Rapid Access to ¹⁸³W NMR Parameters of Tungsten Complexes via Reverse 2D ¹H,¹⁸³W and ³¹P,¹⁸³W NMR Spectroscopy

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The indirect two-dimensional ³¹P,¹⁸³W and ¹H,¹⁸³W shift correlation spectroscopy is presented for the most efficient access to ¹⁸³W NMR parameters of tungsten complexes that exhibit a J(W,P) or J(W,H) coupling. For the Cp-bridged binuclear tungsten complex with terminal hydrido groups $[W(CO)_3H]_2[\mu-[(\eta^5-C_5H_4)_2Si(CH_3)_2]]$ (1) as well as the complexes $[W(CO)_2]_2(\mu-H)(\mu-PMe_2)$ - $[\mu-[(\eta^5-C_5H_4)_2SiMe_2]]$ (2) and $[W_2(CO)_3](\mu-PMe_2)_2[\mu-[(\eta^5-C_5H_4)_2SiMe_2]]$ (3), it is shown that the indirect observation scheme is at least by a factor of 100 more sensitive than the one-dimensional polarization transfer (INEPT) technique. Moreover, the ¹H- and ³¹P-detected multiple-quantum NMR spectroscopy is much more insensitive to misset of the tungsten carrier frequency, and therefore larger ¹⁸³W shift ranges can be covered within one reverse two-dimensional experiment. In addition $\delta(^{183}W)$ and the magnitude and relative signs of J(W,H), J(W,P), and J(P,H) can be easily extracted from such experiments.

Introduction

Complexes of tungsten are of considerable interest in preparative, mechanistic inorganic² and organometallic³ chemistry as well as in many industrial processes.⁴ Characterization of dissolved tungsten complexes via ¹⁸³W NMR spectroscopy can be extremely informative, because the spectral range is large and the line widths of the signals of this magnetically active spin-1/2nucleus are narrow.⁵ Unfortunately the NMR receptivity of the ¹⁸³W isotope is rather low.⁶ Until now methods for sensitivity improvement were based on one-dimensional double-resonance experiments,⁷ special pulse excitation techniques,⁸ use of large sample volumes and relaxation reagents,9 and polarization transfer techniques like INEPT.¹⁰ Recently, the reverse two-dimensional NMR technique was introduced¹¹⁻¹⁵ by which NMR shifts of insensitive low- γ nuclei such as ¹⁵N,^{12,13,16} ¹⁰³Rh,¹⁷ ¹⁸³W,¹⁸ ⁵⁷Fe,¹⁹ and ¹⁸⁷Os²⁰ were obtained via observation of the protons coupled

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to these nuclei. However many tungsten complexes only have very small or even no scalar couplings to protons.⁵ On the other hand, phosphorous compounds are frequently used as ligands in tungsten chemistry and J(W,P) couplings are rather large.⁵ We have therefore modified a standard multinuclear NMR spectrometer for reverse two-dimensional detection of low- γ nuclei via the ³¹P nucleus. In this paper the sensitivity and versality of this approach is investigated on a semiquantitative level by using the Cp-bridged binuclear tungsten complexes $1-3^{21,22}$ with terminal hydrido groups as well as hydrido and/or phosphido bridges (cf. Chart I). Furthermore, it will be demonstrated how easily the tungsten NMR parameters $\delta(^{183}W)$, J(W,P), and J(W,H) as well as the relative signs of these couplings in 2 can be extracted from reverse two-dimensional ¹H,¹⁸³W and ³¹P,¹⁸³W experiments, giving further evidence that this technique is superior to any other reported so far for recording the NMR spectra of low- γ nuclei that exhibit a scalar coupling to a more sensitive nucleus.

Experimental Section

Materials. The synthesis and structure of complexes 1-3 were reported recently ^{21,22} The NMR measurements were carried out on solutions of 1 and 2 in the THF- d_8 and of 3 in toluene- d_8 in sealed 5-mm sample tubes. The concentration of 2 was less than 1 mg and that of 1 and 3 about 10 mg in 0.5 mL.

NMR Spectra. All NMR spectra of 1-3 were recorded under temperature control (T = 308 K) on a multinuclear Bruker WH 400 spectrometer equiped with an ASPECT 2000 and a fast-pulse programmer. A special 5-mm probe head was used. It is supplied with a deuterium lock channel, a doubly tuned inner coil (for ¹H and ³¹P), and an outer coil for X nuclei in the frequency range between 10 and 20 MHz. Pulsing and 90° phase cycling of the ¹H and ³¹P frequencies is achieved via the standard homo- and heteronuclear facilities of the spectrometer. The X-frequency (e.g. $^{183}W = 16.61 \text{ MHz}$) and its 90° phase cycling are generated via a PTS 160 synthesizer. Pulsing of this frequency is achieved with a BSV 3 unit. Thereby arbitrary pulsing of two heteronuclei like ³¹P and ¹⁸³W can be performed under computer control. Additionally, the ¹H decoupler (BB or CW) can be used in a computer-controlled multiple power level decoupling mode. The 90° ¹H pulse via the normal ¹H transmitter is 8 μ s as against 16 μ s via the ¹H decoupler. The 90° ³¹P pulse is 24 μ s, and the 90° pulse for the X nucleus

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Figure 1. Reverse two-dimensional 1 H, 183 W spectra of 1 in dependence on the tungsten pulse frequency: (a) on-resonance 183 W pulse; (b) 1000 Hz off-resonance 183 W pulse; (c) 10000-Hz off-resonance 183 W pulse (1 H at 400.13 MHz; recording time for each experiment 13 min). In the upper traces the corresponding F_2 projections are shown. Note that the incomplete suppression of the parent signals results from the small number of scans (8) per t_1 increment (cf. also Figure 3 where the parent 1 H and 31 P signals are completely suppressed).

is approximately 25 μ s in the frequency range 10-20 MHz. For ¹⁸³W the 90° pulse was 22 μ s.²³

The ¹H and ³¹P ohemical shifts are presented as δ values relative to external Me₄Si and 85% H₃PO₄, respectively. The ¹⁸³W chemical shifts were calculated via their absolute frequencies using a conversion factor: 16.613142 MHz corresponds to $\delta(^{183}W(CQ)_6) = -3484$ relative to Na₂WO₄.¹⁸

Recording of the one-dimensional unrefocused ${}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{183}W$ and ${}^{31}P \rightarrow {}^{183}W$ INEPT spectra was performed with the standard sequence and a 16-step phase cycling. Two-dimensional reverse spectra were recorded by using sequence 1. This sequence yields $\delta({}^{183}W)$ in the F_1



dimension and ¹H or ³¹P NMR parameters in the F_2 dimension. Typically both the preparation and detection time were chosen around 1 s. The number of transitions for each t_1 increment varied between 16 (for 1) and 1600 scans (in the ³¹P-detected and ¹H-CW-decoupled spectra of 2, cf. Figure 3). Between 16 and 96 data points were chosen for generation of the F_1 dimension, and a spectral width up to 50000 Hz was covered within one experiment.

The two-dimensional spectra were subjected to sine bell and shifted sine bell apodization functions in the F_1 and F_2 dimensions before Fourier transformation and are presented in magnitude mode.

Results and Discussion

Sensitivity Considerations. In Figure 1 several two-dimensional reverse ¹H, ¹⁸³W spectra of compound 1 are presented. Identical acquisition parameters were used except for the tungsten carrier



Figure 2. ${}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{183}W$ INEPT spectra of 1 in dependence on the tungsten pulse frequency in stacked presentation: (a) on-resonance ${}^{183}W$ pulse; (b) 1000-Hz off-resonance and (c) 10000 Hz off-resonance ${}^{183}W$ pulse (${}^{183}W$ at 16.61 MHz; recording time for each experiment 6 h).

frequency. In Figure 1a it was set on resonance and in parts b and c of Figure 1 it was set at 1000 and 10000 Hz off-resonance, respectively, from the ¹⁸³W resonance frequency in 1. The digital resolution in the F_1 dimension was 1560 Hz/point before zero filling. The exact $\delta(^{183}W)$ values were obtained from reverse two-dimensional spectra with ±100 Hz spectral width in the F_1 dimension and a digital resolution of less than 5 Hz/point. The ¹H carrier frequency was set on the hydride signal $\delta(^1H) = -7.42$, which is known from the one-dimensional spectrum of the sensitive nucleus. Each of the spectra (parts a-c of Figure 1) was recorded

⁽²³⁾ A comprehensive paper on the reverse two-dimensional ³¹P,X technique $(X = low - \gamma nucleus)$ with a detailed description of the experimental set up is in preparation.



Figure 3. Reverse two-dimensional spectra of 2 at 9.4 T: (a) ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{183}W$ spectrum (recording time 1 h); (b) ${}^{31}P$, ${}^{183}W$ spectrum with CW decoupling of the PMe₂ protons (recording time 21 h); (c) F_1 , F_2 proton-decoupled ${}^{31}P$, ${}^{183}W$ spectrum (recording time 5 h). $J^*(P,H)$ denotes the scaled J(P,H) coupling resulting from the CW decoupling of the inequivalent methyl protons of the bridging PMe₂ group. In the upper traces the corresponding F_2 projections are shown. A total of 2000 transients were collected for the one-dimensional ${}^{1}H$ (a) and ${}^{31}P[{}^{1}H]$ (c) spectra, which are shown on top. (This corresponds to a recording time of 1.5 and 1 h, respectively.) Note that the low concentration of 2 makes measurement time for the corresponding one-dimensional polarization transfer spectra prohibitively long.

within 13 min. As can be seen from the F_2 projections, in practice there are no significant differences in the intensity of the satellites. Thus we conclude that the reverse 2D technique is very insensitive to misset of the X-nucleus carrier frequency. The opposite is true for the one dimensional ${}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{183}W$ INEPT experiment, which is illustrated in Figure 2. Again the ${}^{1}H$ carrier frequency was set on resonance while the ${}^{183}W$ carrier frequency was varied: in Figure 2a the tungsten pulse was set on resonance, and in Figure 2b it was set at 1000 Hz and in Figure 2c at 10 000 Hz off-resonance from the true ${}^{183}W$ frequency. The recording time for each of the spectra (parts a-c of Figure 2) was around 6 h.

A quantitative comparison of the sensitivity of the reverse 2D and the 1D INEPT experiment is difficult, because both types of experiments cannot be optimized by using identical parameters. We therefore compare the sensitivity when the individual experiments are carried out with optimum parameters. The ratio of the sensitivity for these types of experiments is estimated by the expression

$$(time(1)/time(2))^{1/2}(S/N(2))/(S/N(1))$$
 (2)

where time and S/N denote the recording time and signal to noise ratio of corresponding 2D reverse or 1D INEPT experiments. (In the two-dimensional spectra the S/N values are taken from the F_2 projections; cf. Figure 1). If the experiments are compared, Figure 1a with Figure 2a and Figure 1b with Figure 2b, the reverse two-dimensional technique is around 300 times more sensitive. (In our case a 1000-Hz misset of the ¹⁸³W carrier frequency practically causes no loss of the sensitivity of the INEPT experiment.) On the other hand, when the ¹⁸³W carrier frequency differs by 10 000 Hz or more from the real ¹⁸³W frequency, we were unable to produce INEPT spectra and the sensitivity gain of reverse two-dimensional experiment is then practically infinity.

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compd	δ(¹⁸³ W)	δ(³¹ P)	δ(¹ H) (hydride)	J, Hz
1	-3982		-7.42	J(W,H) = 36.0
2	-3854	+54.8	-13.88	J(W,H) = +39
				J(W,P) = +200.6 J(P,H) = -28
3	-3945 (W ¹) -3387 (W ²)	+73.1		$J(W^{1},P) = 95$ $J(W^{2},P) = 389$

^aSee Chart I for structures of 1-3.

Moreover, for compound 2 we could not record ${}^{1}H \rightarrow {}^{183}W$ INEPT spectra within a reasonable time (40 h) although its $\delta({}^{183}W)$ value was known from the reverse two-dimensional measurement.

Neglecting rf loss factors, the sensitivity gain of the two-dimensional reverse experiment is $(\gamma_H/\gamma_W)^3$ as opposed to γ_H/γ_W when the INEPT technique is employed. Theoretically, therefore, a sensitivity enhancement by a factor of 580 (¹H-detected ¹⁸³W parameters) or 100 (³¹P-detected ¹⁸³W parameters) should be expected. The numbers given above indicate that these sensitivity gains can be obtained in practice. (For a comparison between ¹H- and ³¹P-detected ¹⁸³W NMR parameters cf. also Figure 3). Frequently, however, the sensitivity difference between ¹H- and ³¹P-detected multiple-quantum ¹⁸³W NMR spectra is less than 5.8:1 because $J(^{31}P,^{183}W)$ is larger than $J(^{1}H,^{183}W)$ and because the ³¹P signals are not often modulated by homonuclear phosphorous couplings.

¹⁸³W NMR Parameters of 1-3. The ¹⁸³W NMR parameters of 1-3 are listed in Table I. The δ (¹⁸³W) values were obtained from the F_1 projections, whereas the relative signs of the spin-spin couplings in 2 can be derived directly from the positions of the cross peaks as shown in Figure 3. All three nuclei, ¹H, ³¹P and

¹⁸³W, have a positive magnetogyric ratio. Since in Figure 3a the ³¹P spins are not excited and the ¹⁸³W high-frequency cross-peak correlates with the low-frequency ¹H peak, it follows that sign $J(W,P) \neq \text{sign } J(H,P)$. By the same argumentation Figure 3b yields: sign $J(W,H) \neq \text{sign } J(P,H)$. Since ¹J(W,P) can be assumed to be positive,⁷ the signs of the residual couplings can be fixed.

The $\delta(^{183}W)$ value for the Cp-bridged complex 1 is similar to that observed earlier for CpW(CO)₃H.⁷ Also the ¹⁸³W shift of 2 fits well to what has been obtained for [CpW(CO)₃]₂.⁷ In view of the large ¹⁸³W scale, in such binuclear tungsten complexes $\delta(^{183}W)$ does not seem to depend significantly upon the type of the substituent (CO, H, PMe₂) that bridges the two tungsten atoms. The ¹⁸³W parameters of 3 support the assumption that there is a heteroallylic PW²P moiety.²² In such a system the phosphorous atoms have partial double bond character that is reflected by (compared to 2) smaller $J(W^1,P)$ and higher $J(W^2,P)$ values. The relatively unchanged shift for W¹ and the substantial deshielding of W^2 indicate that relevant contributions to the bonding in the heteroallylic system results from interactions of its terminal atoms with W^1 .

Conclusion

From our findings we conclude that in practice the sensitivity gain of the reverse two-dimensional NMR technique over the INEPT observation scheme is quite dramatic for low- γ spin- $^{1}/_{2}$ nuclei like ¹⁸³W. In particular since on-resonance conditions for the ¹⁸³W nucleus to be measured hardly can be met if $\delta(^{183}W)$ is unknown, the advantage of the ¹H- and ³¹P-detected multiple-quantum ¹⁸³W spectroscopy becomes evident. Furthermore this technique can also give the relative signs of scalar spin-spin couplings. Even when the scalar coupling of the insensitive low- γ nucleus to a sensitive nucleus like ¹H or ³¹P is small, we feel that the reverse two-dimensional recording technique is the method of choice.

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Syntheses and Structural Characteristics of New Highly Fluorinated Di-*tert*-butyl-1,3,2,4-diazadiphosphetidines

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A series of lithium salts of polyfluorinated alcohols were reacted with cis-1,3-di-tert-butyl-2,4-dichloro-1,3,2,4-diazadiphosphetidine (II) to form the polyfluoroalkoxy derivatives. The acyclic derivatives, i.e., $R_1O = CF_3CH_2O$, $CF_3CF_2CH_2O$, or $CF_3CF_2CF_2CH_2O$, gave the trans isomer as the major and stable product. The trans isomer also was the sole product with hexamethyldisilazane. However, when $R_1O = C_6F_5O$ or $(CF_3)_2CHO$, the cis isomer was more stable. Silver trifluoroacetate reacted with compound II resulting in the trans isomer as the major product that on standing at 25 °C underwent Arbuzov rearrangement. Reaction with lithiated polyfluorinated diols, LiOCH₂(CF₂)_{2,3}CH₂OLi, produced the polyfluorobis(alkoxy-bridged) diazaphosphetidine compounds.

Introduction

Syntheses and structural properties of 1,3,2,4-diazadiphosphetidines, I (R = aryl or alkyl; X = Cl), and their derivatives continue to attract considerable interest among synthetic chemists.²⁻⁶ Although the first such compound, where R = C_6H_5 and



X = Cl, was synthesized in 1894,⁷ it was not until 1969 that a 1,3,2,4-diazadiphosphetidine (R = t-C₄H₉; X = Cl) was fully characterized.⁸ Considerable structural data have been gathered for compound I, especially where R = t-C₄H₉ or C₆H₅ and X = OR or NR'R" (R = R' and R" = alkyl), to learn about the geometry at P(III).^{2,9,10} There appears to be a direct correlation

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between the ³¹P chemical shift and the geometric isomer present; i.e., the typical chemical shift for the *trans* isomer is on average 80-90 ppm downfield from the cis isomer of I^2

Advantage has been taken of the labile character of the phosphorus-chlorine bond to introduce alkoxy and dialkylamino substituents by straightforward metathetical reactions with retention of the four-membered heterocyclic ring.^{2,9-11} When R = t-C₄H₉ and X = alkoxy or amino, the cis isomers are thermodynamically more stable and the trans isomers that are formed in smaller yield are readily converted to the cis isomers either in solution at 25 °C or upon extended heating. The ³¹P NMR resonances for the cis isomers are found at higher field. Of particular relevance to our study of 1,3,2,4-diazadiphosphetidines with fluorinated substituents was the report that *only* the cis isomer was obtained when I (R = t-C₄H₉; X = Cl) was reacted with CF₃CH₂OH in the presence of triethylamine to form the first such compound with fluorine-containing substituents at P(III) (I: R = t-C₄H₉; X = CF₃CH₂O).^{10,11}

In an attempt to learn more about the effects of introducing nonsterically demanding, as well as bulky, strongly electronwithdrawing, substituents at phosphorus(III) on the formation, stability, and relative amounts of cis and trans isomers, we report the results obtained when metathetical reactions were carried out

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