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## COORDINATION CHEMISTRY OF DITHIOIMIDOPHOSPHINATES.

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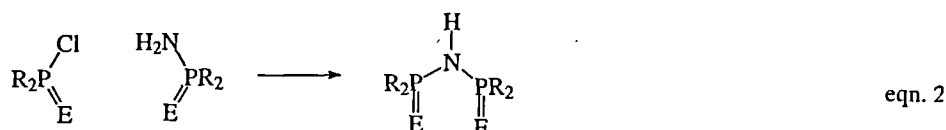
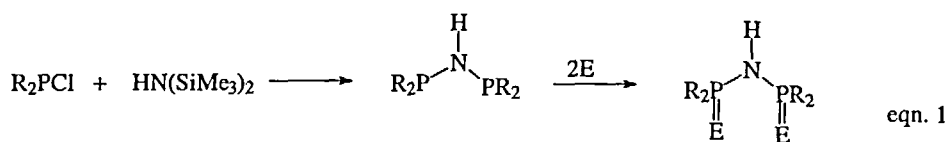
**Abstract** The preparation of  $^i\text{Pr}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NHP}(\text{S})^i\text{Pr}_2$  and its reaction to form simple chelate complexes  $\text{M}(^i\text{Pr}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NP}(\text{S})^i\text{Pr}_2)_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Pd}, \text{Pt}$ ) is described. The neutral starting material forms H-bonded chains in the solid state whilst there are dramatic differences in ring geometry on changing  $\text{M}$  from  $\text{Pd}$  to  $\text{Pt}$ .

## INTRODUCTION

The coordination chemistry of  $\text{R}_2\text{P}(\text{E})\text{NHP}(\text{E})\text{R}_2$  and  $[\text{R}_2\text{P}(\text{E})\text{NP}(\text{E})\text{R}_2]^-$  ( $\text{E} = \text{O}, \text{S}, \text{Se}$ ) is of interest for a number of reasons. These ligands represent inorganic analogues of the more extensively studied  $\beta$ -diketonates, they are readily deprotonated to form stable six-membered inorganic rings which have potentially interesting bonding properties ( $\pi$ -bonding involving d-orbitals may have a role) and they have the potential to behave as metal selective ligands as a result of the extensive range of chalcogenides and  $\text{R}$  groups which may be introduced. There have been several studies on systems with  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$  and  $\text{E} = \text{S}$ <sup>1,2</sup> and some work on  $\text{R} = \text{Me}$ ,  $\text{E} = \text{S}$ .<sup>3,4</sup> Here we report on our investigations into the sulfur compounds where  $\text{R} = ^i\text{Pr}$ .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

$\text{R}_2\text{P}(\text{E})\text{NHP}(\text{E})\text{R}_2$  may be prepared by a variety of routes. Simple condensation of the phosphine halide with  $\text{HN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$  followed by oxidation with the appropriate chalcogen is appropriate for the synthesis of symmetric systems (eqn 1) whilst asymmetric compounds can be obtained by condensation of amine and chloro species (eqn 2). For the preparation of  $^i\text{Pr}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NHP}(\text{S})^i\text{Pr}_2$  **1** we chose the former method and obtained a 60 % yield of the pure compound ( $\delta^{31}\text{P}-\{^1\text{H}\} = 91.2$  ppm).



The X-ray structure of **1** reveals that the P=S groups are disposed approximately *gauche* with respect to the P...P vector. The P-N distances are 1.678(3) and 1.681(3) Å whilst the P-S distances are 1.943(1) and 1.951(1) Å and the P-N-P angle is 132.0(2)°. The molecules pack (Figure 1) to form chains *via* P-S...H-N hydrogen

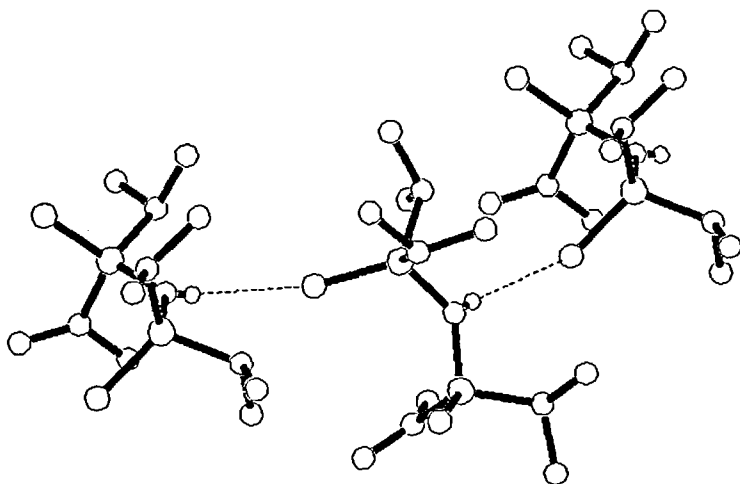


FIGURE 1 P-S...H-N Hydrogen bonding in  $^i\text{Pr}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NHP}(\text{S})^i\text{Pr}_2$

bonds (S...N 3.58, H...S 2.97 Å. Reaction of **1** with simple metal halides yields  $\text{ML}_2$  complexes with deprotonation at the central nitrogen. Here, we highlight two examples which illustrate the ring geometries which we have observed to date. Thus, the palladium complex  $\text{Pd}(\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NP}(\text{S})\text{Pr}_2)_2$  **2** is essentially square planar about the metal with P-S bondlengths of 2.023(2) and 2.030(2) Å and P-N bondlengths of

1.598(4) and 1.588(4) Å i.e., the P-S bonds lengthen and the P-N bonds shorten upon deprotonation/complexation which is compatible with a more delocalised structure in the complex. As can be seen from Figure 2 the  $\text{PdS}_2\text{P}_2\text{N}$  rings in **2** are distinctly

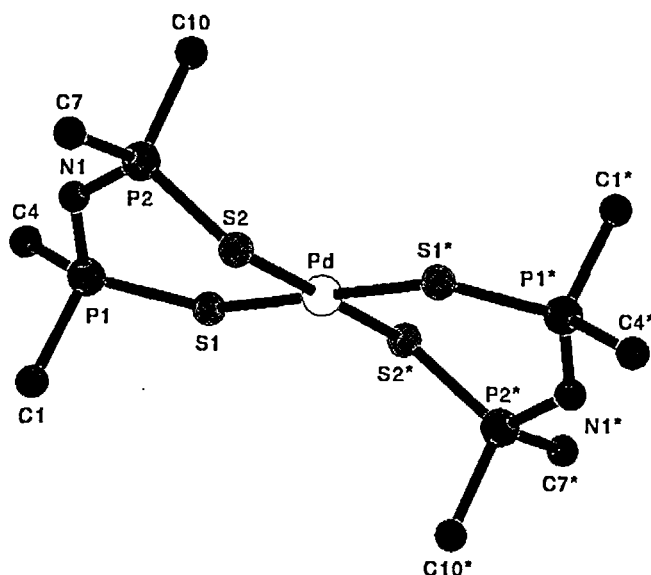
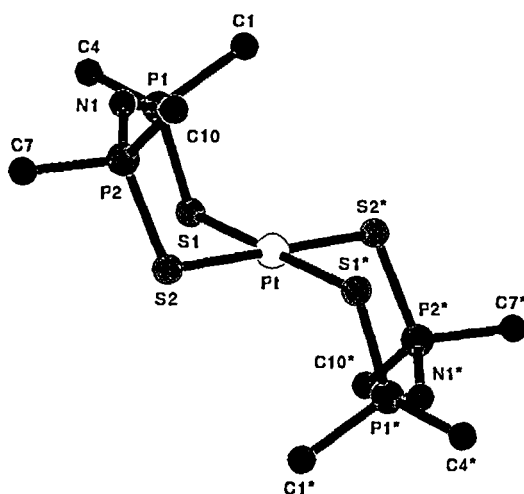


FIGURE 2 The X-Ray structure of  $\text{Pd}(\text{}^i\text{Pr}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NP}(\text{S})\text{}^i\text{Pr}_2)_2$  **2**

puckered in what might be described as a distorted boat conformation. Remarkably, the platinum complex  $\text{Pt}(\text{}^i\text{Pr}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NP}(\text{S})\text{}^i\text{Pr}_2)_2$  **3** has a substantially different ring geometry. The platinum centre is a approximately square planar whilst the P-S bondlengths (2.034(2) and 2.038(1) Å) and P-N bondlengths (1.586(4) and 1.575(4) Å) are not significantly different from those in **2** but the ring conformation changes to give a close to planar  $\text{S}_2\text{P}_2\text{N}$  fragment. The P-N-P angle does not differ markedly in **2** and **3** (130.2(2) and 135.0(2)° respectively) but the M-S-P angles are significantly reduced in **3** (104.07(5) and 99.62(7) in **3** cf. 114.04(6) and 108.62(6) in **2**) and this must imply the use of different orbitals for the coordination to the metal centres.

FIGURE 3 The X-Ray structure of  $\text{Pt}(\text{iPr}_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{NP}(\text{S})\text{iPr}_2)_2 \cdot 3$ 

We have observed the puckered, boat, conformation in the tetrahedral zinc, cadmium and nickel complexes and it would appear that the more symmetric structure is the unusual case. Further studies are in progress.

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