longer than the other two $(C(21) - C(22) = 1.352(13)$ Å and $C(23) - C(24) = 1.345(13)$ **A),** the former being similar to the corresponding distances found in other η^2 -arene-metal complexes.³⁻⁵ The C(19)- $C(20)$ bond forms an angle of 10.0° with the perpendicular to the best least-squares coordination plane of platinum. Finally, the Pt-N distance **has** a normal value for neutral or anionic platinum complexes containing neutral nitrogen ligands^{7,8} and the Pt-C distances for the pentafluorophenyl

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Figure 1. Molecular structure of cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2[NC_5H_4-2$ $CH₂((1,2-\eta^2)-C_6H_5)]$ (1).

 a C' denotes the midpoint of the coordinated C=C (C(19)-C(20)).

groups are similar to those found in other (pentafluorophenyl)platinum complexes.⁹

NMR Spectra. The 'H NMR signals for **1** were first tentatively assigned on the basis of their characteristic parameters (chemical shifts and coupling constants) and then confirmed by a ${}^{1}H, {}^{1}H$ -COSY experiment (Figure 2). Only one signal is observed for the two methylene protons *(6* 4.46 ppm). In addition, the two *ortho* H atoms (H(20) and $H(24)$ are also isochronous (δ 6.95 ppm). These spectroscopic features are inconsistent with the static *q2* arene-Pt interaction observed in the solid state and suggest, rather, that a mirror plane is developed on the NMR time scale. This mirror plane would be coincident with the central core of the molecule and should contain the pyridine ring **as** well **as** the C(18), C(19), and C(22) atoms, **so** that the phenyl ring is divided in equivalent halves. Since the signal due to the *ortho* H (H(20) and

Figure **2.** 'H,'H-COSY spectrum of complex **1** (aromatic region only).

 $H(24)$) shows platinum satellites $(J(^{195}Pt,H) = 17 Hz)$, a mechanism involving dissociative processes of the arene-Pt interaction can be ruled out. The signal due to the *meta* H (H(21) and H(23)) overlaps with that corresponding to H(14), which belongs to the pyridine ring.

The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of 1 at both room and low temperature (-55 "C) shows two *para* F signals, implying the presence of two nonequivalent C_6F_5 groups. The existence of a mirror plane containing the coordination plane of Pt, **as** suggested above, is **also** in agreement with the presence of only two *ortho* F signals together with two *meta* F signals.

The signals of the ¹³C NMR spectrum were assigned in agreement with literature references¹⁰ and confirmed by a l3C,lH-HETCOR experiment (Figure 3). *Aa* expected from the previously presented NMR data, the two *ortho* C atoms $(C(20)$ and $C(24)$ are equivalent $(6\ 116.26$ ppm) and **so** are the two *meta* C atoms (C(21), C(23): 6 128.87 ppm). The resonance assigned to C(19) appears very close to the broad signal due to $C(20)$ and $C(24)$. Both of these signals suffer a noticeable upfield shift when compared with the corresponding resonances in the free ligand *(ipso* C, δ 139.51; *ortho* C, δ 128.57 ppm) or in [NBu₄][Pt(C₆F₅)₃- $(NC_5H_4-2-CH_2C_6H_5)]^{11}$ (ipso C, δ 139.25; ortho C δ 129.81 ppm), a compound without any arene-Pt interaction. Remarkably, for none of these signals do we observe the expected platinum satellites.

Once the dissociative mechanism could be excluded, there remained at least two plausible ways of rationalizing the NMR data: (1) a static, symmetric arene-Pt interaction centered at *ipso* C $(\eta^1$ or $\eta^3)$ or (2) an alternating η^2 coordination (Scheme I, A and A') involving the previous bonding mode **as** a transition state (Scheme I, B).

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Figure 3. ¹³C,¹H-HETCOR spectrum of complex 1.

Metallotropic shifts, which are frequently observed in $(n¹-cyclopentadienyl)$ metal complexes,¹² have also been related with the fluxionality of some nonassisted η^2 -arenemetal compounds.13 In our case, however, the arene-Pt interaction is assisted by the N end of the 2-benzylpyridine ligand and, because of this, such a metallotropic **shift** would be restricted to the *ipso* and ortho C atoms. This type of fluxional process was originally suggested to occur through intermediates containing arenium moieties. However, the

recent isolation of cis -[Pd(C_6F_5)₂{(η ¹-C₆H₅)CH₂NMe₂}] indicates that this intermediate is strictly not needed. The crystal structure of this complex reveals that the η^1 -arenemetal interaction involves neither loss of aromaticity nor change in the hybridization of the *ipso* C. This compound displays obvious relationships with complex **1,** and both are prepared by similar methods. It **also** provides a good

model for the above-mentioned static structure of complex **1** in solution.

Aiming to distinguish between these two possibilities (static and dynamic), we recorded the ${}^{1}H$ and ${}^{19}F$ NMR spectra of 1 at low temperature (-55 °C) .¹⁴ Since no changes could be detected, we still have no experimental evidence to prefer one situation over the other.

(c) Reaction of 1 with CO. As expected, the weak arene-Pt interaction in **1** is released when CO is bubbled at room temperature through a dichloromethane solution of the complex, and from this solution cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2$ - $(NC_5H_4-2-CH_2C_6H_5)(CO)$] (2) can be obtained. The IR spectrum of **2** shows a sharp absorption, assignable to *v-* **(CO),** at **2107** *cm-'.* The lH and 13C NMR spectra of **2** show perceptible changes in the signals assigned to the phenyl ring atoms when compared to the corresponding NMR spectra of **1.** The 'H NMR spectrum shows a complex multiplet centered at **7.35** ppm with the typical

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aspect of a phenyl group at frequencies similar to those for the free ligand.

In the 13C NMR spectrum of 2 ([2H]acetone, room temperature) the *ipso* C and *ortho* C atoms of the benzyl ring appear at 138.08 and 130.01 ppm, respectively. This is a noticeable shift toward higher frequencies compared with the corresponding values observed for these atoms in **1** (see above) and can be taken **as** evidence that the arene-Pt interaction has in fact been released. It seems sensible, therefore, to conclude that 2-benzylpyridine is acting in2 **as** a conventional monodentate N-donor ligand.

The 'H and 19F NMR spectra of 2 are temperaturedependent and will be discussed together **as** a function of the temperature. At -80 $^{\circ}$ C, the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum shows two *para* F signals, in accord with the existence of two nonequivalent C_6F_5 groups; furthermore, there appear two sets of three signals with relative integration values 1:1:2, each one corresponding to the *ortho* F and *meta* F substituents. From this pattern it follows that, in contrast with the situation observed in complex **1,** the coordination plane in 2 cannot be a mirror plane and the C_6F_5 groups are not free to rotate about the Pt-C bond either. It seems sensible to assume that the lowering of the symmetry is caused by the 2-benzylpyridine ligand, whose important steric requirements could well hinder its rotation around the Pt-N bond. Apparently, the geometry in solution of the central core of the molecule seems to be static on the NMR time scale at this temperature. In accord with this static picture, the 'H NMR spectrum shows two doublets assignable to the methylene protons of the 2-benzylpyridine ligand. At room temperature, however, these methylene protons are no longer diastereotropic and give rise, in turn, to a single resonance. The 19F NMR spectrum at this temperature shows two *para* F signals, indicating that the C_6F_5 groups keep their chemical nonequivalency. However, only two signals due to the *meta* F substituents are now observed together with two other signals assignable to the *ortho* F atoms, one of which has coalesced. These spectroscopic features can be easily explained by allowing the 2-benzylpyridine ligand to rotate around the Pt-N bond.

Experimental Section

General Methods. C, H, and N analyses were made with a Perkin-Elmer 240B microanalyzer. The IR spectra were recorded over the 4000-200-cm-' range on a Perkin-Elmer 883 spectrophotometer using Nujol mulls between polyethylene sheets. The 'H, 13C, and 19F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-200 or a Unity 300 instrument in CDCl₃ or HDA solutions. cis-[Pt- $(C_6F_5)_2$ (THF)₂] was prepared as described previously.¹⁵ 2-Benzylpyridine was used **as** received (Aldrich).

 cis - $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(NC_5H_4-2-CH_2C_6H_5)]$ (1). To a solution of cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(THF)_2]$ (0.300 g, 0.445 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) at room temperature was added NC_6H_4 -2-CH₂C₆H₅ (73 µL, 0.445 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. After evaporation to dryness and addition of n-hexane (20 mL) a white solid was isolated and identified **as** cis-[Pt- **(CsFs)a(NCsH,-2-CH*CsHs)l,** 90% yield. **Anal.** Found **(calcd):** C, 41.11 (41.27); H, 1.48 (1.59); N, 1.95 (2.01). IR (Nujol; *v,* cm-'1: C_6F_5 , 1638 m, 1505 vs, 1066 vs, 961 vs; X-sensitive mode,¹⁶ 811 **s,** 801 **s;** NCsH4-2-CHzC6H5,1617 5,1606 m, 1558 m, 1488 5,1418 5,1278 **s,** 1200 m, 1178 m, 1124 m, 1113 m, 1038 m, 1021 m, 933 m, 848 m, 840 m, 761 s, 725 s, 704 s, 637 w, 613 w, 473 w, 439 w.

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 ${}^a R = \sum |F_0| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o|$, ${}^b R_w = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$; $w^{-1} =$ $[\sigma^2(|F_o|) + 0.00030|F_o]$.

Table III. Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Coefficients ($\AA^2 \times 10^3$) for cis-[Pt(C_6F_5)₂{NC₅H₄-2-CH₂((1,2- η ²)-C₆H₅)}] (1)

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*^a*Equivalent isotropic (I, defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

¹H NMR: δ 4.46 (s, 2H, 18-H), 6.74 (t, 1H, 22-H), 6.95 [d, ³J(H,H) = 7.5 Hz, ³J(¹⁹⁵Pt,H) = 17.0 Hz, 2H, 20-H and 24-H], 7.23 (t, 2H, 21-H and 23-H), 8.13 [d, ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 5.6$ Hz, ${}^{3}J({}^{195}Pt,H) = 28.0$ Hz,

IH, 13-H], 7.92 **[td,** 3J(H,H) = 7.6 Hz, 'J(H,H) 1.6 Hz, lH, 15-H], 7.56 [d, $\sqrt[3]{(H,H)} = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, 16-H], 7.27 (t, 1H, 14-H). ¹³C_[¹H] NMR: δ 42.62 [C(18)], 116.26 [C(20), C(24)], 116.33 $[C(19)], 132.65 [C(21), C(23)], 128.87 [C(22)], 149.77 [^{2}J(1^{96}Pt, C)$ diffractometer with an Oxford Cryosystem low-temperature = 46.0 Hz, C(13)], 124.34 [³ $J(1^{96}Pt, C) = 29.0$ Hz, C(14)], 139.19 device at -50 °C. The scan range w [C(15)], 124.98 [C(16)], 161.83 [C(17)]. ¹⁹F NMR: δ -117.82 $[m_c, {}^3J({}^{195}\text{Pt},\text{F}) = 403.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{F}, o\text{-F}], -119.19 [m_c, {}^3J({}^{195}\text{Pt},\text{F}) =$ 483.6 Hz, 2F, 0-F],-163.00 *(mc,* 2F, m-F), -165.43 *(mc,* 2F, m-F), -160.09 *(mc,* lF, pF), -162.01 *(mc,* lF, pF).

 cis -[$Pt(C_6F_5)_2(NC_5H_4$ -2- $CH_2C_6H_5)(CO)$] (2). Through a solution of 1 in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at room temperature was bubbled CO for 10 min. After evaporation to dryness and addition of n-hexane (20 **mL) a** white solid was isolated and identified **as** Found *(calcd):* C, 41.33 (41.44); H, 1.53 (1.55); N, 1.93 (1.97). **IR** (Nujol; ν , cm⁻¹): CO, 2107 **vs**; C₆F₅, 1637 m, 1507 **vs**, 1066 **vs**, 965 vs; X-sensitive mode,¹⁶ 807 s, 799 s; NC_6H_4 -2- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, 1605 m, 1571 m, 1489 8,1429 8,1162 m, 957 **vs,** 770 8,695 m, 516 m, 460 m. 1H **NMR ([2H]acetone,** room temperature): **6** 4.78 **(e,** 2H), 7.31 *(mc,* 3H), 7.36 (d, 2H), 766 (d, 2H), 812 (d, lH), 9.15 [d, ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 5.1$ Hz, ${}^{3}J({}^{186}\text{Pt,H}) = 29.9$ Hz, 1H]. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ NMR: cis -[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(NC₅H₄-2-CH₂C₆H₅)(CO)] (2), 91% yield. Anal. δ 44.97 [²J(¹⁹⁵Pt,C) = 34.8 Hz, CH₂], 125.14 [³J(¹⁹⁵Pt,C) = 28.7 $Hz, m-py$], 128.09 (p-C₆H₅), 129.16 [³J(¹⁹⁵Pt,C) = 16.5 Hz, m-py], 129.78 (m-C₆H₆), 130.01 (o-C₆H₆), 138.08 (ipso-C₆H₅), 141.15 (ppy), 153.61 **[2J(1wPt,C)** = 12.2 *Hz,* 0-py], 163.49 (0-py), 171.7 $[{}^{1}J({}^{196}\text{Pt},\text{C}) = 1220 \text{ Hz}, \text{CO}].$ ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature): $\delta = -117.76$ $[m_c, {}^3J({}^{195}\text{Pt},\text{F}) = 402.3$ Hz, $2\text{F}, o\text{-F}$, -119.4 (broad, 2F, o-F), -163.73 *(mc,* 2F, m-F), -164.38 *(mc,* lF, m-F), -160.03 (t, 1F, p-F), -160.93 (tt, 1F, p-F). ¹⁹F NMR ([²H]acetone, -80 °C): δ -117.04 $[m_c, {}^3J({}^{196}\text{Pt},\text{F}) = 374.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{F}, o\text{-F}], -117.96$ $[m_c, {}^3J({}^{196}\text{Pt},\text{F}) = 399.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{F}, o\text{-F}], -120.83 [m_c, {}^3J({}^{196}\text{Pt},\text{F}) =$ 299.0 Hz, lF, o-F], -162.55 *(mc,* lF, m-F), -163.08 *(mc,* 2F, m-F), -163.43 *(mc,* lF, m-F), -158.89 *(mc,* lF, p-F), -159.82 *(mc,* lF, P-F).

Crystal Structure Determination. Crystallographic parameters are given in Table 11. Atomic coordinates are presented in Table III. Suitable crystals for X-ray **studies** were **grown** by slow evaporation of a CHCls solution of 1 at room temperature. Data were collected on a Siemens STOE/AED-2 four-circle diffractometer with an Oxford **Cryosystem** low-temperature Data were collected on a Siemens STOE/AED-2 four-circle diffractometer with an Oxford Cryosystem low-temperature device at -50 °C. The scan range was $4 \leq 2\theta \leq 48^{\circ}$. Accurate lettice nerameters were determined from **lattice** parametere were determined from accurate positions of 60 reflections (18 \leq 26 \leq 28°), including Friedel pairs. The intensities of **three** standard reflections were checked every 60 **min,** and no decay waa observed. Intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effecta. Absorption correction (10 + *scans)* **was** applied (reacaled **maximum** and **minimum transmiasion** factors 0.521 and 0.330). The structure **waa** solved by the use of Pattereon and **Fourier** methods. All calculations were carried out with SHELXTL-PLUS.17 All the H atoms were located from the Fourier difference map and refined with a common thermal parameter (0.034 16 **A2),** leaving the positional coordinates free to move.

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