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CRYSTAL AND MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF BIS(CIS-2-METHOXY-4,6-DIMETHYL-1,3,2-DIOXA-PHOSPHORINANE)TETRA-CARBONYL-MOLYBDENUM(0)-A COMPLEX CONTAINING A THERMODYNAMICALLY UNSTABLE LIGAND ISOMER

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The crystal and molecular structure of the title complex determined by x-ray diffraction techniques demonstrates that the thermodynamically unstable form of the phosphorinane ligand (i.e., phosphorus lone pair axial) coordinates to the metal with retention of configuration at phosphorus. It is noted that the CH₃O group of both ligands adopts a conformation such that the P(OC)₃ moiety in each ligand possesses a spatial arrangement similar to that of the P(OCH₃)₃ ligand in complexes whose structures have been determined (Ref. 16).

INTRODUCTION

The stereochemistry shown for the ligand 1a of the title complex was strongly

Me0
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 $p = 0$ $p = 0$

suggested by the molecular structure of the Michaelis-Arbuzov product (2) of 1a with

Ph₃CCl. Further support for the stereochemistry of 1a was derived from the molecular structure of the borane adduct (3) of 1a. Subsequently it was found from studies of the B—H stretching frequencies of the BH₃ adducts of 1a and 1b, 1JPH spin-spin couplings of protonated 1a and 1b, and JPSe spin-spin couplings of the selenide derivatives these phosphite esters that 1a is more Lewis basic than 1b in

solution. The difference in Lewis basicity was attributed to differential endocyclic oxygen and phosphorus lone pair orbital repulsion effects arising from the isomeric phosphorus stereochemistries in 1a and 1b. Recently the greater basicity of 1a was demonstrated to persist in the gas phase where the phosphorus lone pair adiabatic ionization energy of 1a (192 kcal/mole) is lower than that of 1b (200 kcal/mole) and the phosphorus proton affinity of 1a (227.5 kcal/mole) is greater than that of 1b (224.9 kcal/mole). Isomer 1a readily isomerizes to 1b in the presence of acid or on warming. Moreover 1b is formed in an equilibrium transesterification reaction of the parent diol with P(OMe)₃. Thus 1a is thermodynamically less stable than 1b.

Coordination of these ligands to transition metals readily takes place. $^{9-11}$ In the case of cis- $(1a)_2$ Mo(CO)₄ and cis- $(1b)_2$ Mo(CO)₄, the lower CO stretching frequencies of the former suggested that coordination of the phosphorus ligands occurred with retention of the phosphorus configuration. This is now confirmed by the determination of the molecular structure of cis- $(1a)_2$ Mo(CO)₄ in which the thermodynamically unstable form 1 is preserved in the complex.

EXPERIMENTAL

The title complex was prepared from pure $1a^{12}$ by the method described previously. A crystal grown by slow evaporation of a pentane solution in a nitrogen atmosphere was mounted in a 0.3 mm Lindemann capillary and sealed. The crystal was found to be monoclinic with a = 12.220(3), b = 9.963(2), c = 20.150(6) Å and $\beta = 103.01(3)^{\circ}$ with four molecules of $Mo(CO)_4(1a)_2$ per unit cell. A density of 1.48 g/cc was computed based on a cell volume of 2390.1(1)Å³. Systematic absences (hOl absent if l = 2n + 1, OkO absent if k = 2n + 1) indicated space group $P2_{1/c}$. Axial photographs confirmed the monoclinic symmetry.

Using an automated four-circle diffractometer, built in the Ames Laboratory, equipped with a scintillation counter and interfaced to a PDP-15 computer, data were collected at room temperature with graphite monochromated Mo K_{α} radiation ($\lambda=0.70954~\text{Å}$) employing a procedure described previously.¹³ Four octants were examined within a sphere of $2\Theta < 50^{\circ}$ yielding 4890 measured intensities. There was no significant crystal decomposition as judged by repeated measurements of three standard reflections. Corrections for Lorentz-polarization effects and averaging of equivalent data yielded 2057 observed reflecting [Fo $\geq 3\sigma(\text{Fo})$]. Almost all F values with $2\Theta > 42.3^{\circ}$ were very small and subsequently discarded. It was suspected that this was caused by large thermal motion effects as was later verified on refinement. A total of 1588 reflections were used in the final refinement. Lattice constants were obtained by a least squares refinement of $\pm 2\Theta$ for 11 strong independent reflections.

The molybdenum atom was positioned from a Patterson map. Electron density maps generated by the program ALLS¹⁴ were used to locate the remaining non-hydrogen atoms. Isotropic refinement of these positions by full matrix least squares techniques followed by anisotropic refinement gave a conventional residual index (R) of 10.7 and a weighted R factor at 13.3. Comparatively large thermal disorder prevented further refinement. Because the main goal of this work was the definition of the stereochemistry of the phosphorus ligands, low temperature data were not sought. Hydrogen positions on carbons C₂ and C₈ on the phosphorinane rings were calculated assuming a carbon hydrogen bond length of 1.05 Å and a hydrogen-carbon-hydrogen bond angle of 109.54°. A computer drawing¹⁵ of the title complex is shown in Figure 1. Intramolecular bond distances and angles, fractional coordinates and final thermal parameters are given in Tables I, II, and III, respectively.

DISCUSSION

From Figure 1 it is seen that the molybdenum atom occupies the axial position of the six-membered ring of each of the phosphorus ester ligands, thus confirming that coordination of 1a proceeds by retention of the phosphorus configuration. Because the average 118.8° POC ring angles and the 100.8° OPO ring angles in the ligands are greater and smaller than the tetrahedral angle, respectively, the P(OC)₂ moiety

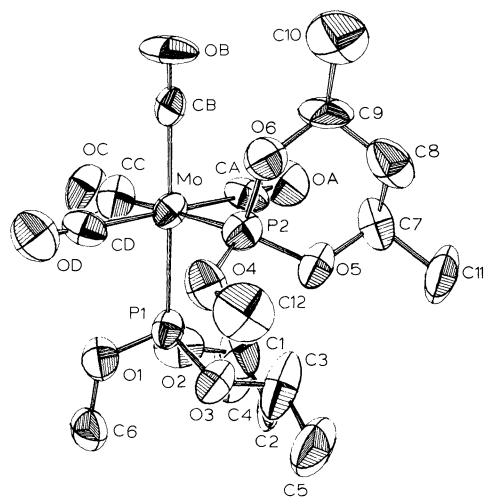


FIGURE 1 Computer drawing of cis-(1a)2Mo(CO)4.

of the chair-form of the ring is somewhat flattened. This also permits severe 1,3 interactions of axial hydrogens and the $Mo(CO)_4$ moiety to be avoided.

For each ligand the C—O bond of the equatorial methoxy group is directed approximately parallel to but away from the axial P—Mo bond. This conformation of the CH₃O group does not appear to be necessitated by intra or intermolecular steric considerations. In fact the spatial arrangement of both P(OC)₃ moieties in the complex is quite similar to that encountered in P(OMe)₃ ligands in other complexes whose molecular structures have been determined. Thus it may be that although the conformation of the free ligand 1a is thermodynamically unstable relative to 1b, stabilization of the 1a configuration may occur upon complexation. Further work is underway to test this hypothesis.

The bond lengths and angles summarized in Table I are not unreasonable but large thermal parameters (Table III) preclude a more detailed discussion of the structure.

TABLE I
Intramolecular bond distances (Å) and angles (°)

P ₁ —Mo	2.459(7)	C ₇ —C ₈	1.51(5)	O ₄ —P ₂ —O ₅	102.6(10)
P ₂ —Mo	2.468(7)	C_8-C_9	1.53(4)	O_4 — P_2 — O_6	102.9(10)
C_A —Mo	2.00(3)	O_1 — C_6	1.51(3)	$O_5 - P_2 - O_6$	100.2(9)
C_B —Mo	2.06(3)	P_1 — $Mo-P_2$	90.0(2)	P_2 — O_4 — C_{12}	122.7(16)
C_{C} —Mo	2.02(3)	P_1 — M_0 — C_A	93.9(8)	$P_1 - O_1 - C_6$	120.2(16)
C _D —Mo	2.05(3)	P_1 — Mo — C_B	179.1(7)	P_1 — O_2 — C_1	120.0(17)
O_1 — P_1	1.55(2)	P_1 —Mo— C_C	89.2(8)	P_1 — O_3 — C_3	115.4(18)
O_2 — P_1	1.62(2)	P_1 —Mo— C_D	85.9(8)	P_2 — O_5 — C_7	117.1(17)
O_3-P_1	1.61(2)	P_2 — Mo — C_A	92.0(8)	P_2 — O_6 — C_9	122.6(16)
$O_4 - P_2$	1.58(2)	P_2 — Mo — C_B	90.1(7)	$Mo-C_A-O_A$	175.1(25)
O_5 — P_2	1.62(2)	P_2 —Mo— C_C	178.4(8)	$Mo-C_B-O_B$	177.2(21)
O_6 — P_2	1.58(2)	P_2 —Mo— C_D	88.6(8)	$Mo-C_C-O_C$	178.0(26)
C_{12} — O_4	1.47(3)	C_A — Mo — C_B	87.0(10)	$Mo-C_D-O_D$	177.6(25)
C_1-O_2	1.46(4)	C_A — Mo — C_C	89.5(10)	O_2 — C_1 — C_2	103.4(24)
C7O5	1.46(4)	C_A — Mo — C_D	179.4(11)	$O_2-C_1-C_4$	107.2(25)
C_3-O_3	1.50(4)	C_B — Mo — C_C	90.7(11)	$O_3-C_3-C_2$	106.0(28)
C9-O6	1.45(3)	C_B — Mo — C_D	93.2(10)	$O_5 - C_7 - C_8$	104.2(23)
C_A — O_A	1.13(3)	C_C — Mo — C_D	89.6(11)	$O_5 - C_7 - C_{11}$	101.2(25)
$C_B - O_B$	1.08(3)	$Mo-P_1-O_1$	110.3(7)	$O_6-C_9-C_8$	103.4(20)
C_c — O_c	1.13(4)	$Mo-P_1-O_2$	118.1(7)	$O_6-C_9-C_{10}$	107.1(21)
C_D — O_D	1.13(4)	$Mo-P_1-O_3$	120.2(7)	$C_1 - C_2 - C_3$	110.9(27)
C_2 — C_1	1.54(5)	$Mo-P_2-O_4$	112.3(7)	$C_2-C_1-C_4$	111.6(29)
C_4C_1	1.56(5)	$Mo-P_2-O_5$	117.3(7)	$C_8-C_7-C_{11}$	111.7(24)
C_3 — C_2	1.44(5)	$Mo-P_2-O_6$	119.2(7)	$C_5-C_3-C_2$	110.4(29)
C ₉ —C ₁₀	1.57(4)	$O_1-P_1-O_2$	101.3(10)	$C_8 - C_9 - C_{10}$	107.8(23)
C_5-C_3	1.60(5)	$O_1-P_1-O_3$	102.8(10)	$C_9-C_8-C_7$	110.9(24)
$C_7 - C_{11}$	1.68(5)	$O_2 - P_1 - O_3$	101.4(10)	$C_5 - C_3 - O_3$	99.6(26)

TABLE II
Final atomic positional parameters

	x	у	Z
Mo	0.2789(2)	0.1636(2)	0.1813(1)
\mathbf{P}_1	0.2450(6)	-0.0015(7)	0.0882(3)
P_2	0.1657(6)	0.0274(6)	0.2433(3)
O_A	0.5051(20)	0.0361(24)	0.2594(11)
O_B	0.3147(16)	0.3780(21)	0.2986(10)
$O_{\mathbb{C}}$	0.4149(19)	0.3402(22)	0.0979(12)
O_D	0.0540(18)	0.3069(23)	0.1029(11)
C_{Λ}	0.4212(24)	0.0767(31)	0.2307(14)
C_B	0.3054(20)	0.3038(24)	0.2585(14)
$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{c}}$	0.3679(24)	0.2758(27)	0.1285(14)
C_{D}	0.1333(26)	0.2537(27)	0.1298(13)
\mathbf{C}_1	0.4248(25)	-0.1534(43)	0.0889(14)
C_2	0.3453(31)	-0.2736(30)	0.0874(17)
C ₃	0.2693(35)	-0.2517(32)	0.1315(18)
C ₄	0.5106(26)	-0.1788(39)	0.0435(18)
C ₅	0.1842(40)	-0.3749(34)	0.1275(20)
C ₆	0.1259(25)	-0.0288(31)	-0.0385(14)
C ₇	0.2367(32)	0.0678(34)	0.3752(15)
C_8	0.2450(27)	-0.0828(32)	0.3839(14)

TABLE II (continued)

_		0.4.54.053	0.33(0(14)
C ₉	0.2916(22)	-0.1471(27)	0.3269(14)
C_{10}	0.2937(31)	-0.3034(29)	0.3382(15)
C_{11}	0.1814(29)	0.1393(35)	0.4357(16)
C_{12}	-0.0411(24)	-0.0760(32)	0.2254(15)
O_1	0.1638(15)	0.0567(18)	0.0246(8)
O_2	0.3450(14)	-0.0463(20)	0.0567(9)
O ₃	0.1892(16)	-0.1447(16)	0.0979(9)
O_4	0.0416(12)	0.0055(18)	0.2006(8)
O ₅	0.1461(15)	0.0869(17)	0.3146(8)
O_6	0.2052(15)	-0.1196(16)	0.2661(9)
H ₁ C ₈	0.1648	-0.1219	0.3826
H_2 — C_8	0.2987	-0.1051	0.4310
H_1 — C_2	0.2986	-0.2874	0.0373
H ₂ —C ₂	0.3932	-0.3599	0.1035

TABLE III
Final thermal parameters^a

	$\beta(1,1)$	$\beta(2,2)$	$\beta(3,3)$	$\beta(1,2)$	$\beta(1,3)$	$\beta(2,3)$
Мо	0.0073(2)	0.0090(3)	0.0031(1)	0.0002(2)	0.0017(1)	0.0000(1)
\mathbf{P}_1	0.0089(7)	0.0106(8)	0.0030(2)	0.0014(6)	0.0020(3)	0.0009(3)
\mathbf{P}_2	0.0080(6)	0.0111(9)	0.0030(2)	0.0003(6)	0.0020(3)	-0.0004(4)
O_A	0.010(2)	0.023(4)	0.005(1)	0.003(3)	0.002(1)	-0.001(1)
OB	0.013(2)	0.021(3)	0.004(1)	0.001(2)	0.002(1)	-0.006(1)
O_{C}	0.018(2)	0.019(3)	0.006(1)	0.000(2)	0.006(1)	0.003(2)
O_D	0.010(2)	0.022(4)	0.005(1)	0.000(2)	0.000(1)	0.000(1)
C_A	0.006(3)	0.019(4)	0.003(1)	0.002(3)	0.001(1)	-0.002(2)
C_B	0.006(2)	0.010(3)	0.003(1)	0.003(2)	0.001(1)	0.000(1)
C_{C}	0.011(2)	0.015(3)	0.004(1)	0.004(3)	0.004(1)	0.001(2)
C_{D}	0.009(3)	0.016(4)	0.002(1)	-0.001(3)	0.001(1)	-0.002(1)
C_1	0.011(3)	0.024(7)	0.004(1)	0.008(4)	0.002(1)	0.001(2)
C_2	0.022(4)	0.011(4)	0.004(1)	0.011(3)	0.003(2)	0.003(2)
\mathbf{C}_3	0.018(5)	0.017(5)	0.008(2)	0.006(4)	0.007(2)	0.006(2)
C ₄	0.014(3)	0.028(7)	0.007(2)	0.007(4)	0.007(2)	0.003(3)
C ₅	0.029(7)	0.015(5)	0.007(2)	-0.002(5)	0.006(3)	0.003(2)
C ₆	0.014(3)	0.016(5)	0.004(1)	0.006(3)	-0.001(1)	-0.001(2)
\mathbf{C}_{7}	0.025(5)	0.015(5)	0.002(1)	-0.002(4)	0.004(2)	-0.004(2)
C_8	0.009(3)	0.024(5)	0.003(1)	-0.008(3)	-0.001(1)	0.001(2)
C ₉	0.007(2)	0.019(4)	0.003(1)	0.002(3)	0.001(1)	0.002(2)
C_{10}	0.021(4)	0.011(4)	0.005(1)	0.002(3)	0.003(2)	0.004(2)
\mathbf{C}_{11}	0.014(4)	0.021(5)	0.005(1)	-0.011(4)	-0.001(1)	-0.001(2)
C_{12}	0.011(3)	0.025(5)	0.005(1)	-0.011(3)	0.004(1)	0.001(2)
O_1	0.013(2)	0.015(3)	0.003(1)	0.004(2)	0.002(1)	0.000(1)
O_2	0.006(2)	0.020(3)	0.005(1)	0.000(2)	0.004(1)	-0.002(1)
O_3	0.013(2)	0.010(2)	0.005(1)	0.001(2)	0.003(1)	0.001(1)
O_4	0.007(1)	0.018(2)	0.004(1)	0.001(2)	0.000(1)	0.001(1)
O ₅	0.013(2)	0.013(2)	0.003(1)	-0.001(1)	0.003(1)	0.000(1)
O_6	0.011(2)	0.009(2)	0.004(1)	0.001(2)	0.003(1)	0.001(1)

^a The β_{ij} are defined by: $T = \exp\{-(h^2\beta_{11} + k^2\beta_{22} + 1\beta_{23} + 2hk\beta_{12} + 2hl\beta_{13} + 2kl\beta_{23})\}$.

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