

lower in energy, in agreement with experiment, than singlet and triplet tetrahedral minima by 176 and 6.3 kcal mol⁻¹, respectively.

In our previous study²³ of η²-tetra-peroxides, M(O₂)₄²⁻, small distortions of each MO₂ fragment from a symmetrical, isosceles triangle geometry were observed, i.e. one M-O bond shorter than the other. INDO/1 calculations were able to reproduce this experimentally observed distortion for Nb(O₂)₄³⁻ and Mo(O₂)₄²⁻.²³

The five-coordinate complex NbF₅ was optimized within the constraints of D_{3h} (trigonal-pyramidal) and C_{4v} (square-pyramidal) symmetry. These minima are calculated to be within 1/2 kcal mol⁻¹ of each other. The specific geometry at each minimum is of interest. For the TBP5 and SQP5 geometries the Nb-F_{ax} and Nb-F_{basal} bonds, respectively, are calculated to be longer than the Nb-F_{eq} and Nb-F_{apical} bonds, respectively, in keeping with basic electronic structural arguments.²⁴

For seven-coordinate structures NbF₇²⁻ and ZrF₇³⁻, the different polytopes were compared in two distinct ways. First, the M-F bonds were kept fixed ("frozen") and idealized (in terms of bond angles) seven-coordinate structures assumed. Second, these idealized, frozen structures were allowed to relax, for NbF₇²⁻, by submitting them to a geometry optimization. Three seven-coordinate polytopes²⁵ were considered: the pentagonal bipyramid (PBP7), capped octahedron (CO7), and capped trigonal prism (CTP7). These structures are calculated to be close in energy, as expected. For the frozen approximation the PBP7 is favored on the basis of smaller nuclear-nuclear repulsions. For the fully optimized NbF₇²⁻ structures the CO7 was calculated to be the global minimum by 3 kcal mol⁻¹ versus the PBP7. The CTP7 relaxes to the PBP7. In the PBP7, NbF₇²⁻, the Nb-F_{ax} bonds are shorter than the Nb-F_{eq} bonds, in keeping with previous analyses.²⁵

In the geometry optimization of Rh(NH₃)₅Cl²⁺, an interesting result is obtained: R(RH-Cl) = 243 pm, R(Rh-N) = 214 pm, and R(Rh-N_{trans}) = 217 pm. Thus, the INDO/1 geometry optimization correctly describes the well-known "trans" influence;²³ i.e., the bond trans to Cl⁻ is longer than those which are cis.

Although this work does not represent an exhaustive study of the INDO/1 model for the calculation of geometric quantities for second-row transition-metal species, the results allow several conclusions to be drawn. First, INDO/1 does as good a job in predicting geometries as does minimal basis set ab initio calculations on large, coordinatively saturated molecules. Second, the INDO/1 method in the majority of the cases studied here reproduces the energy ordering of geometric isomers.

It should be emphasized again that no exhaustive or comprehensive investigation has been made of the INDO/1 parameters. That the model works as well as it does with so little effort testifies to the strength of the model. We believe that very useful results can be obtained by this model, but as always, the proper care of interpretation must be exercised.

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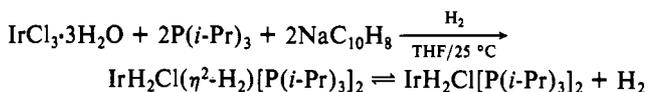
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Isolation and Characterization of IrH₂Cl(η²-H₂)[P(*i*-Pr)₃]₂: A Neutral Dihydrogen Complex of Iridium

The nature of metal-hydrogen interactions in iridium polyhydride complexes has been the focus of several recent studies.¹⁻⁴ All reported iridium nonclassical, η²-dihydrogen^{2,3} complexes have been cationic while the neutral iridium polyhydride complexes that have been studied appear to be classical hydrides.^{1,5} In contrast, we have isolated IrH₂Cl(η²-H₂)[P(*i*-Pr)₃]₂ (**1**) in which dihydrogen is coordinated to a neutral iridium center. The metal-hydrogen interactions in **1** exhibit dynamic behavior that we have examined both in solution and in the solid state. This dynamic behavior is remarkably different than that which has been observed^{2,3} for cationic η²-hydrogen iridium complexes.

We initially obtained **1** through treatment of THF solutions of IrCl₃·3H₂O and 2 equiv of P(*i*-Pr)₃ with 2 equiv of sodium naphthalide under an atmosphere of hydrogen (Scheme I). Filtration of the reaction mixture, followed by removal of the THF solvent, produced an oil from which orange crystals of **1** arose upon standing under an atmosphere of H₂. The crystals were found to contain an equimolar amount of naphthalene. The polyhydride complex **1** is stable only in the solid state under an atmosphere of hydrogen and slowly converts to IrH₂Cl[P(*i*-Pr)₃]₂⁶ (**2**), through elimination of H₂ under 1 atm of argon. In solution, **1** was found to establish an equilibrium with **2** through the reversible loss of H₂ (Scheme I).⁷ Prompted by these observations, we have discovered that **1** can be prepared more conveniently through the reaction of **2** with H₂ either in solution or the solid state. Thus, a pentane solution of **2** placed under 1 atm of hydrogen and allowed to stand at room temperature gives rise to orange crystals⁸ of the less soluble **1** in 70-80% yield.

Scheme I



The ¹H NMR spectrum of a sample of **1** in CD₂Cl₂ solution at 22 °C under 1 atm of hydrogen exhibits a broad (ω_{1/2} ≈ 700 Hz) singlet at ca. -17 ppm. Reduction of the hydrogen pressure by partial evacuation results in the resonance sharpening and moving up field toward a limiting value of -33.0 ppm, the chemical shift which is observed for the hydride resonance of **2** under an atmosphere of argon at 22 °C. A sample of **1** that was dissolved in CD₂Cl₂, freeze/pump/thaw degassed and allowed to stand under an atmosphere of argon for 12 h was seen to produce a hydride signal identical with that observed for **2** (δ -33.0 ppm, J_{P-H} = 13 Hz). Conversely, spectra identical with those of **1** under

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 (8) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, 20 °C in CD₂Cl₂ under 1 atm H₂): δ 2.36 (m, 6 H), 1.26 (m, 36 H), -17.0 (br s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (122 MHz, 20 °C in CD₂Cl₂ under 1 atm H₂): δ 51 ppm (br s). Anal. Calcd: C, 39.15; H, 8.40; Cl, 6.42. Found: C, 39.94; H, 8.40; Cl, 6.66. IR (KBr in gas cell under H₂): ν_{M-H} 2204 (vw) and 2152 (m) cm⁻¹ (deuteride ν_{M-D} 1568 (vw) and 1540 (m) cm⁻¹). As has been the case with previously isolated dihydrogen² complexes of iridium, no absorptions assignable to the H-H modes of **1** could be conclusively identified in comparison with the IR spectrum of the HD-substituted complex.

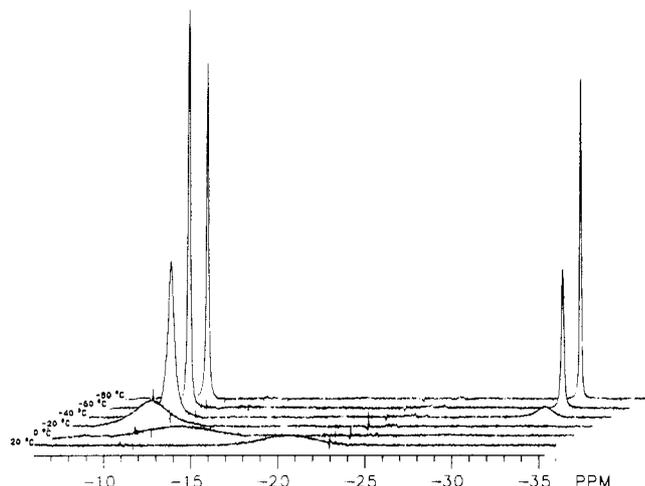


Figure 1. Variable-temperature ^1H NMR spectra (300 MHz) of the hydride region of $\text{IrH}_2\text{Cl}(\eta^2\text{-H}_2)[\text{P}(i\text{-Pr})_3]_2$ dissolved in toluene- d_8 under 0.5 atm of H_2 (total pressure).

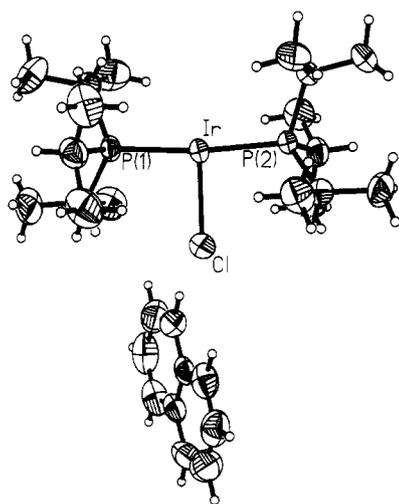


Figure 2. ORTEP projection of $\text{IrH}_2\text{Cl}(\eta^2\text{-H}_2)[\text{P}(i\text{-Pr})_3]_2$. Selected bond lengths (Å): Ir-Cl = 2.427 (2); Ir-P(1) = 2.303 (1); Ir-P(2) = 2.307 (1). Hydrides on iridium were not located.

hydrogen pressure are obtained from samples of **2** under hydrogen pressure. These observations clearly demonstrate that the broad upfield resonance is due to rapidly exchanging metal-bound hydrogen and free hydrogen. This behavior contrasts with that of the cationic η^2 -dihydrogen complexes^{2,3} in CD_2Cl_2 solution for which exchange with free H_2 is not observable on the NMR time scale.

Variable-temperature ^1H NMR spectra of a sample of **1** under 0.5 atm of H_2 in toluene- d_8 are shown in Figure 1. Below -40°C , separate resonances are clearly observed for the hydrides of **2** and the exchanging hydride and dihydrogen ligands⁹ of **1** at -32.1 and -10.7 ppm respectively. The position of the equilibrium seen in Scheme I, as reflected by the relative intensities of these resonances, moves in the direction of **1** with increasing hydrogen pressure. Thus the hydride resonance of **2** is not observed at low temperatures for samples under 1 atm of H_2 . The minimum T_1 value of 22 ms found¹⁰ for the -10.7 ppm resonance at -60°C clearly indicates the presence of a dihydrogen ligand⁵ in **1**.¹¹ Between -20 and -60°C , the width of the -10.7 ppm resonance

decreases with decreasing temperature, but at -60°C it remains too broad ($\nu_{1/2} = 32$ Hz) for resolution of P-H coupling. Below -60°C , the resonance broadens, reflecting a slowing of the exchange between the dihydrogen and hydride ligands of **1**.¹² However, the exchange remains fast on the NMR time scale to the -95°C freezing limit of toluene- d_8 .

The molecular structure of $1\text{-C}_{10}\text{H}_8$ was determined by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study.¹³ A room-temperature analysis yielded the positions of the $\text{IrCl}[\text{P}(i\text{-Pr})_3]_2$ framework along the naphthalene of crystallization. An ORTEP diagram of the obtained structure is seen in Figure 2. The closest approach of the naphthalene molecule to the iridium center is 4.32 Å, clearly demonstrating the lack of a coordinative interaction. The Ir-Cl distance of 2.427 (2) Å is appreciably longer than the 2.31 Å sum of the atomic radii of the atoms or the 2.324 (5) Å distance found¹⁴ for $\text{trans-}[\text{IrCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2]^+$ and reflects the pronounced influence of a trans hydride ligand. The hydride ligands could not be reliably located.¹⁵

It is surprising that **1** is a η^2 -dihydrogen complex that undergoes facile exchange with free H_2 while the closely related complex $\text{IrH}_5[\text{P}(i\text{-Pr})_3]_2$ is a classical metal hydride complex with highly stabilized metal-hydrogen interactions.¹ Apparently, substitution of a hydride of $\text{IrH}_5[\text{P}(i\text{-Pr})_3]_2$ with the weaker σ -donor chloride lowers the electron density at the iridium center as in the cationic η^2 -dihydrogen complexes, such that the amount of charge transferred from the iridium center to the dihydrogen σ^* -antibonding orbital is within the limits in which a η^2 -dihydrogen ligand is stabilized relative to a tautomeric dihydride.¹⁶ Our NMR spectroscopic studies indicate that although the rate of exchange between the dihydrogen and hydride ligands in our neutral complex is similar to those of cationic iridium complexes containing dihydrogen and hydride ligands,^{2,3} the elimination of hydrogen from the neutral complex is far more facile, reflecting a much weaker metal-dihydrogen interaction. Thus while the charge transfers from iridium to the dihydrogen σ^* -orbital are similar in the neutral and cationic complexes, the dihydrogen σ -donor interaction is apparently much weaker in the case of the neutral complex. Preliminary studies of the PCy_3 and $\text{P}(t\text{-Bu})_3$ analogues of **1** have indicated that dynamic behavior similar to that of **1** is common to neutral iridium dihydrogen complexes. The elucidation of such general trends may result in increased predictability of the reactivity of iridium polyhydrides.

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(9) A resonance for free hydrogen at 4.60 ppm could not be conclusively identified due to signal broadening because of its involvement in the fluxional process and due to low signal intensity because of the low solubility of H_2 at lower temperatures.

(10) Measured by inversion-recovery with a 180- τ -90 pulse sequence.

(11) A minimum T_1 value of 98 ms, indicative⁵ of a classical hydride, was found for the -32.1 ppm resonance at -60°C .

(12) As a consequence of this high fluxionality, the -11 ppm resonance which is observed for a sample of **2** placed under 1 atm of HD shows no resolvable $^1J_{\text{HD}}$ at any temperature. The lack of an observable $^1J_{\text{HD}}$ in complexes containing highly fluxional dihydrogen and hydride ligands was reported previously in ref 2.

(13) Crystallographic data: triclinic $P1$, $Z = 2$; $a = 8.069$ (3) Å, $b = 13.822$ (6) Å, $c = 14.519$ (5) Å, $\alpha = 82.56$ (3) $^\circ$, $\beta = 82.34$ (3) $^\circ$, $\gamma = 72.90$ (3) $^\circ$, $V = 1527.0$ (9) Å³, $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.471$ g/cm³; $\mu = 45.60$ cm⁻¹; Nicolet P3 diffractometer, Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å); 7784 independent reflections with $4^\circ < 2\theta < 45^\circ$ collected, 7001 reflections used in refinement with $I > 3\sigma(I)$; $R = 0.032$, $R_w = 0.031$, GOF = 1.387.

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Potentiometry and NMR Studies of 1,5,9-Triazacyclododecane-*N,N',N''*-triacetic Acid and Its Metal Ion Complexes

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A new chelating macrocycle, 1,5,9-triazacyclododecane-*N,N',N''*-triacetic acid (DOTRA), has been synthesized, and its complexes with Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺, and Mn²⁺ have been examined by potentiometry and NMR spectroscopy. The first protonation constant of the free ligand (log $K_1 = 12.8$) was determined spectrophotometrically, while the remaining were evaluated from potentiometric data (log $K_2 = 7.55$, log $K_3 = 3.65$, log $K_4 = 2.1$). DOTRA forms complexes with Mn²⁺, Mg²⁺, and Ca²⁺ rather slowly but reacts much more rapidly with Zn²⁺ and Cd²⁺. As reported previously for the nine-membered-ring triaza analogue NOTA, DOTRA also forms a more stable complex with Mg²⁺ than with Ca²⁺ (log $K_{st} = 7.1$ versus 6.0). High-resolution NMR spectra of the Zn²⁺, Cd²⁺, and Mg²⁺ complexes (log $K_{st} = 19.0$, 15.7, and 7.1, respectively) indicate the three six-membered chelate rings are symmetrical and quite rigid in aqueous solution, as evidenced by nonequivalence of all six chelate ring protons.

Introduction

The complexation properties of the macrocyclic polyaza polycarboxylates have attracted considerable interest in recent years because the structural, equilibrium, and kinetic behavior of their metal ion complexes differ considerably from those of the analogous noncyclic polyamino polycarboxylates. Some of these ligands are also of practical importance, since their gadolinium(III) and manganese(II) complexes may be used as contrast agents for magnetic resonance imaging.^{1,2} While several tetraaza tetra-carboxylates have been prepared and investigated, the only triaza tricarboxylate reported so far is 1,4,7-triazacyclononane-*N,N',N''*-triacetic acid (H₃NOTA).³ NOTA forms 1:1 complexes of high stability with a number of metal ions. Such complexes have been prepared with Al(III), Cr(III), Mn(II) and -(III), Fe(II) and -(III), Co(II) and -(III), Ni(II) and -(III), and Cu(II).⁴⁻⁷ NOTA was found to be coordinated as a hexadentate ligand, and contrary to the complexes of the flexible EDTA, which often contain a H₂O molecule in the inner sphere (e.g. Mn²⁺-(EDTA)(H₂O)⁸), the NOTA complexes with these ions are all six-coordinate. The geometry of several complexes investigated by X-ray diffraction was found to be distorted octahedral^{5,7} (Cr(NOTA), Ni(NOTA)⁻) or distorted prismatic⁵ (Fe(NOTA), Cu(NOTA)⁻) with a significant strain in the molecular framework.

The stability constants of the NOTA complexes are in general similar to those of EDTA.³ A significant size selectivity was observed for the smaller Mg²⁺ ion, however. The stability constant of Mg(NOTA)⁻ is higher^{7,9} than that of Ca(NOTA)⁻, while the complexes of Ca²⁺ with the larger tetraaza tetracarboxylates are all more stable than the corresponding Mg²⁺ complexes.¹⁰ The structure of Mn(NOTA)⁻ in solution is apparently similar to the solid-state structures described above, since NMRD studies of the relaxation rate of water protons in the solutions of Mn(NOTA)⁻ indicate there are no inner-sphere water molecules.²

The relationship between the structure of these macrocycles (ring size, number of the five- versus six-membered chelate rings)

and the thermodynamic and kinetic stability of their complexes is not well understood despite numerous investigations in this area. We have initiated the preparation and study of other triaza tricarboxylate macrocycles in an effort to further delineate these relationships and report here the acid-base and complexation properties of the new 12-membered-ring ligand 1,5,9-triazacyclododecanetriacetic acid (H₃DOTRA).

Experimental Section

Materials. All chemicals were of analytical grade and were used without further purification. Triazacyclododecane trihydrobromide was synthesized as described elsewhere.¹¹ Solutions of ZnCl₂, CdCl₂, MnCl₂, CaCl₂, and MgCl₂ were standardized complexometrically. The concentration of the DOTRA solution was also determined by complexometry using a standardized CuCl₂ solution and murexide as an indicator. KOH was standardized by potentiometric titration against potassium hydrogen phthalate¹² and stored under a N₂ atmosphere.

1,5,9-Triazacyclododecane. 1,5,9-Triazacyclododecane trihydrobromide (0.79 g, 1.91 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of water and the pH adjusted to 12 or higher using 5 M NaOH. The solution was concentrated to about 5 mL in vacuo and extracted with methylene chloride (3 × 5 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over NaOH pellets, and filtered. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo to leave the free amine as a yellow oil in 89% yield (0.29 g, 1.69 mmol): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ 1.45 (p, 6 H), 2.55 (t, 12 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃), δ 26.23, 47.43.

1,5,9-Triazacyclododecane-1,5,9-triacetic Acid Trimethyl Ester. 1,5,9-Triazacyclododecane (0.076 g, 0.44 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL

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