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Synthesis and crystal structure of a diplatinum cyclopentadienyldiphenylphosphine sulphide bridged complex

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Abstract

The mixed early-late Ti-Pt₂ compound $[(\eta^5-C_5H_4SiMe_3)Ti(\mu_3-1\eta^5-C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2-2,3\kappa S)(\mu-SPh)_2\{Pt(C_6F_5)_2\}_2]$ (3) containing a functionalised thiophosphorylcyclopentadienyl S=PPh₂C₅H₄ bridging ligand has been obtained by reaction of $[(\eta^5-C_5H_4SiMe_3)(\eta^5-C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2)Ti(SPh)_2]$ (1) with 2 equivalents of *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]. The crystallisation of 3 in CH₂Cl₂/MeOH at -20°C gave the unexpected diplatinum complex $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(\mu-SPPh_2C_5H_5)]_2$ (4) with an unusual double bis-cyclopentadienyldiphosphine sulphide bridging system $(\mu-\kappa S)$, which has been characterised by X-ray diffraction. As an alternative route to the synthesis of 4 the reaction of *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2] with S=PPh_2C_5H_5 has been studied. Independently of the stoichiometry employed, this reaction gives mixtures of 4 and the novel mononuclear complex *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(S=PPh_2C_5H_5)_2] (6). Low temperature control of this reaction indicates that both complexes (4 and 6) are formed through a common intermediate identified as *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(S=PPh_2C_5H_5)(thf)] (5) on the basis of spectroscopic techniques. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

The coordination chemistry of thiophosphoranyl $(S=PR_3)$ ligands has been of great interest over these last decades [1]. This attention derives not only from spectroscopic and structural aspects, which have played an important role in the development of a model for the phosphoryl bond, but also from their chemical behaviour and particularly their catalytic activity [1,2]. Polyfunctional bis- and tris(chalcogenide)phosphoranyl ligands and hybrid ligands containing also different donor atoms have been a subject of growing interest lately due to their versatile coordination behaviour [3].

Tertiaryphosphine sulphides have been used extensively as terminal ligands both as sulphur σ -bonded

[1,4] and as π donors employing P–S π bonding electrons for donation [1b]. Complexes containing S=P(R/R')₃ bridging ligands have been also prepared [4i,5] but as far as we know only two examples have been structurally characterised [5c,d]. Such μ - κ S bonding mode of a thiophosphoranyl (S=PR₂ –) function has been also found to be present in a few silver [6] and copper [7] complexes obtained by coordination of polydentate or dithio phosphoranyl ligands; Forniés et al. have also reported the preparation of Pd₃ and Pd₂Pt complexes containing a related triply-bridging diphenylthiophosphinito ($\mu_3 - \kappa P$: κ^2 S–SPPh₂) ligand [8].

In this paper we describe the formation of a diplatinum complex $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(\mu$ -SPPh₂C₅H₅)]_2 with an unusual double bis-(cyclopentadienyldiphenylphosphine sulphide) bridging system. Crystals of this complex were unexpectedly formed by slow crystallisation of a mixed early-late Ti-Pt₂ compound containing a functionalised thiophosphorylcyclopentadienyl S=PPh₂-C₅H₄⁻ anion as bridging ligand. In this context,

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it is rather surprising that since Mathey and Lampin published the synthesis [9a] of $S=PPh_2C_5H_5$ and its behaviour towards iron and manganese carbonyls [9b], coordination chemistry of this ligand with transition metals remains almost unexplored. Therefore, and seeking an alternative route to **4**, the reactivity of *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] towards $S=PPh_2C_5H_5$ has also been explored.

2. Experimental

All preparative reactions and manipulations were carried out under argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques [10]. Solvents were purified according to standard methods [11]. The starting materials $[(n^{5}-C_{5}H_{4}SiMe_{3})(n^{5}$ cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] [12]. $C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2$ Ti(SPh)₂ [13] and S=PPh₂C₅H₅ [9a] were obtained as previously described. ¹H, ³¹P{¹H} and ¹⁹F NMR were registered on Bruker ARX-300 and AMX-300 spectrometers and chemical shifts (ppm) were reported relative to external standards (SiMe₄, CFCl₃ and 85% H₃PO₄). IR spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer 1650 FTIR and Perkin Elmer 883 spectrophotometers. The mass spectra (FAB⁺) were carried out on a VG Autospec Spectrometer and elemental analyses were performed on Perkin-Elmer 240-B and Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHNS/O microanalyzers.

2.1. Preparation of $[(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{4}SiMe_{3})Ti(\mu_{3}-1\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{4}P(S)Ph_{2}-2,3\kappa S)(\mu-SPh)_{2}{Pt(C_{6}F_{5})_{2}}]$ (3)

To a CH₂Cl₂ (15 ml) solution of $[(\eta^5-C_5H_4SiMe_3)(\eta^5 C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2)Ti(SPh)_2$ 1 (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) was added cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (0.20 g, 0.30 mmol). The mixture was stirred under argon for 30 min while a progressive colour change from green to red was observed. Subsequently, the resulting solution was evaporated to dryness. The residue was treated with 4 ml of toluene and kept at -20° C overnight giving 3 as a microcrystalline red solid (0.22 g, 83% yield). Anal. Calc. for C₆₁H₃₇F₂₀PPt₂S₃SiTi (1743.24): C, 42.03; H, 2.14; S, 5.52. Found: C, 42.25; H, 2.17; S, 5.14%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.15 (br, C₆H₅), 8.36–8.23, 7.97–7.15 (m, C₆H₅), 6.50 (2H), 6.34 (1H), 6.16 (1H), 5.95 (2H), 5.54 (1H), 4.39 (1H) (C_5H_4), -0.09 (9H, Si(CH_3)₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 28.2 (s, ²J(Pt-P) ~ 60 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ (ppm) -114.24 $(J(Pt-F_a) = 413 \text{ Hz}), -116.48, -117.87, -118.03$ (d), -118.34, -119.29, -119.88; -120.80 (m, $8F_{o}$); -159.30 (t), -160.27 (t), -161.8 (t), -162.5 (t) $(4F_p)$; -163.29 (2F), -163.72 (3F), -164.26 (1F), -164.78 (1F), -165.20 (1F). IR (cm⁻¹) (Nujol): v 803 (s, br) (X-sens C_6F_5); 636 (m) (P=S). Mass spectrum (FAB⁺): m/z (%): 1575 (0.2) [(M-C₆F₅)⁺], 1405 (0.03) $[(M-2C_6F_5-3H)^+]$, 1214 (0.03) $[(M-Pt(C_6F_5)_2^+)]$, 1103

(2) $[(M-Pt(C_6F_5)_2-SPh-H)^+]$, 1047 (0.2) $[(M-Pt-(C_6F_5)_3)^+]$, 936 (0.2) $[(M-Pt(C_6F_5)_3-SPh-H)^+]$, 575 (12) $[(Ti(SPh)(C_5H_4SiMe_3)(C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2)^+]$, 466 (22) $[(Ti(C_5H_4SiMe_3)(C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2)^+]$, 307 (40) $[(Ti(C_5-H_4SiMe_3)(C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2)-C_5H_4Me_2PS-2H)^+]$, 154 (100) $[(Ti(C_5H_4SiMe-H)^+]$.

2.2. Preparation of $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(\mu-SPPh_2C_5H_5)]_2$ (4)

A slow diffusion of MeOH into a CH_2Cl_2 (1:1) solution of **3** at $-20^{\circ}C$ gave pale orange crystals of compound **4** in low yield.

2.3. Reaction of cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]$ with $S=PPh_2C_5H_5$

2.3.1. 1:1 molar ratio

To a solution of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (0.150 g, 0.223 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 ml) was added S=PPh₂C₅H₅ (0.063 g, 0.223 mmol), giving a pale-orange solution immediately. In a few seconds, a white–cream solid began to precipitate (0.033 g) which, after filtration, was identified as a mixture of **4** and **6** (proportion based on ³¹P **4**/**6** 1:3.7). The resulting solution was immediately evaporated to dryness and the ³¹P NMR spectrum of this cream solid residue showed it to be a mixture of **4** and **6** among other unidentified species (proportion **4**/**6** 1:1.45).

When a fresh solution of $S=PPh_2C_5H_5$ (0.042 g, 0.148 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (0.1 g, 0.148 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 ml) at 0°C, a pale-orange solution was formed and in a few seconds a white suspension was produced. After 5 min at 0°C, the solid was filtered off and identified (³¹P NMR) as 4 (0.03 g, 13% yield). Evaporation of the filtrate to dryness gave a solid residue, which was identified mainly as 4.

2.3.2. 1:2 molar ratio

A solution of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (0.0596 g, 0.088 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 ml) was treated at room temperature (r.t.) with S=PPh₂C₅H₅ (0.05 g, 0.177 mmol) (molar ratio 1:2). After a few seconds, a white precipitate formed. The mixture was stirred for 15 min and then the solid was filtered off (0.02 g) and identified as a mixture of **4** and **6** (proportion **4**/**6** 1:1.6). The filtrate was evaporated to dryness and treated with *n*-hexane (3 ml) giving **6** as a white–cream solid (0.062 g, 65% yield).

2.4. NMR monitored reaction

2.4.1. 1:1 molar ratio

A mixture of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (0.03 g, 0.0445 mmol) and S=PPh₂C₅H₅ (0.0126 g, 0.0445 mmol) was dissolved in 0.6 ml of CDCl₃ at -50° C and the reac

tion was immediately monitored by NMR spectroscopy. Integration of the NMR signals at this temperature showed an approximate 2.6:1 proportion of the complexes **5** and **6**. When the temperature was increased to -10° C a new signal corresponding to the compound **4** (10:6.6:1 **5/6/4**) began to appear. At 20°C, the signal due to the derivative **5** disappeared and only the species **4** and **6** were detected in a final ratio (1:5 **4/6**). After 1 hr. at this temperature, the intensity of the signal due to the derivative **5** decreased while the signal attributed to **4** increased with the final proportion being **4/6** 1.1:1.

2.4.2. 1:0.5 molar ratio

cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (0.03 g, 0.0445 mmol) was added to a solution of S=PPh₂C₅H₅ (0.0063 g, 0.0225 mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.6 ml) at -50° C, and a ³¹P NMR spectrum was taken immediately, revealing the presence of complex **5** as the main component together with **4** and **6** (proportion ~ 21:9:1 **5/6/4**) among other signals. When the temperature was increased slowly, the signal of the complex **4** was increasing and at r.t. only the signal of this complex was observed. **4** can be isolated pure in this reaction and it is identified as [Pt(C₆F₅)₂(µ-SPPh₂C₅H₅)]₂.

2.4.3. 1:2 molar ratio

 $cis-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]$ (0.02 g, 0.0297 mmol) and $S=PPh_2C_5H_5$ (0.0168 g, 0.0594 mmol) were mixed in CDCl₃ (0.6 ml) at -50° C. The initial ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of this mixture at low temperature $(-50^{\circ}C)$ revealed the presence of 5 and 6 in a similar ratio together with the excess of S=PPh₂C₅H₅. When the temperature was increased to -10° C, the intensity of the signal due to 6 increased, giving a $5/S=PPh_2(C_5H_5)/$ 6 ratio of ~1:3.5:2.8, and at +20°C only 6 (with traces of 4) is observed. 6 could be isolated as a nearly identified pure solid and it was as $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(SPPh_2C_5H_5)_2].$

(4): (Signals taken of the 1:0.5 reaction mixture. Excess of *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] was also observed). Anal. Calc. for C₅₈H₃₀F₂₀P₂Pt₂S₂ (1623.10): C, 42.92; H, 1.86; S, 3.95. Found: C, 42.79; H, 1.74; S, 3.70%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 20°C): δ (ppm) 8.15, 7.8–7.2 (Ph), 6.89 (s, br) (CH=, C₅H₅), 3.94 (CH₂, C₅H₅). Two signals at 6.15 and 5.2 merely merging from the baseline could tentatively be assigned to CH= protons of Cp. A similar pattern was observed by lowering the temperature to -50° C. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 20°C): δ (ppm) 26.02 (s). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 20°C): δ (ppm) – 119.08 (m, ³*J*(Pt-F_o) ~ 388 Hz), -162.8 (t, F_p), -164.7 (m, F_m). IR (cm⁻¹) (Nujol): ν 802 (s), 800 (s) (X-sens C₆F₅), 575 (m) (P=S).

(5): (signals observed in the 1:1 reaction mixture at -10° C): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.39 (overlapping of two doublets (Ph), the rest of the signals of the Ph

groups are overlapped with the signals due to compound **6**), 6.95(s), 6.44(s), 6.36 (s) (CH=, C₅H₅), 2.50 H_A , 2.24 H_B AB spin system, J(A-B) = 24.59 Hz (CH₂, C₅H₅). Assignment based on a ¹H⁻¹H COSY experiment at -10° C. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 48.20 (s, ²J(Pt-P) = 159 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ (ppm) -118.1 (dm), -120.3 (m) F_o (³J(Pt-F_o) can not be unambiguously obtained), -160.6 (t, F_p), -160.9(t, F_n), -163.4 (m, F_m).

(6): Anal. Calc. for C₄₆H₃₀F₁₀P₂PtS₂ (1093.90): C, 50.51; H, 2.76; S, 5.86. Found: C, 50.46; H, 2.58; S, 5.42%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 20°C): δ (ppm) 7.73 (m, 8H), 7.47 (dd, 10H), 7.28 (m, 2H) (Ph), 6.98 (d, 2H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.57 (s, 2H) (CH=, C₅H₅), 3.36 (s, 4H, CH₂, C₅H₅). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 20°C): δ (ppm) 29.02 (s, J(Pt-P) = 62.15 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 20°C): δ (ppm) - 118.9 (dm, F_o, ³ $J(Pt-F_o) = 439$ Hz), -165.2 (m, $F_p + F_m$). IR (cm⁻¹) (Nujol): ν 804 (vs), 792 (vs), (X-sens C₆F₅), 652 (vs), 605 (vs) (P=S).

2.5. Crystal data for complex $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(\mu$ -SPPh $_2C_5H_5)]_2$ 2CH $_2Cl_2$ (4)

Orange X-ray suitable crystals were obtained by slow diffusion of methanol into a dichloromethane solution at -20° C (0.5 × 0.2 × 0.1 mm³). Compound 4 crystallizes in the monoclinic space group C2/c, with a =c = 20.9361(3)24.4710(1), b = 12.1984(2),Á, $\beta = 110.923(1), V = 5837.48(13) \text{ Å}^3, Z = 4, D_{\text{calc}} = 2.040$ g cm⁻³, μ (Mo-K α) = 5.203 mm⁻¹. 12657 reflections (7560 independent reflections) ($1.78 < \theta < 30.23^{\circ}$, ω scan, T = 173(2) K) were measured on a Bruker Smart CCD using graphite monochromated Mo-Ka radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å), overall completeness 86.9%. Data were corrected for absorption using empirical methods (SADABS) [14], maximum and minimum transmission 0.381638 and 0.213924, respectively. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97) [15] and refined by full-matrix least square methods (SHELXL-97/2) [15] to final *R* factors of $R_1 = 0.0494$, $wR_2 = 0.1142$, Goodness-of-fit (S) = 0.993 for 4909 merged reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. Hydrogen atoms were introduced on calculated positions and refined riding on their carrier atoms. All non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. A final Fourier map showed no residual density outside -1.599 and 1.811 e Å⁻³ for 4.

3. Results and discussion

The chemistry of thiolate titanocene derivatives has been the subject of our attention in recent years [16]. In this area we have recently prepared [13] new functionalised titanocene complexes $[(\eta^5-C_5H_4R)(\eta^5-C_5H_4R')Ti(SPh)_2]$ $[R,R' = SiMe_3, Ph_2P=E (E = S, O)]$ which have been shown to be excellent precursors to

early-late bimetallic compounds. Thus, we have reported among others the synthesis and structural characterisation of a bimetallic TiPt green complex $[(\eta^5 - C_5H_4SiMe_3)(SPh)Ti(\mu - 1\eta^5 - C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2-2\kappa S) (\mu$ -SPh)Pt(C₆F₅)₂] **2a** displaying a mixed thiolate-thiophosphorylcyclopentadienyl bridging system [17]. This complex, stable in solid state and in toluene solution, rearranges in CH₂Cl₂ solution to form the double thiolate bridged red isomer derivative 2b (Scheme 1). In complex 2a, which contains a terminal SPh fragment and a bridging $\eta^5 - \kappa S - C_5 H_4 P(S) Ph_2$ group, the sulphur atoms of both ligands still have free electron pairs and can behave as donor atoms. Therefore, and aiming to obtain higher nuclear derivatives, the reaction of $[(\eta^5 C_5H_4SiMe_3$ (η^5 - $C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2$)Ti(SPh)₂] 1 with 2 molar equivalents of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (thf = tetrahydrofurane) was studied (Scheme 1).

When $[(\eta^5-C_5H_4SiMe_3)(\eta^5-C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2)Ti(SPh)_2]$ 1 is treated with 2 equivalents of *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂], the new trinuclear complex $[(\eta^5-C_5H_4SiMe_3)Ti(\mu_3-1\eta^5-C_5H_4P(S)Ph_2-2,3\kappa S)(\mu-SPh)_2{Pt(C_6F_5)_2}_2]$ 3 is obtained as a red microcrystalline solid in good yield (83%). As expected by using the binuclear complex 2a as starting material, a clean reaction yielding complex 3 takes place almost immediately. Complex 3 can also be obtained from the reaction between 2b and 1 equivalent of *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] but longer reaction time was required in this case. Although no crystals of 3 suitable for an X-ray study could be obtained, its characterisation by usual analytical and spectroscopic methods is straightforward. Thus, complex 3 gave satisfactory elemental analysis and its IR spectrum showed the v(P=S) absorption at 636 cm⁻¹. It appears downwards shifted with respect to that observed in the mononuclear Ti complex **1** (656 cm⁻¹) and only slightly shifted related to the showed for the binuclear derivative **2a** (638 cm⁻¹) supporting coordination through the sulphur atom. The FAB⁺ mass spectrum of **3** shows the molecular peak less a C₆F₅ unit (m/z 1575) in a good agreement with the calculated parent ion [M–C₆F₅]⁺.

The phosphorous resonance at 28.2 ppm resembles to that observed in the binuclear complex 2a (δ 26.7) and is significantly upfield shifted with respect to the uncoordinated P=S entity of 1 (δ 35.7). The observed $^{2}J(\text{Pt}-\text{P})$ of ~ 60 Hz is slightly smaller than that reported earlier for 2a (65.8 Hz). The r.t. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum confirms the presence of four non equivalent C_6F_5 groups unsymmetrically disposed with respect to their Pt coordination planes. Thus, the presence of eight F_{ortho} and four F_{para} resonances (five multiplets are seen in the F_{meta} region) of identical intensity clearly evidences that complex 3 is rigid on the NMR time scale. The absence of a symmetry average plane passing through the Ti centre is probably caused by crowding which prevents the free rotation of the $C_5H_4SiMe_3$ ring. Accordingly, the proton NMR spectrum exhibited in addition to the SiMe₃ ($\delta - 0.09$) and aromatic signals, six resonances in the cyclopentadienyl region confirming magnetically non-equivalent halves on either rings.

As mentioned before, attempts to obtain suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction studies in order to confirm the formulation of 3 failed in several solvent mixtures



Scheme 1.



Fig. 1. ZORTEP [26] plot of $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(\mu$ -SPPh₂C₅H₅)]_2 · 2CH₂Cl₂ (4) with thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

and temperatures. On the other hand, by slow diffusion of MeOH in a solution of **3** in dichloromethane at low temperature (-20° C), pale orange crystals separated. An X-ray diffraction study reveals that under these conditions complex **3** decomposes yielding among others unidentified species, the binuclear diplatinum complex **4** which is formed by two identical Pt(C₆F₅)₂ fragments linked by two cyclopentadienyldiphenylphosphine sulphide (S=PPh₂C₅H₅) ligands (Fig. 1, Table 1). The sensibility of titanium compounds containing S=PPh₂C₅H₄ groups towards hydrolysis liberating S=PPh₂C₅H₅ ligand has been recently reported [18]. In this context, the formation of **4** is not unexpected and can be envisaged by hydrolysis of **3** and stabilisation of the resulting platinum fragments with S=PPh₂C₅H₅.

Although the synthesis of complexes containing tertiary phosphine sulphide bridging ligands has been previously reported [4i,5a,b] as far as we know, only two complexes have been structurally characterised: a trimer copper compound [Cu(SPMe₃)Cl]₃ [5c] and a tetrameric antimony derivative [SbBr₃(SPMe₂Ph)]₄ [5d]. As can be observed in Fig. 1, which shows a view of the molecule, complex 4 is a dimer, and clearly, the most interesting feature of this complex is the presence of two S=PPh₂C₅H₅ molecules acting as bridging ligands through the sulphur atom. The molecule has a centre of inversion, and thus, the two platinum atoms are in identical environments. The coordination geometry of the platinum is nearly square planar, as expected [rms deviation of PtS₂C₂ plane, 0.0242 Å, displacement of platinum 0.0090(31) Å]. The Pt-C distances [2.018(6), 2.042(7) Å] are similar to those found in related complexes [16]. The central Pt_2S_2 core is roughly planar and exhibits angles at the Pt centres and at the sulphur atoms of 85.0(3)° [C(1)Pt(1)C(7)] and 98.70(5)°

[Pt(1)S(1)Pt(1a)], respectively. In the copper trimer [Cu(Me₃PS)Cl]₃, in which the sulphur is involving in a six-member ring, the ring angles at S are bigger (105°) [5c]. However, in the tetramer [SbBr₃(SPMe₂Ph)]₄, which also shows four membered rings, the angles observed at bridging sulphurs are 96.2(1) and 116.2(1)° [5d]. The non-bonding platinum-platinum separation of 3.6660(5) Å can be compared to those observed for binuclear complexes having similar angles at the bridging atom such as $[PtX(\mu-PPh_2)(PPh_2H)]_2$ [X = Cl [19] 3.585(1) Å, $X = C \equiv CR$ [20a] 3.649 (1) Å], [PEtPh₃]₂- $[Pt(\mu-PPh_2)(C_6F_5)_2]_2$ [3.621(1) Å] [20b] or [{PtI(PPh_3)(\mu- $SCH_2CH_2CMe=CH_2$] [3.539(1) Å] [21] which also exhibit planar Pt_2X_2 (X = P, S) cores. The Pt-S bond lengths observed [2.4094(17), 2.4227(17) Å] are well in agreement with those reported for Pt₂S₂ cores in closely bridging thiolate complexes [21,22] but slightly longer than those observed in thiophosphoranyl platinum compounds, as for example in the cases [PtCl(PEt₃)- $\{C(PPh_2=S)_3=SS'\}$ [23] and [PtCl(PEt₃){Ph₂- $PCH_2P(Bu)_2=S$ -PS] [3a] where the Pt-S lengths are

Table 1 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) of $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(\mu-SPPh_2C_5H_5)]_2\ 2CH_2Cl_2\ {\rm 4}\ ^a$

Pt(1)-C(1)	2.018(6)	Pt(1)–S(1a)	2.4227(17)
Pt(1)–C(7)	2.042(7)	P(1)-S(1)	2.072(3)
Pt(1)-S(1)	2.4094(17)	Pt…Pt	3.6660(5)
C(1)–Pt(1)–C(7)	85.0(3)	S(1) - Pt(1) - S(1a)	81.30(5)
C(1) - Pt(1) - S(1)	95.89(18)	Pt(1)-S(1)-Pt(1a)	98.70(5)
C(7)-Pt(1)-S(1a)	97.89(18)	P(1)-S(1)-Pt(1)	101.99(8)
P(1)-S(1)-Pt(1a)	100.92(9)		

^a Standard deviations in the last digits are in parentheses.





2.282(3) and 2.283(2) Å, respectively. The P(1)–S(1) distance of 2.072(3) Å is intermediate between the expected value for a P=S double bond (1.926–1.966 Å) and a P–S single bond (2.122 Å) [24] and, as expected, slightly longer than that observed for S-coordinated thiophosphoranyl groups [1,3,4,23]. The sum of the angles at sulphur is 301.6° showing that the sulphur is pyramidal. This fact points out some degree of bonding character as illustrated in



with a notable separation of charge, and it is in agreement with some recent theoretical ab initio studies that show the high tendency towards pyramidalization of S bridging atoms [25]. Concordant with this structural feature and with the presence of a centre of inversion, the two bridging cyclopentadienyldiphenylphosphine sulphide groups have an anti conformation with respect to each other, as expected, on steric grounds.

The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of a sample of crystals of the same bath used for the crystallographic study of complex **4** exhibited a singlet at δ 26.00 and, probably due to poor resolution by low concentration, no platinum satellites were observed. The corresponding proton spectrum also showed bad resolved resonances (δ 8.23-7.13 Ph; 6.93, 4.06 Cp) and some decomposition. With the aim of improving its characterisation in solution we attempted the synthesis of this diplatinum complex by reacting the solvated species cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]$ directly with S=PPh₂C₅H₅. However, this alternative route was not as simple as we initially thought. Treatment of $cis-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]$ with 1 equivalent of S=PPh₂C₅H₅ in CH₂Cl₂ at r.t., gives a mixture of 4 and cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(S=PPh₂C₅H₅)₂] 6 (δ 29.02). We observed that if the reaction is carried out at lower temperature (0°C) or if there is defect of $S=PPh_2C_5H_5$, the formation of 4 is favoured (see Section 2). As expected, when cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] reacts with two equivalents of $S=PPh_2C_5H_5$, the corresponding mononuclear complex cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(S=PPh₂C₅H₅)₂] **6** can be isolated as a white solid and characterised by usual methods. In particular, the presence of two v(P=S) and two X-sensitive C_6F_5 absorptions in its IR spectrum (C_{2v} symmetry $A_1 + B_1$ active modes) indicates the cis-geometry of the complex. This is also confirmed by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy, which reveals that both C_6F_5 groups are equivalent.

These reactions are also monitored by NMR spectroscopy at low temperatures (see Scheme 2 and Section 2 for details). When the reaction in a molar ratio 1:1 was performed at -50° C, it could be observed that the formation of both complexes **4** and **6** takes place through the initial formation of a new species which, on the basis on NMR spectroscopy, was identified as the solvate complex *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(S=PPh₂C₅H₅)(thf)] **5**.

This complex exhibited in the ³¹P NMR spectrum a singlet resonance at δ 48.20 flanked by platinum satellites. The value of ${}^{2}J({}^{195}Pt-{}^{31}P)$ (159 Hz) observed is comparable to similar values previously reported for derivatives containing Pt-S=P units. Its ¹⁹F NMR spectrum supports the presence of two types of C_6F_5 groups as is clearly evidenced by two triplets of identical intensity due to para-fluorine resonances. The corresponding ¹H NMR spectrum confirms the co-ordination of the S=PPh₂C₅H₅, which is particularly evident in the resonances due to the cyclopentadiene group. A ¹H⁻¹H correlation spectrum of the 1:1 reaction mixture at a low temperature $(-10^{\circ}C)$ reveals, in addition to the olefinic resonances in the usual range, the presence of an AB system due to diasterotopic methylenic protons (δ H_A 2.50, H_B 2.24, J(A–B) = 24.59 Hz). A similar result was observed in the 1:2 molar ratio reaction but in this case, the formation of 4 seems to be less favoured and only traces of it were detected near to r.t. It should be noted that the precipitate was always observed in the NMR tubes; therefore, the ratio of the signals could be not the same as the proportion of the products. Finally, by monitoring the reaction with defect of S=PPh₂C₅H₅ (Pt:L molar ratio 1:0.5), only 4 and the excess of complex cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] remained when the temperature was raised to r.t.

In summary, in this study we have confirmed that the trinuclear titanium-diplatinum compound **3**, with a S=PPh₂C₅H₄ group η^5 -coordinated to the Ti centre, is easily hydrolysed giving rise to the S=PPh₂C₅H₅ ligand, which is stabilised with the platinum fragment forming the unusual double bis(cyclopentadienyldiphosphine sulphide) bridging diplatinum complex **4**. However, its direct synthesis starting from *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] and S=PPh₂C₅H₅ is not simple; the reaction leads to a mixture of **4** and the mononuclear product **6** and both complexes seem to be formed through the initial formation of the mononuclear solvate compound **5**.

4. Supplementary material

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structure (of compound **4**) have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, CCDC No. 139525. Copies of the data may be obtained free of charge from The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44-1223-336033; e-mail:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or www: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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