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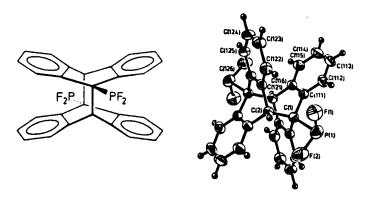
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Abstract: Various novel organodifluorophosphines involving aromatic and aliphatic substituents were prepared and used as ligands in reactions with (COD)PtCl₂ or K₂PtCl₄; complexes of the type *cis*-dichloro-bis(organodifluorophosphine)platinum(II) or tetrakis(organodifluorophosphine)platinum(0) were formed. The ³¹P-n.m.r. data of these compounds were correlated with Pt-P bond lengths found from X-ray diffraction studies. The hydrolysis of RPF₂ and Pt(RPF₂)₄ with water leads to the formation of RP(F)(O)(H) or [RP(F)(OH)]₂[RP(F)(O)]₂Pt. Both products were characterized by n.m.r. spectra and by X-ray structure determinations.

The reaction of dichlorophosphines with NaF gives difluorophosphines 1 in good yields, but the dichlorophosphines themselves have to be prepared first. We have found an improved method of preparing compounds of the type RPF $_2$ (R = hydrocarbon group), namely the reaction of organolithium compounds, RLi with PF $_2$ Cl 2 .

This has enabled us to prepare many new difluorophosphines. In one case we were able to characterize a difluorophosphine by single crystal X-ray diffraction.



The hydrolysis of the PF_2 -group gave compounds of the type RP(F)(O)(H). In the case of R = 2,6-diphenoxyphenyl the corresponding phosphonofluoridous acid was characterized by n.m.r. spectroscopy and by an X-ray diffraction study. We were unable to prepare a platinum(II) complex using this acid as a liquand.

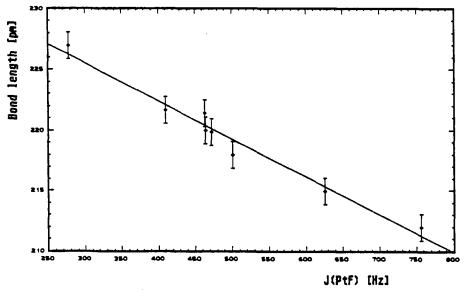
Organodifluorophosphines were allowed to react with cis-dichloro(η^4 -1,5-cyclo-octadiene)platinum(II) $E(COD)PtCl_2I$ or K_2PtCl_4 to form cis-dichloro-bis(organodifluorophosphine)platinum(II) or tetrakis(organodifluorophosphine)platinum(0) complexes, respectively:

$$2 RPF_2 + (COD)PtCl_2 \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} (RPF_2)_2 Cl_2 Pt + COD$$

$$5 RPF_2 + K_2 PtCl_4 \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} (RPF_2)_4 Pt + 2 KCl + RPF_2 Cl_2$$

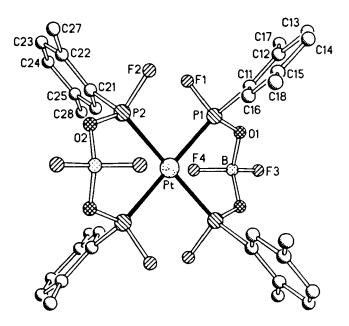
These complexes were characterized by n.m.r. spectra and by X-ray diffraction studies for R = Bu^t and Me_5C_5 . The complex *cis*-dichloro-bis(mesityldifluorophosphine)platinum(II) eliminated HCl on heating and formed the following complexes:

For complexes involving PF_2 -groups, a correlation between the Pt-P bond length and $^1J(PtP)$ (or $^2J(PtF)$ was found:



Correlation of the ²J(PtF) coupling constant and the bond length r(PtP).

The tetrakis(aryldifluorophophine)platinum(0) complexes were found to undergo partial hydrolysis of the PF_2 -group and oxidation of the platinum with formation of bis(arylphosphonofluoridite)bis(arylphosphonofluoridous acid)platinum(II). These products were identified by n.m.r. spectra and by an X-ray diffraction study in the case of R = 2,5-dimethylphenyl. The arylphosphonofluoridous acid, RP(F)(OH), rather than the fluorophosphonic acid, RP(F)(O)(H) was found to function as a ligand in these platinum(II) complexes. Meso-bis(2,5-dimethylphenylphosphonofluoridite)-bis(2,5-dimethylphenylphosphonofluoridite)-bis(2,5-dimethylphenylphosphonofluoridite)-bis(2,5-dimethylphenylphosphonofluoridite)-difluoroborato)}platinum(II), characterized by a single X-ray diffraction study.



In addition to the above types of compounds we were able to synthesize a mixed diffuorophosphine – triorganophosphine platinum(II) complex, a monofluorophosphine complex and a complex involving a $\lambda^5 P(III)F_2$ moiety. The results of some X-ray structure determinations are shown below.

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