

**AN ELECTROSPRAY FOURIER TRANSFORM ICR MASS SPECTROMETRY STUDY OF
CHLOROTRIS(1,3,5-TRIAZA-7-PHOSPHAADAMANTANE)PLATINUM(II) [Pt(TPA)₃Cl]Cl**

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Electrospray ionization coupled with Fourier transform ICR mass spectrometry (ESI-FT/ICR-MS) has become a very powerful technique for characterizing large polar and involatile biochemical molecules such as peptides and proteins. Successful extensions to inorganic and organometallic applications have shown that it is also a versatile technique¹. We report here our study of chlorotris(1,3,5-triaza-7-phosphaadamantane)platinum(II) [Pt(TPA)₃Cl]Cl by ESI-FT/ICR-MS. Both positive-ion and negative-ion mass spectra and tandem mass spectrometry for this compound have been investigated.

The electrospray experiments were carried out on a high magnetic field (7T) Bruker BioAPEX 70e Fourier transform ICR mass spectrometer equipped with a cylindrical 'InfinityTM' cell. Three cryo pumps and one turbo pump maintain four stages of differential pumping to enable ions to be transferred from the high pressure ion source region into the low pressure (1×10^{-10} mbar) ultrahigh vacuum chamber where the ICR cell is located.

The electrospray was produced by pumping a sample solution through a spray needle at a flow rate of 60 μ l/min. The spray needle has a 0.1 mm diameter at the tip. It was kept 1.0 cm from the end of a quartz capillary capped with nickel electrode. For the positive ions, the spray needle was grounded and a -4 kV voltage was applied to the end of capillary to create an electric field to extract ions. The end plate and the mesh cylinder around the needle has about -2.5 kV. Heated (250 °C) nitrogen as drying gas was directed toward the spray.

The positive-ion spectrum of this compound shows the molecular ion at a mass of m/z 701. The negative-ion spectrum (see Figure) shows gas phase ion molecule reactions occurred and some cluster species were formed.

For the collision induced dissociation experiment, both on-resonance irradiation and sustained off-resonance irradiation were used to study this compound. These two experiments show different product ion distributions and intensities. The unique high resolution (typically 200,000 at m/z 720) of FT-ICR mass spectrometer and correlated-shot pulse sequence has made it possible to select single isotopes of the parent ion for the tandem mass spectrometry experiments.

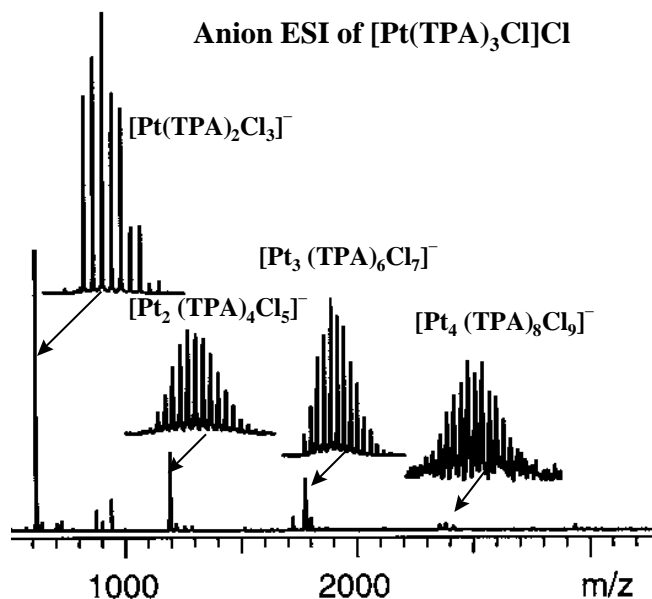


Figure. Negative-ion ESI-FTICR mass spectrum of [Pt(TPA)₃Cl]Cl.

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