

trans-chlorodinitrogenbis(triphenylphosphine)iridium(I), 21414-18-6; *trans*-bromocarbonylbis(methyldiphenylphosphine)iridium(I), 19354-07-5; trifluoroacetyl chloride, 354-32-5; difluoroacetyl chloride, 381-72-6; monofluoroacetyl chloride, 359-06-8; acetyl chloride, 75-36-5; trifluoromethyl iodide, 2314-97-8.

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Trans-Ligand Effects in the Insertion Reactions of Ethylene and Phenylmethylacetylene with Neutral and Cationic Hydridoplatinum(II) Complexes

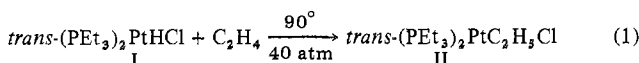
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A series of cationic *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtHL⁺PF₆⁻ (L = acetone, CO, PEt₃, AsPh₃, P(OMe)₃, P(OPh)₃) and neutral *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtHX (X⁻ = Cl⁻, NO₃⁻, NO₂⁻, CN⁻) complexes has been prepared and allowed to react with ethylene and phenylmethylacetylene. The reactivity to give inserted products is found to be a function of the trans group, L or X⁻. Although the acetylene is the more reactive toward insertion, the same order of reactivity is found for both ethylene and phenylmethylacetylene. Reactivity of the cationic hydrides decreases in the order L = acetone >> CO > AsPh₃ > P(OPh)₃, P(OMe)₃, PEt₃ while the neutral hydrides follow the order X⁻ = NO₃⁻ > Cl⁻, NO₂⁻, CN⁻. The mechanistic implications are considered and a general mechanism for insertion is proposed.

Chatt and Shaw's¹ initial demonstration of the insertion reaction 1 has provided a mechanistic foundation for many



discussions of homogeneous catalytic hydrogenation and isomerization.^{2,3}

The intimate details of reaction 1 were initially assumed^{4,5} to involve associative olefin coordination to give a five-coordinate hydridoolefin intermediate, followed by a migratory rearrangement and collapse to a square-planar insertion product. It has been pointed out that, in certain cases, an alternative mechanistic pathway not previously considered may apply.⁶

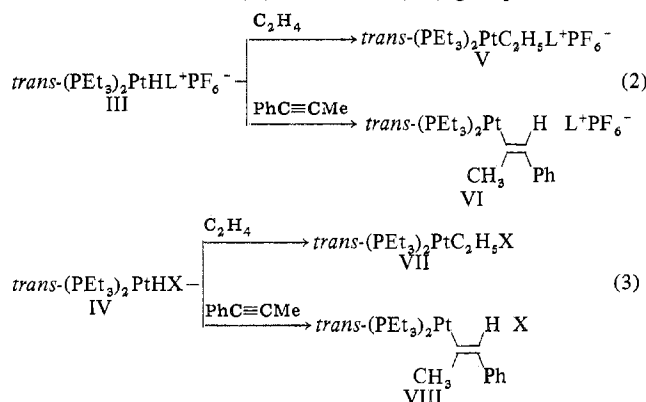
Thus, when the ligand trans to hydride is very weakly coordinating (e.g., as with acetone or NO₃⁻), a mechanism involving olefin coordination in the nascent site with displacement of the trans ligand to give a four-coordinate hydridoolefin complex is operative.

We recently presented evidence regarding this apparent mechanistic dichotomy⁸ and discussed kinetic data which establish that in certain cases insertion proceeds by the latter mechanism.^{9,10}

Some additional results reported herein indicate that the insertion of olefins and acetylenes into platinum-hydrogen bonds of square-planar Pt(II) complexes may be more profitably described in terms of a unified reaction scheme wherein the fate of the initially formed five-coordinate species is determined in large part by the ligand trans to hydride. Hence, the reaction may lead to insertion directly or to insertion via a pathway involving preliminary substitution.

Results

In an attempt to determine the mechanistic significance of the trans ligand we have investigated reactions 2 and 3 using a number of neutral (L) or anionic (X⁻) groups.



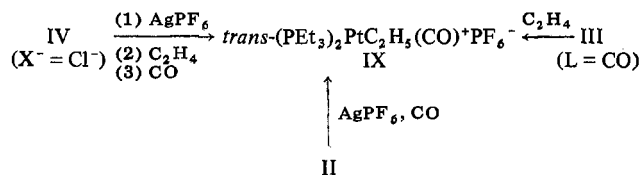
Reactions with Ethylene. Since the reaction of platinum(II) hydride complexes with nonterminal, fluorine- or cyano-substituted olefins is complicated by low yields of alkyl product⁶ or competition from reactions other than insertion,^{11,12} we have chosen ethylene as a model olefinic substrate. Samples containing the hydride complexes III or IV in acetone solution were prepared and sealed in NMR tubes with 1.5 equiv of ethylene. The tubes were placed in a thermostated bath at 35° and monitored by observing changes in the upfield NMR signal due to Pt-H. After 6 months the tubes were opened and the contents analyzed by examination of their infrared spectra.

Although reaction 3 has been shown to occur under forcing conditions⁴ (100°, 100 atm) for IV ($X^- = \text{Cl}^-, \text{CN}^-$), both of these compounds as well as IV ($X^- = \text{NO}_2^-$)¹³ were found to be inert toward reaction with ethylene under the conditions described in the Experimental Section. No changes were observed in the Pt-H NMR signal and infrared analysis of the total crude products shows a strong $\nu_{\text{Pt-H}}$ and no trace of the 1200-cm⁻¹ band characteristic of the Pt-CH₂CH₃ moiety.¹

In contrast, IV ($X^- = \text{NO}_3^-$) reacts very rapidly with ethylene in acetone⁹ or methanol⁷ according to eq 3 to give *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtC₂H₅NO₃.

Reaction of ethylene with cationic platinum(II) hydride complexes containing a loosely bound solvent molecule *trans* to hydride (III, L = MeOH, acetone) has received considerable attention.^{6,9,10} In general, a rapid, nearly quantitative insertion according to eq 2 occurs. It has been established that some neutral ligands, L, block insertion,⁶ and we find, in agreement, that complexes III (L = PEt₃, P(OMe)₃, P(OPh)₃, AsPh₃) do not react with ethylene at 35° (1 atm).

Samples of III (L = CO) and ethylene in sealed tubes showed a slow consumption of hydride, which was complete after ca. 2–3 days at 35°. The product was identified as *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtC₂H₅(CO)+PF₆⁻ which could also be obtained by CO quenching of the product from reaction of III (L = acetone) or by treatment of II with CO in the presence of AgPF₆.

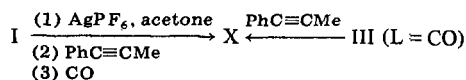


It was critical to determine whether the formation of IX proceeded *via* a substitution route in which CO is displaced. Previous studies had shown that insertion results only if L is labile.⁶ Repetition of the reaction with III (L = CO) and ethylene in a continuous-flow reactor designed to purge the system of carbon monoxide (see Experimental Section for details) gave the same product (IX). It is then certain that CO does not leave the coordination sphere during insertion.

Reactions with Phenylmethylacetylene. Previous studies have shown that nonterminal acetylenes bearing strong electron-withdrawing groups slowly insert into the Pt-C bond of Q₂PtMeCl¹⁴ and that the reaction proceeds more readily with Q₂PtCH₃(acetone)+PF₆⁻ in nonnucleophilic media.¹⁵ Simple olefins are, however, less reactive in this sense.¹⁶

In agreement with these results and with the greater reactivity anticipated for Pt-H vs. Pt-C,¹⁵ we find that phenylmethylacetylene reacts readily with a number of neutral (III) and cationic (IV) hydrides. The neutral species IV where $X^- = \text{Cl}^-, \text{NO}_3^-$, but not IV where $X^- = \text{CN}^-$, reacted with PhC≡CMe in methanol according to eq 3 to give the appropriate vinyl derivatives. Reactions also occurred with the cationic hydrides III (L = AsPh₃, CO, acetone). The times of completion of the reactions (Table I), estimated by following the disappearance of the Pt-H NMR signal and/or the appearance of the product peaks of a solution containing ca. 0.3 M III or IV and 0.4 M PhC≡CMe, indicate that the relative ease of insertion is in the order of $X^- = \text{NO}_3^- > \text{Cl}^- \gg \text{CN}^-$ for IV and L = acetone > CO > AsPh₃ > phosphites for III.

trans-(PEt₃)₂Pt(C(CH₃)=CHPh)CO+PF₆⁻ (X) could also be obtained by CO quenching of the product from reaction of III (L = acetone) or III (L = CO) with PhC≡CMe in a



nitrogen-purged flow reactor described above.

Table I. Comparative Rates for the Insertion of Methylphenylacetylene

Complex	Solvent	Time of completion ^a
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtH(NO ₃)	Methanol- <i>d</i>	5 min
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtH(NO ₃)	Acetone- <i>d</i>	3 hr
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtHCl	Methanol- <i>d</i>	40 hr
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtHCl	Acetone- <i>d</i>	No observable reaction after 7 days
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtHCl	Benzene- <i>d</i>	No observable reaction after 7 days
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtHCN	Methanol	No observable reaction
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtH(acetone)+PF ₆ ⁻	Acetone- <i>d</i>	5 min
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtH(CO)+PF ₆ ⁻	Acetone- <i>d</i>	20 hr
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtH(AsPh ₃)+PF ₆ ⁻	Acetone- <i>d</i>	8 days
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtHP(OPh) ₃ +PF ₆ ⁻	Methanol	No observable reaction ^b
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtHP(OMe) ₃ +PF ₆ ⁻	Methanol	No observable reaction ^b
(PEt ₃) ₂ PtH(PEt ₃)+PF ₆ ⁻	Methanol	No observable reaction ^b

^a For a reaction mixture containing 0.3 M complex and 0.4 M PhC≡CMe. ^b In a reaction time of at least 1 month.

Table II. PMR Parameters for the Platinum-Vinyl Complexes

	H ^a		CH ₃ ^a	
	δ, ppm	J _{Pt-H} , Hz	δ, ppm	J _{Pt-H} , Hz
<i>trans</i> -(PEt ₃) ₂ Pt-(C(CH ₃)=CHPh)NO ₃	6.65	91.8	2.23	56.5
<i>trans</i> -(PEt ₃) ₂ Pt-(C(CH ₃)=CHPh)Cl	6.76	90.0	2.27	56.5
<i>trans</i> -(PEt ₃) ₂ Pt-(C(CH ₃)=CHPh)AsPh ₃ +PF ₆ ⁻	6.60	77.6	2.38	46.4
<i>trans</i> -(PEt ₃) ₂ Pt-(C(CH ₃)=CHPh)CO+PF ₆ ⁻	6.52	60.4	2.14	37.3

^a All compounds measured in CDCl₃.

All the vinyl compounds VI and VIII have the *cis* geometry about the vinylic C=C bond in agreement with the expectation that insertion occurs via collapse of a four-center transition state. The stereochemistry in each case is evident from a consideration of their NMR spectra (Table II). Coupling between the vinyl proton and ¹⁹⁵Pt is in the range expected for a *cis* geometry^{17,18} but decreases with increasing *trans* influence of L or X⁻:¹⁹ NO₃⁻ > Cl⁻ > AsPh₃ > CO. Coupling to the two equivalent *cis* PEt₃ groups is not observed but some small ⁴J coupling to the methyl group is apparent (⁴J < 1 Hz). Coupling of the vinyl CH₃ group to ¹⁹⁵Pt shows a similar trend relating to the *trans* influence of X⁻ or L.

Discussion

Previously we have demonstrated that the presence of substitution-labile ligands in the *trans* position, such as acetone and NO₃⁻ in III or IV, greatly facilitates the insertion of "un" into the Pt-H bond.^{6,8-10} It has further been demonstrated that insertion proceeds via a four-coordinated intermediate, Q₂PtH(un)⁺ (Q = tertiary phosphine), in these cases.^{9,10} In contrast, evidence is here presented that in the reaction of III (L = CO) with ethylene and PhC≡CMe, CO does not leave the coordination sphere during insertion. It is therefore apparent that the mechanism of the insertion reactions of unsaturated organic compounds into Pt-H bonds depends on the *trans* ligands present in the complexes; insertion may occur via initial substitution ($X^- = \text{Cl}^-, \text{NO}_3^-$ and L = acetone, methanol) or via a five-coordinated transition state ($X^- = \text{SnCl}_3^-, \text{L} = \text{CO}, \text{AsPh}_3$). These results can be accommodated in a generalized reaction mechanism presented in Scheme I.

Five-coordinate species XI, typical of those postulated for substitution reactions of square-planar Pt(II) complexes,²⁰ are initially formed by interaction with "un". These may be transition states with exceedingly short lifetimes (an associative interchange I_a process in the nomenclature of Langford and Gray²⁰) or, with increasing stabilities, bona fide intermediates observable kinetically or spectroscopically (a nonconcerted

with CH₂Cl₂. Crystallization from CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O gave white crystals, mp 144–145°. Anal. Calcd for C₃₉H₅₄PtAsPF₆: C, 46.85; H, 5.44. Found: C, 46.78; H, 5.48. Ir (KBr disk): 1585 (br, m) (Pt-vinyl), 840 (s), 555 (s) (PF₆), and other bands at 1480 (ms), 1450 (m), 1434 (s), 1415 (m), 1380 (mw), 1308 (w), 1350 (w), 1183 (w), 1158 (w), 1075 (m), 1035 (s), 998 (m), 760 (s), 738 (s), 695 (s), 530 (w), 485 (sh), 470 (w), 415 (w). PMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.60 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 77.6 Hz, PtC=CH), 2.38 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 46.4 Hz, PtCCH₃), 1.50 (m, P-CH₂CH₃), 1.02 (q, P-CH₂CH₃), 7.13, 7.60 (m) (AsPh₃, PtC=CPh).

Reaction of the Hydrides III and IV with Ethylene. A solution of 100 mg of the appropriate hydride was prepared in 0.3 ml of acetone-*d*₆ in an NMR tube; then ca. 1.5 equiv of ethylene was condensed in and the tube was sealed. Samples were placed in a 35° bath and monitored via observation of the PMR spectrum. No changes over a 6-month period were observed for III (L = PEt₃, AsPh₃, P(OMe)₃, P(OPh)₃) and IV (X⁻ = Cl⁻, CN⁻, NO₂⁻). The tubes were then cooled to -78° and opened. Infrared (KBr pellet) analysis of the tube contents showed strong bands for ν_{Pt-H}; the spectra were transparent at 1200 cm⁻¹.

Preparation of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂Pt(C(CH₃)=CHPh)CO⁺PF₆⁻. A. To a solution prepared by adding 80 mg of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtHCO⁺PF₆⁻ to 2 ml of methanol was added 0.2 ml of phenylmethylacetylene. After stirring of the mixture for 24 hr (35°) the solvent was removed and the residue taken up in CH₂Cl₂. The crude product was purified by chromatography through a Florisil column eluting with CH₂Cl₂. Crystallization from CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O gave white needles, mp 134–135° (64 mg). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₉PtOPF₆: C, 36.62; H, 5.45. Found: C, 36.75; H, 5.38. Ir (KBr disk): 2115 (vs) (CO), 1580, 1565 (mw) (Pt-vinyl), 840 (vs), 555 (s) (PF₆), and other bands at 1490 (mw), 1450 (m), 1422 (m), 1398 (m), 1260 (br, w), 1090 (w), 1040 (s), 1010 (mw), 910 (mw), 765 (s), 755 (sh), 745 (m), 700 (m), 513 (m), 458 (w), 410 (w). PMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (m, PtC=CPh), 6.52 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 60.4 Hz, PtC=CH), 2.14 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 37.3 Hz, PtCCH₃), 2.11 (m, P-CH₂CH₃); 0.94 (q, P-CH₂CH₃).

B. To 100 mg of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtHCl in 2 ml of acetone was added 53.2 mg of AgPF₆ dissolved in acetone. The white precipitate was centrifuged and 49 mg of PhC≡CCH₃ was syringed into the supernatant. After 15 min carbon monoxide was bubbled through for a period of 5 min. Removal of solvent left a colorless oil which was triturated with ether. The resulting white sticky solid was chromatographed through a small Florisil column eluted with CH₂Cl₂ and crystallized from CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O to give 71 mg of white solid, mp 130–131°. Infrared analysis showed this material to be identical with that prepared in A.

C. A solution of 49 mg *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtHCl in 5 ml of methanol was injected into the flow reactor described above. PhC≡CMe (0.15 ml) was injected and the reactor immersed in a 35° bath and continuously purged with a slow N₂ stream. Infrared analysis of a 0.5-ml aliquot showed that reaction was complete after 48 hr. The spectrum was transparent at 2220 cm⁻¹ and showed strong ν_{C=O} as described above.

Preparation of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂Pt(C(CH₃)=CHPh)(NO₃). To a solution of 180 mg of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtH(NO₃) in 2 ml of MeOH was added 200 μl of CH₃C≡CPh. After 1 hr the solution was evaporated to dryness under vacuum yielding a yellow oil which was eluted through a short Florisil column with ether. Hexane (15 ml) was introduced to the eluent. The solvent mixture was heated gently to evaporate away the ether. Large long white needles of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtC(CH₃)CHPh(NO₃) were formed on cooling; yield 165 mg (75%); mp 103–104°. Anal. Calcd for PtC₂₁H₃₉Pt₂NO₃: C, 41.30; H, 6.39; N, 2.29. Found: C, 41.70; H, 6.55; N, 2.24. Ir (Nujol): 1590 (mw) (Pt-vinyl), 1465, 1279 (s) (NO₃), and other bands at 1239 (w), 1173 (w), 1109 (w), 1083 (mw), 1067 (w), 1033 (s), 1006 (m), 991 (m), 920 (w), 339 (w), 805 (w), 769 (s), 753 (m), 731 (s), 708 (m), 670 (w), 513 (w), 410 (w). PMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (m, PtC=CPh), 6.65 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 91.8 Hz, PtC=CH), 2.23 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 56.5 Hz, PtCCH₃), 1.80 (m, P-CH₂CH₃), 1.20 (q, P-CH₂CH₃).

Preparation of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂Pt(C(CH₃)=CHPh)Cl. The method of preparation is similar to that of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂Pt(C(CH₃)=CHPh)(NO₃). *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtHCl was used and the mixture was allowed to react overnight; yield 60%; mp 104–105°. Anal. Calcd

for PtC₂₁H₃₉Pt₂Cl: C, 43.18; H, 6.68; Cl, 6.08. Found: C, 43.55; H, 6.60; Cl, 6.22. Ir (Nujol): 1590, 1588, 1568 (m) (Pt-vinyl), and other bands at 1490 (m), 1412 (m), 1252 (w), 1240 (w), 1151 (w), 1082 (m), 1068 (w), 1038 (s), 1015 (w), 911 (w), 832 (m), 809 (w), 769 (s), 753 (m), 731 (s), 708 (m), 570 (w), 530 (mw), 513 (w), 410 (w). PMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.38 (m, PtC=CPh), 6.76 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 90.0 Hz, PtC=CH), 2.27 (t, *J*_{Pt-H} = 56.5 Hz, PtCCH₃), 2.0 (m, P-CH₂CH₃), 1.2 (q, P-CH₂CH₃).

Preparation of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtEt(NO₃). Ethylene was bubbled into a solution of 100 mg of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtH(NO₃) in 5 ml of MeOH for 1 hr at room temperature. The reaction mixture was then evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The resulting white solid residue was dissolved in ether and passed through a short Florisil column, and 3 ml of hexane was introduced. Evaporation of ether and cooling overnight at 0° gave white crystals of *trans*-(PEt₃)₂PtEt(NO₃); yield 90 mg (83%); mp 74–76°. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₅Pt₂NO₃: C, 32.18; H, 6.70; N, 2.68. Found: C, 32.20; H, 6.95; N, 2.75. Ir (Nujol): 1457, 1284 (s) (NO₃), and other bands at 1254 (w), 1200 (w), 1036 (s), 1015 (sh), 836 (w), 765 (s), 730 (s), 711 (sh). PMR: δ 1.80 (m, P-CH₂CH₃), 1.16 (q, P-CH₂CH₃), ca. 0.92 (b, Pt-CH₂CH₃).

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