

THERMAL ANALYSIS OF HETEROCYCLIC THIONE DONOR COMPLEXES. PART VI. PALLADIUM(II) AND PLATINUM(II) COMPLEXES OF THIAZOLE-THIONES

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ABSTRACT

The thermal decomposition of benzothiazoline-2-thione, thiazolidine-2-thione and thiazoline-2-thione complexes of the general formulae $M(LH)_2Cl_2$ and $[M(LH)_4]Cl_2$ ($M = Pd$ and Pt) have been studied in air by means of TG and DTG and by means of DTA in dinitrogen; end-products from the decompositions in air have been characterised by X-ray powder diffraction. Decomposition enthalpies have been determined by quantitative DTA. Decomposition processes have been proposed for the complexes and factors governing thermal decomposition have been discussed.

INTRODUCTION

The thione derivatives of the thiazole molecules used in this study (Fig. 1) are potentially versatile coordinating agents with thioether-S, thione-S and hetero-NH as the major contenders for monodentate donation with divalent

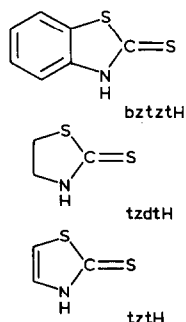


Fig. 1. Molecular formulae and nomenclature.

metals [1]. Nitrogen donation has been proposed for the Pd(II) and Pt(II) complexes of bztztH and tzdtH on the basis of IR and NMR spectra [2–5]. A single-crystal X-ray study has, however, unequivocally established the monodentate S-donating character of tzdtH in $[\text{Pd}(\text{tzdtH})_4]\text{Cl}_2$ [6]. No complexes of tztH with Pd(II) and Pt(II) have been previously reported.

This report is concerned with further aspects of the ligating character of tztH, bztztH and tzdtH with Pd(II) and Pt(II) together with the thermal behaviour of the complexes in air and dinitrogen.

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

All of the ligands were obtained commercially: bztztH as 2-mercaptobenzothiazole and tzdtH as 2-mercaptothiazoline from Ralph N. Emanuel Ltd.; tztH as 2-mercaptothiazole from Lancaster Synthesis. The metal salts, potassium tetrachloroplatinate(II) (K_2PtCl_4) and potassium tetrachloropalladate(II) (K_2PdCl_4), were obtained from The Aldrich Chemical Company Ltd. All reagents were used without further purification.

Preparation and analysis of the complexes

All of the complexes were prepared according to the following general scheme: 1 mmol of K_2MCl_4 ($\text{M} = \text{Pd}$ or Pt) was dissolved in 10 ml of distilled water acidified with 1 M hydrochloric acid. The ligand (stoichiometric amounts were used, 2 or 4 mmol, except in the preparation of $[\text{Pt}(\text{tzdtH})_4]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, where 6 mmol were required) was dissolved in 10 ml of aqueous ethanol, also acidified with 1 M hydrochloric acid. The metal salt solution was then added to the ligand solution, in a dropwise manner, which resulted in immediate precipitation of the relevant complex. The product was filtered, washed with ethanol, dried at 70°C and stored over CaCl_2 .

The complexes were characterised by chemical (C, H and N) analyses (Table 1) and IR spectra ($4000\text{--}200\text{ cm}^{-1}$), recorded as CsI discs using a Perkin–Elmer 684 IR grating spectrophotometer.

TG and DTG

A Stanton–Redcroft TG 750 thermobalance and DTG unit were used together with open Pt crucibles (6 mm diameter). The atmosphere was column dried (molecular sieve, 13X) in flowing air ($20\text{ cm}^3\text{ min}^{-1}$). Sample masses were in the range 2–6 mg, the furnace heating rate was $20^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ and the recorder speed was 5 mm min^{-1} .

DTA

A Stanton-Redcroft 673/4 instrument was used together with quartz crucibles [3 cm (length) and 0.3 cm (internal diameter)]. The latter were chosen in preference to Pt crucibles because of sample swelling and creep as well as the frequent production of tenacious deposits. The furnace atmosphere was flowing dinitrogen ($100 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$) and the heating rate was $20^\circ \text{ C min}^{-1}$. Sample masses were approximately 10 mg, and the reference material was Al_2O_3 (5 mg in a quartz crucible). Amplifier sensitivity was $50 \mu\text{V}$ (0.5° C) f.s.d., and the recorder speed was 5 mm min^{-1} . Details of the quantitative DTA method are published elsewhere [7].

X-Ray powder diffraction

A Philips XDC-700 Guinier-Hägg parafocussing camera, monochromatised $\text{Cu } K\alpha$ ($\lambda = 154.05 \text{ pm}$) radiation and single-coated X-ray film were used to identify the end-products in air which were metallic Pt for the Pt complexes (JCPDS reference 4-0802) and metallic Pd or PdO (JCPDS reference 5-0681 (Pd); JCPDS reference 6-0515 (PdO)) for the Pd complexes.

Hot stage microscopy

A Stanton-Redcroft HSM-5 with a Hitachi DK81 video camera and a JVC TM/90 PSN colour monitor were used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The complexes, together with the stoichiometries, colours and microanalytical data are summarised in Table 1. Data from the TG/DTG curves in air are summarised in Table 2, DTA data in N_2 are summarised in Table 3. Specimen curves are illustrated in Fig. 2 and 3.

Ligands and complexes

The absence of $\nu(\text{SH})$, in the region of 2500 cm^{-1} , together with the presence of $\nu(\text{NH})$, in the region of 3100 cm^{-1} , as well as the characteristic "thioamide" bands [1] confirmed the presence of the heterocyclic thioamide group, in the ligands, and the dominance of the "thione" tautomeric form in the solid, for both the ligands and their complexes. The monodentate S-donating character of the ligands towards Pd(II) and Pt(II) has been confirmed by the perturbation of the thioamide (IV) bands ($800\text{--}600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and by the detection of $\nu(\text{M-S})$ absorptions in the region $310\text{--}395 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

TABLE I
Analytical data

| Compound | (No.) | Colour | RMM | C (%) | | H (%) | | N (%) | | Metal (%) * | |
|--|-------|-------------|-----|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | | | | Found | Calcd. | Found | Calcd. | Found | Calcd. | Found | Calcd. |
| $[\text{Pt}(\text{bz}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_2)\text{Cl}_2)]$ | (1) | Yellow | 600 | 29.65 | 28.0 | 1.73 | 1.67 | 4.75 | 4.67 | 32.0 | 32.5 |
| $[\text{Pt}(\text{bz}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_4)\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ | (2) | Yellow | 970 | 35.55 | 34.64 | 2.21 | 2.47 | 5.68 | 5.77 | 20.0 | 20.1 |
| $[\text{Pd}(\text{bz}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_2)\text{Cl}_2) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]$ | (3) | Orange | 529 | 33.80 | 31.76 | 1.85 | 2.26 | 5.35 | 5.29 | 19.0 | 20.0 |
| $[\text{Pd}(\text{bz}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_4)\text{Cl}_2)]$ | (4) | Dark orange | 845 | 39.60 | 39.76 | 2.27 | 2.37 | 6.65 | 6.63 | 14.5 | 12.5 |
| $[\text{Pt}(\text{tz}(\text{dt}(\text{H})_2)\text{Cl}_2)]$ | (5) | Yellow | 504 | 14.93 | 14.29 | 2.00 | 1.98 | 5.74 | 5.56 | 40.0 | 38.7 |
| $[\text{Pt}(\text{tz}(\text{dt}(\text{H})_4)\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ | (6) | Pale Yellow | 778 | 18.45 | 18.51 | 3.00 | 3.08 | 7.05 | 7.20 | 26.0 | 25.1 |
| $[\text{Pd}(\text{tz}(\text{dt}(\text{H})_2)\text{Cl}_2)]$ | (7) | Orange | 415 | 18.55 | 17.35 | 2.45 | 2.41 | 7.00 | 6.75 | 26.0 | 25.5 |
| $[\text{Pd}(\text{tz}(\text{dt}(\text{H}))\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ | (8) | Orange | 663 | 21.63 | 21.75 | 3.40 | 3.17 | 8.50 | 8.46 | 15.5 | 16.0 |
| $[\text{Pt}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_2)\text{Cl}_2]$ | (9) | Yellow | 500 | 14.79 | 14.40 | 1.27 | 1.20 | 6.01 | 5.60 | 40.0 | 39.0 |
| $[\text{Pt}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_4)\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]$ | (10) | Yellow | 752 | 18.91 | 19.15 | 1.85 | 1.86 | 7.22 | 7.45 | 28.0 | 26.0 |
| $[\text{Pd}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_2)\text{Cl}_2]$ | (11) | Orange | 411 | 20.0 | 17.52 | 1.80 | 1.46 | 6.79 | 6.81 | 28.7 | 25.8 |
| $[\text{Pd}(\text{zt}(\text{H})_4)\text{Cl}_2]$ | (12) | Orange | 645 | 22.72 | 22.32 | 1.95 | 1.86 | 8.93 | 8.68 | 16.5 | 16.5 |

* % Metal calculated from TG data.

Acidic media were used in the preparation of the complexes in order to inhibit both migration of the labile imido (NH) proton and the de-protonation of the ligands as well as subsequent production of the corresponding thiolato complexes [8,9].

The complexes in this study are characterised by two stoichiometric and structural types. The $[M(LH)_2Cl_2]$ series are neutral species with monoden-

TABLE 2
Thermogravimetric analysis data in air

| Compound | (No.) | Overall mass losses | | | Stepped mass losses | |
|---|-------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| | | Temp. range (°C) | Theo. (%) | Expt. (%) | Temp. Range (°C) | Mass loss (%) |
| [Pt(bztztH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (1) | 0-475 | 67.5 (Pt) | 68.0 | 0-310 310-495 | 18 50 |
| [Pt(bztztH) ₄]Cl ₂ ·2H ₂ O | (2) | 35-475 | 79.9 (Pt) | 80.0 | 35-169 169-331 331-475 | 4 44 32 |
| [Pd(bztztH) ₂ Cl ₂]·H ₂ O | (3) | 35-466 | 76.9 (PdO) | 75.0 | 35-107 107-192 192-370 370-466 | 3 7 30 35 |
| [Pd(bztztH) ₄]Cl ₂ | (4) | 140-1000 | 87.5 (Pd) | 85.5 | 140-419 419-466 466-584 584-1000 | 50 11 18 6.5 |
| [Pt(tzdtH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (5) | 66-628 | 61.3 (Pt) | 60.0 | 169-399 399-475 | 34 26 |
| [Pt(tzdtH) ₄]Cl ₂ ·2H ₂ O | (6) | 94-1000 | 74.9 (Pt) | 74.0 | 94-181 181-409 409-1000 | 5 46 23 |
| [Pd(tzdtH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (7) | 145-539 | 70.6 (PdO) | 70.0 | 50-230 230-399 399-539 | 13 31 26 |
| [Pd(tzdtH) ₄]Cl ₂ ·0.5H ₂ O | (8) | 80-521 | 81.6 (PdO) | 82.0 | 80-169 169-370 370-521 | 1.5 56.5 24 |
| [Pt(tztH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (9) | 51-788 | 61.0 (Pt) | 60.0 | 51-248 248-788 | 22 38 |
| [Pt(tztH) ₄]Cl ₂ ·H ₂ O | (10) | 94-512 | 74.0 (Pt) | 72.0 | 94-157 157-310 310-512 | 2.5 37.5 32 |
| [Pd(tztH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (11) | 35-484 | 70.3 (PdO) | 67.0 | 35-248 248-360 360-484 | 9 13 45 |
| [Pd(tztH) ₄]Cl ₂ | (12) | 66-484 | 81.1 (PdO) | 81.0 | 66-269 269-484 | 50 31 |

tate S-donating ligands (LH) and are presumed to have *cis*-planar structures on the basis of the reported structure of *cis*-[Pd(tzdtH)₂Cl₂] [10].

The [M(LH)₄]Cl₂ series, most of which are hydrated, also contain neutral S-donating ligands with planar [M(LH)₄]²⁺ cations and chloride ions. Structural models for this series of complexes include [Pd(tzdtH)₄]Cl₂ [6] and [M(1-methylimidazoline-2-thione)₄]Cl₂ · 2H₂O (M = Pd and Pt) [11,12]. Both ligands are monodentate S-donating in the above complexes.

Thermogravimetric curves (TG and DTG) in air

M(LH)₂Cl₂ series (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11)

In air the Pd complexes **3**, **7** and **11** thermally degrade to PdO and the Pt complexes **1**, **5** and **9** thermally degrade to the metal. The agreement between theoretical and observed mass losses (Table 2) for the above processes is within experimental error ($\pm 2.0\%$).

The Pd complexes decompose in the temperature range 35–539 °C and a pronounced discontinuity also occurs in the region of 400 °C, at about 40–50% mass loss in each case. Complex **3** is also dehydrated between 35 and 107 °C. The general indication, typified by **7**, is of a two-stage decomposition in which the first stage is somewhat protracted (44% mass loss at 399 °C).

The first stage of decomposition for each of the above is a sequential combination of de-halogenation of the complex followed by de-sulphurisation of the ligands, with concomitant production of the metal sulphide in the residues. Compound **7** shows the clearest indication of these processes among the Pd complexes, with de-halogenation (13% mass loss at 230 °C) and de-sulphurisation of the ligands (44% mass loss at 399 °C) followed by conversion into the oxide (70% mass loss at 539 °C). The two components of the first stage were indicated by clear separation on their DTG curves. Among the Pt complexes the discontinuity (34% mass loss at 399 °C) in **5** also represents a combination of de-halogenation and de-sulphurisation, followed by conversion of the sulphide residue to the metal (60% mass loss at 475 °C).

M(LH)₄Cl₂ series (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12)

The Pt complexes **2**, **6** and **10** as well as [Pd(tzdtH)₄]Cl₂ · 0.5H₂O **8** are hydrated. Thermal decomposition to the metal in air occurs with the Pt complexes together with [Pd(bztztH)₄]Cl₂ **4**. The remaining Pd complexes **8**, **12** thermally degrade to PdO. Agreement between theoretical and observed mass losses for the above processes is within experimental error ($\pm 2.0\%$).

The hydrated complexes **2**, **6**, **8** and **10** smoothly dehydrate at temperatures which extend up to 191 °C in one instance (**6**). Dehydration is invariably indicated by a single stage on both TG and DTG curves. Thermal decomposition of the complexes is generally completed at about 800 °C with

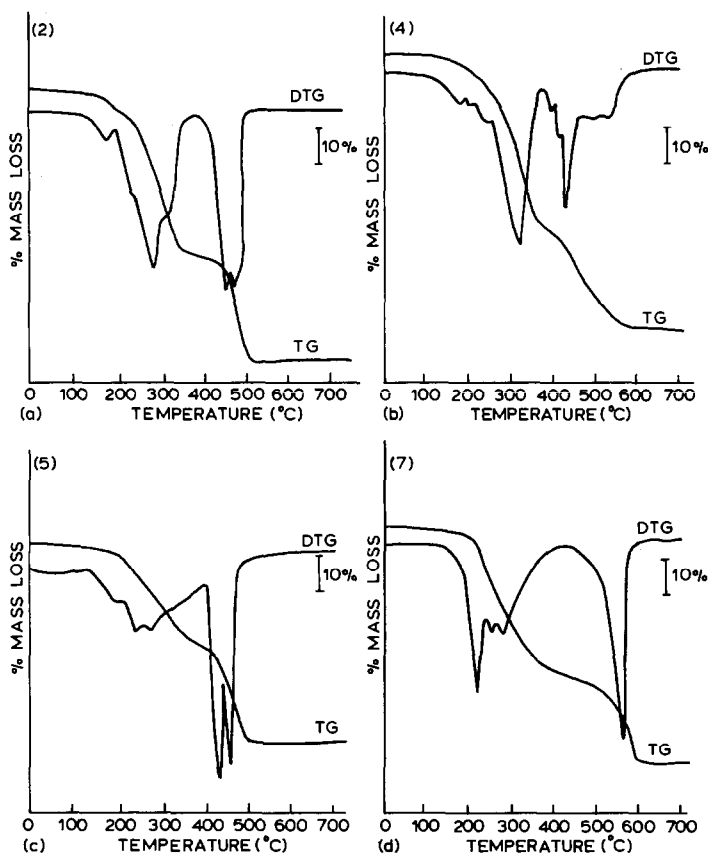


Fig. 2. TG and DTG curves for (a) $[\text{Pt}(\text{bztztH})_4]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, (b) $[\text{Pd}(\text{bztztH})_4]\text{Cl}_2$, (c) $[\text{Pt}(\text{tzdtH})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ and (d) $[\text{Pd}(\text{tzdtH})_2\text{Cl}_2]$.

the exception of **4** and **6**; in these cases, the decomposition temperature extends to 1000°C .

The Pd complexes all show a substantial, initial mass loss (44–50%) followed by a somewhat smaller mass loss (24–35%). The Pt complexes similarly decompose in essentially two stages, again with the first mass loss (38–46%) somewhat larger than the second (23–33%).

The first mass loss, for the above complexes, involves desulphurisation of the ligands with concomitant metal sulphide production. The second stage involves decomposition of the residual metal sulphides and chlorides to the metal (**2**, **4**, **6** and **10**) or PdO (**8** and **12**). Among the Pd complexes **4** clearly shows complete de-sulphurisation of the ligands (50% mass loss at 419°C) followed by a sharp mass loss (61% at 466°C) which is attributed to de-halogenation. The final two stages involve conversion of the sulphide to the oxide (79% mass loss at 584°C) and oxide to the metal (85.5% mass loss at 1000°C) together with progressive oxidation of carbonised residues resulting from the de-sulphurisation stage.

Among the Pt complexes **2** is completely de-sulphurised in a single stage (TG) although the DTG peak has three clearly indicated components (48% mass loss at 331°C). The final stage (80% mass loss at 475°C) is characterised by two contiguous components in the DTG curve and involves a combination of de-halogenation and conversion of the metal sulphide to the metal.

DTA curves in N₂

Ligands

Each of the ligands shows two sharp endotherms, involving melting (69–226°C) and decomposition (226–399°C). The overall sublimation enthalpies for bztztH, tzdth and tztH are 96.5, 65.8 and 68.7 kJ mol⁻¹ respectively.

M(LH)₂Cl₂ series

The Pd complexes **3**, **7** and **11** decompose in the temperature range 107–309°C. Compounds **3** and **11** exhibit two distinct endotherms, whereas **7** shows three endotherms. Overall decomposition enthalpies range from 63.9 (**11**) to 110.6 kJ mol⁻¹ (**3**).

The Pt complexes **1**, **5** and **9** show either two (**1**) or three endotherms (**5** and **9**) in the temperature range 130–503°C. Overall decomposition enthalpies range from 111.8 (**5**) to 130.8 kJ mol⁻¹ (**9**). Endotherms tend to be broad rather than sharp in character and hot stage microscopy revealed that no distinctive melting occurred for any of the above complexes. The temperature range of the decompositions in N₂ broadly parallels the thermal events shown by the TG and DTG curves in air, which correspond to de-halogenation and de-sulphurisation of the complexes.

The sublimation enthalpies of the ligands indicate that the minimum energy requirements for the ligand evolution should range from 131.6 (tztH) to 193.0 kJ mol⁻¹ (bztztH). If we add to these values the energy requirements for metal–ligand dissociation (120–150 kJ mol⁻¹) [7] and the metal halide dissociation (200–300 kJ mol⁻¹) [13], then the total energy requirements for sequential loss of ligand and halide from the complexes can be seen to be considerably greater than the enthalpies derived from the DTA curves. Consequently, the decomposition enthalpies of the complexes are indicative of a combination of thermal events involving endothermic ligand de-sulphurisation and de-halogenation and exothermic metal sulphide formation.

M(LH)₄Cl₂ series (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12)

The Pd complexes **4**, **8** and **12** show either three (**4** and **8**) or four endotherms (**12**), in the temperature range 94–399°C. Total decomposition enthalpies are in the range 248.0 (**8**) to 282.1 kJ mol⁻¹ (**12**).

TABLE 3
Differential thermal analysis data in dinitrogen

| Compound | (No.) | DTA peak ($T_m/^\circ\text{C}$) | Peak range ($T/^\circ\text{C}$) | Enthalpy ($\Delta H_R/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$) |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| bztztH | | 192 | 157–226 | 40.8 (± 1.7) |
| | | 360 | 360–399 | 55.7 (± 0.2) |
| [Pt(bztztH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (1) | 222 | 187–258 | 87.8 (± 5.5) |
| | | 471 | 428–503 | 36.1 (± 0.2) |
| [Pt(bztztH) ₄]Cl ₂ ·2H ₂ O | (2) | 215 | 157–243 | 48.1 (± 2.1) |
| | | 279 | 254–300 | 100.0 (± 7.7) |
| | | 350 | 310–390 | 76.6 * |
| [Pd(bztztH) ₂ Cl ₂]·H ₂ O | (3) | 204 | 107–269 | 65.9 (± 12.9) |
| | | 350 | 310–390 | 44.7 (± 3.8) |
| [Pd(bztztH) ₄]Cl ₂ | (4) | 210 | 107–237 | 57.7 (± 2.0) |
| | | 282 | 248–320 | 164.0 (± 18.5) |
| | | 360 | 346–399 | 37.9 (± 6.3) |
| tzdtH | | 107 | 80–133 | 19.9 (± 0.7) |
| | | 290 | 226–331 | 45.9 (± 3.6) |
| [Pt(tzdtH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (5) | 140 | 130–152 | 9.3 (± 0.1) |
| | | 184 | 169–199 | 13.5 (± 0.5) |
| | | 254 | 223–310 | 89.0 (± 7.4) |
| [Pt(tzdtH) ₄]Cl ₂ ·2H ₂ O | (6) | 140 | 120–157 | 104.3 (± 1.1) |
| | | 254 | 210–290 | 170.5 (± 5.4) |
| | | 315 | 290–341 | 20.0 (± 0.1) |
| [Pd(tzdtH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (7) | 157 | 145–204 | 21.8 (± 0.4) |
| | | 232 | 204–290 | 50.9 (± 0.5) |
| | | 310 | 290–346 | 7.3 (± 0.8) |
| [Pd(tzdtH) ₄]Cl ₂ | (8) | 100 | 94–145 | 45.2 (± 1.0) |
| | | 232 | 204–290 | 154.1 (± 1.3) |
| | | 318 | 302–380 | 48.7 (± 6.2) |
| tzttH | | 80 | 69–107 | 33.9 (± 3.0) |
| | | 300 | 232–336 | 34.8 (± 0.9) |
| [Pt(tzttH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (9) | 157 | 131–169 | 4.2 (± 0.2) |
| | | 237 | 215–248 | 1.8 (± 0.1) |
| | | 290 | 248–362 | 124.8 (± 2.2) |
| [Pt(tzttH) ₄]Cl ₂ | (10) | 133 | 87–163 | 77.1 (± 2.5) |
| | | 258 | 204–291 | 143.3 (± 2.0) |
| | | 300 | 291–320 | 20.8 (± 2.2) |
| [Pd(tzttH) ₂ Cl ₂] | (11) | 192 | 163–226 | 12.9 (± 1.4) |
| | | 269 | 254–350 | 51.0 (± 0.6) |
| [Pd(tzttH) ₄]Cl ₂ | (12) | 114 | 94–145 | 6.0 (± 0.2) |
| | | 243 | 192–258 | 116.2 (± 7.5) |
| | | 269 | 258–290 | 86.4 (± 2.4) |
| | | 310 | 290–331 | 73.5 (± 1.8) |

* Irreproducible.

The Pt complexes **2**, **6** and **10** thermally degrade in the temperature range 87–390 °C and all of the complexes exhibit three endotherms with overall decomposition enthalpies in the range 224.7 (**2**) to 294.6 kJ mol⁻¹ (**6**). No

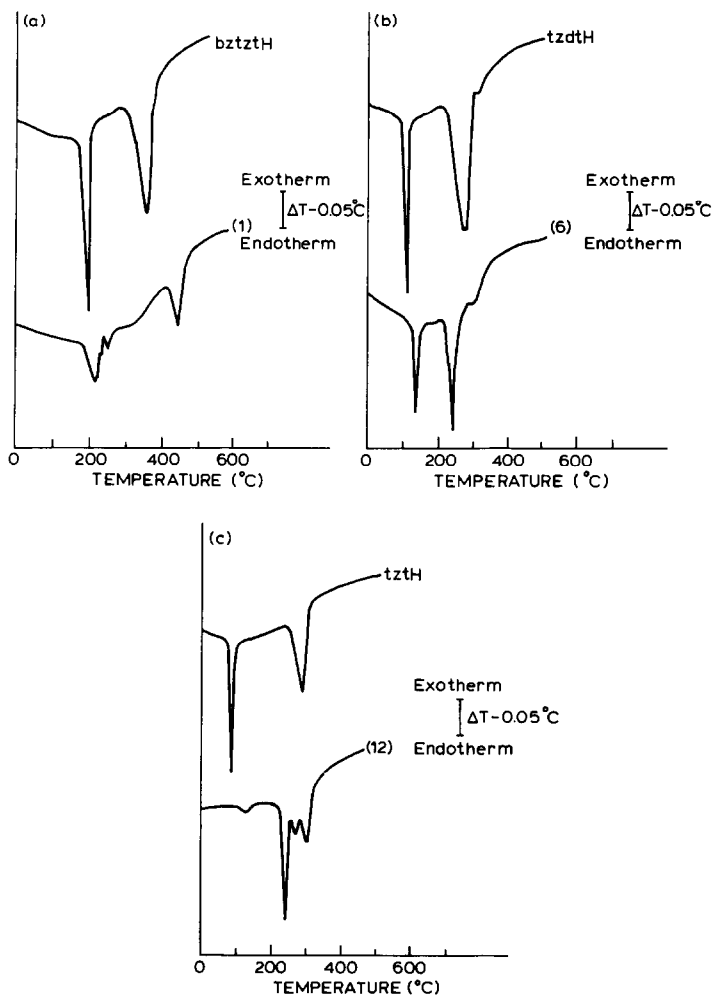


Fig. 3. DTA curves in dinitrogen for (a) bztztH and $[\text{Pt}(\text{bztztH})_2\text{Cl}_2]$, (b) tzdtH and $[\text{Pt}(\text{tzdtH})_4]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and (c) tztH and $[\text{Pd}(\text{tztH})_4]\text{Cl}_2$.

distinctive dehydration or melting endotherms were observed for the above complexes, either from the individual curves or by means of hot stage microscopy. All DTA curves were broad rather than sharp and the temperature range of the decompositions broadly parallels the de-sulphurisation and de-halogenation processes observed from the TG and DTG curves in air.

Consideration of the decomposition enthalpies, deduced from the DTA curves, again suggests that decomposition of the complexes involves a combination of endothermic ligand de-sulphurisation and decomposition coupled with endothermic de-halogenation and exothermic metal sulphide formation. The alternative processes of ligand evolution involve significantly greater endothermic requirements, e.g. 386 (bztztH) and 263.2 kJ mol^{-1} (tzdtH) for ligand sublimation alone.

Final Comments

The presence of Pd–S and Pt–S bonds in the complexes, as well as that of heterocyclic sulphur in the ligands, determines that the ligands decompose, rather than evolve unchanged, during thermal decomposition. Metal–sulphur links are retained and extended, owing to metal sulphide formation, during thermal decomposition. These factors explain the presence of discontinuities and the absence of plateaux on the TG curves since all intermediates are precursors in the production of the metals or PdO. Similar behaviour has been reported for the dithiooxamide complexes of Pd and Pt [14].

The nature of the chloride is an interesting conditioner of thermal behaviour. Coordinated chloride is slowly and initially evolved whereas ionic chloride is retained until the final stages of thermal decomposition. Chemical tests on the evolved gases support these observations.

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