Vibrational and NMR Spectroscopic Studies on (acac)M(substituted olefin)₂ (M = Rh(I), Ir(I))

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Spectroscopic studies (IR, Raman and ¹³C NMR) on the complexes $(acac)M(olefin)_2$ (M = Rh(I), Ir(I); olefin = ethylene, propylene, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, methyl acrylate and styrene) have been carried out and are used to interpret the bonding between the metal and the olefin. The metal-olefin bond is stronger for Ir than for Rh but the influence of the substituent on the olefin is the same.

Introduction

Reports have recently appeared on the influence of substituents on the olefinic group on the bonding between a metal atom and a substituted olefin. Cooper *et al.* [1] and Meester *et al.* [2, 3] have reported vibrational and NMR spectroscopic data for a large number of Pt(II)-olefin complexes, while Tolman *et al.* [4] have published ¹³C NMR data for Ni(0) compounds.

In this laboratory work is being carried out on the correlation of thermochemical data concerning the metal-ligand bond with vibrational (IR and Raman) and NMR data (13 C) [5]. In particular, we are interested in complexes of the type (acac)M(CH₂= CHX)₂ (M = Rh(I), Ir(I); CH₂=CHX = ethylene (ET), propylene (PR), vinyl chloride (VCl), vinyl acetate (VA), methyl acrylate (MA) and styrene (ST)), and also their relation to the dicarbonyl complexes, (acac)M(CO)₂. In this article the vibrational and NMR spectroscopic data are reported and used for a discussion of the metal-olefin bond. In a following article the thermochemical data will be reported and discussed in the light of the present findings.

Experimental

Preparations

Olefin complexes

 $(acac)Rh(ET)_2$ and $(acac)Ir(ET)_2$ were prepared according to literature methods [6, 7]. The other complexes were obtained by displacement of ET in the complexes $(acac)Rh(ET)_2$ or $(acac)Ir(ET)_2$ by an excess of olefin, following a procedure described by Cramer [8]. With the exception of PR the undiluted olefin was used as the solvent. In order to prevent polymerisation, the liquid olefin was distilled directly before use. After reaction, the excess of olefin was removed under vacuum and the resulting oil or solid dissolved in ether or pentane. The solution was forced through a layer of silicagel (Merck 0.063–0.200 mm). At low temperature (-20 to -80 °C) crystals were obtained and isolated by filtration. All reactions were carried out under dry, oxygen-free nitrogen.

All complexes are bright yellow as a powder, but they darken to orange when the crystals become larger. The PR and VCl complexes easily form oils. The complexes could be kept without decomposition for about a month at -20 °C except for (acac)Ir-(PR)₂ which decomposes within a week.

Dicarbonyl complexes

The complexes $(acac)Rh(CO)_2$ and $(acac)Ir(CO)_2$ were not prepared according to literature methods [9, 10] but by passing CO through a solution of (acac)- $M(ET)_2$ in hexane for one hour. The precipitate was filtered off and recrystallised from warm hexane. The analytical data are listed in Table I.

Spectroscopic Measurements

Infrared spectra of the solid compounds (KBr pellets) were recorded on a Beckman 4250 spectrophotometer. Raman spectra of the solid compounds were obtained using a Coderg PH1 spectrophotometer with dc detection. The 6471 Å line of a CRL 52 Kr⁺ laser was used as the exciting line. The dicarbonyl complexes and (acac)Ir(VCl)₂ decomposed in the laser beam, even at -190 °C. Raman spectra of solutions gave poor results. ¹³C NMR spectra were measured in CDCl₃ at 20 MHz on a Varian CFT 20 spectrometer with full proton decoupling. For most compounds 40,000 pulses (A.T. = 1 sec, P. D. = 0.8 sec) were necessary to give reasonable spectra. ¹³C chemical shifts were measured relative to CDCl₃ and are reported in ppm downfield from TMS using δ_{TMS} = δ_{CDCl_3} - 76.9 ppm.

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	(acac)R	h(olefin) ₂					(acac)Ir(olefin) ₂				
	%C		%H		% O		%C		%H		% O	
Olefin	calc.	found	calc.	found	calc.	found	calc.	found	calc.	found	calc.	found
ET	41.88	41.82	5.86	5.90	12.40	12.32	31.12	31.17	4.35	4.37	9.21	9.38
PR	46.16	45.89	6.69	6.75	11.18	11.69	35.19	35.25	5.10	5.01	-	-
VCla	33.06	33.12	4.01	4.04	10.22	10.05	25.97	26.04	3.15	3.32	7.69	7.84
VA	41.73	41.73	5.12	5.15	25.57	25.39	33.69	33.84	4.13	4.19	20.71	20.63
MA	41.73	41.70	5.12	5.20	25.57	25.60	33.69	34.00	4.13	4.28	20.71	20.55
ST	61.47	61.48	5.65	5.81	_	_	50.49	50.48	4.64	4.74	6.48	6.54
CO	32.58	32.45	2.73	2.69	24.80	24.79	24.21	24.04	2.03	2.08	18.43	18.48

TABLE I. Analytical Data for (acac)M(olefin)₂ and (acac)M(CO)₂.

^a For (acac)Rh(VCl)₂; % Cl: calc. 21.68; found 21.63.

For (acac)Ir(VCl)₂; % Cl: calc. 17.03; found 16.79.

Results

Vibrational Results

The infrared and Raman data for the Rh and Ir complexes in the region $1200-1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ are collected in Tables II and III respectively. A typical Raman spectrum is shown in Fig. 1.



Figure 1. Raman spectra of (acac)M(ET)₂ for the solid state.

By comparing the spectra of different olefin complexes both with each other and with spectra of (acac)Rh(CO)₂ and (acac)Ir(CO)₂ it was established that only three vibrations of the olefin shift significantly upon coordination. The frequencies in italics belong to the acetylacetonate ring. The three bands which shift belong to the coupled modes ν (C=C), δ (CH₂)_{scis} and δ (CH)_{bend}, and are labelled I, II and III in accordance with the notation of Powell *et al.* [11].

NMR Results

The ¹³C NMR data of the complexes are given in Table IV and a typical spectrum is shown in Fig. 2. The shifts of the carbon atoms of the acetylacetonate ring do not show appreciable variation with olefin and the shifts of the olefin-substituent carbon atoms do not change greatly upon coordination. The C_2 and C₄ carbon atoms of the acetylacetonate ring occur as doublets or multiplets in some cases. It is assumed that the resonance at lower field belongs to the substituted olefinic carbon atom C_2 and the resonance at higher field belongs to C_1 [3]. In the case of MA δC_1 and δC_2 were not sufficiently separated, since the resonances were broad. For the same reason off-resonance spectra did not give additional information. At room temperature, the olefinic carbon atoms show rather broad ¹³C resonances with a halfwidth varying from 20 Hz in the ET complexes to 50 Hz in the ST complexes, regardless of the metal. The spectra of the complexes of PR, VA and VCl clearly show more than one resonance for each olefinic carbon atom, which, in the case of $(acac)Rh(PR)_2$, is probably due to the presence of two isomers [13].

When cooled to -60 °C, the olefinic carbon resonances in (acac)Rh(VCl)₂ sharpened and six doublets for each olefinic carbon atom were found. These doublets are due to the ¹⁰³Rh-¹³C coupling which varies from 14.9 to 17.2 Hz. At -60 °C the C₂

ET		PR		νCI				MA		ST		8
IR	Raman	R	Raman	IR	Raman	R	Raman	IR	Raman	IR	Raman	IR
		1581(vs)								1601(sh, m) <i>1587</i> (s)	1601(vs)	1582(s)
1576(vs) 1558(vs)	1576(vw)			1578(vs) 1565(sh)	1566(vw)	1564 (vs)		1564(vs)		1569(vs)		1562(vs)
1526(vs)	1552(vw)	1548(sh) 1522(vs)		1524(vs)	<i>1546</i> (w)	1523(vs)		1524(vs)	1528(w)	1529(vs)		1525(vs)
1506(sh)	1516(s) 1510(sh, w)	1503(sh)	1503(w)					1505(sh)	1504(m)		1513(vs)	
				1463(m)	1466(m)	1497(s)]497(m)	1490(sh)	1493(m)	1488(s)		
<i>1438</i> (sh)	<i>1442</i> (m)	I450(sh, m)								1450(m) 1447(m)	1446(w)	
1426(s)		<i>1430</i> (m)		1432(m)	1437(w)	1.1776		1437(s)	1438(w)	1.420(4-1		(
		1396 (sh) <i>138 7</i> (vs)	1395(w)			142/(8)		1396(s)	1394(m)	(14) (15) (14) (14) (14) (14) (14) (14) (14) (14	1403(s)	1420(m)
<i>1373</i> (sh) <i>1363</i> (vs)	1365 (vs)	1364(s)	<i>1365</i> (s)	1377(s) 1362(sh)	1369(vs)	1374(vs) 1365(sh)	1373(sh) <i>1362</i> (m)	1366(s)	1369(m)	1379 (vs)	1366(vw)	1380(vs) 1363(vs)
				1312(m)	1316(m)	1291(w)					1330(m) 1312(s) 1296(s)	
1270(s) 1236(s)	1274(s) 1235(vs)	1272(s) 1245(m)	1272(m) 1246(m)	1277(m) 1236(w)	1281(s) 1241(ve)	1272(s) 1244(s)	1274(m) 1243(s)	1277(s) 1242(ch)	1279(s) 1245(c)	1274(s) 1251(m)	1253(ve)	1276(s)
1225(m)	1227(m)	()0000		(1)01(m)	(11)1001		(11)2021	1230(m)		(m)1001		1 2 (J 2 (m)
(m)cn71	(W)0U21	1700(m)		(M)1071	(M)1071	1200(VS)	(M)CN71	(SA)0071	12 UI (S)	(ui) 1071		(m)2021

TABLE II. Vibrational Data of (acac)Rh(olefin)_2 and (acac)Rh(CO)_2 (1200–1600 cm⁻¹) a,b,c .

ET		PR		VCI		VA		МА		ST		CO
IR	Raman	IR	Raman	IR	Raman	IR	Raman	IR	Raman	IR	Raman	R
15761.04)		(on)ULS I	1584(vw)	15K Blue		1573()				1604(m)	1605(vs)	
1538(vs) 1538(vs)	1542(m)	1540(sh) 1540(sh)	1555(m)	1539(vs)		1578(vs) 1538(vs)		1557(vs) 1533(vs)	1526(vw)	1560(vs) 1533(vs)	1566(w)	1566(vs) 1538(vs)
1487(sh, w)	1486(m)	1329(s) 1485(w)	1490(m)					1481 (s)	1485(s)	1504(m) 1483(s)	1505(s)	
<i>1430</i> (m)	<i>1436</i> (m)	1430(m)	1432(m)	1455(w) 1433(w)		1475(s) 1430(s)	1476(w)	1437(s)	1458(w)	1448(w) <i>1430</i> (br)		<i>1430</i> (m)
1368(s)	1364(s)	1392(sh) 1378(s) 1361(m)	1392(w) 1362(s)	1370(s)		1375(vs) 1363(vs)	<i>1365</i> (m)	1398(s) 1391(s) <i>1363</i> (sh)	1395(m) <i>1370</i> (m)	1393(sh) 1372(vs)	1400(m)	1383(m) 1370(m)
1281(s)	1282(vs)	1279(s) 1261(sh)	1280(s)	1300(sh) 1288(s)		1280(s)	<i>1281</i> (m)	1354(m) <i>1283</i> (s)	<i>1289</i> (m)	1331(w) 1312(w) 1282(s) 1263(vw)	1314(m)	1278(m) 1266(w)
		1233(sh) 1225(m)	1236(m) 1230(sh)	1226(w)		1243(vs) 1224(vs)	1243(s)	1225(sh,w)	1228(s)	1241(m)	1 248(m)	
1216(s) 1205(s)	1212(vs) 1203(s)	1200(m)		1220(w) 1203(w)		1215(sh)		1215(s) 1197(s)	1200(m)	1200(w)		1208(w)

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TABLE IV. Carbon-13 NMR of $(acac)M(olefin)_2$, M = Rh, Ir, in CDCl₃^a.

	Olefin						(acac) R	ting				
	δC1			δC2			δсο		δСН		δCH ₃	
	Freeb	Rh	Ir	Free	Rh	lr	Rh	lr	Rh	Ir	Rh	lr
ET	122.8	59.4	40.9	122.8	59.4	40.9	186.4	186.7	98.9	100.9	27.1	27.4
PR	115.0	61.4	46.7°	131.1	73.0	54.6°	185.7	185.6 ^c	98.7	101.2 ^c	27.1	27.4 ^c
VCI	117.4	60.5	41.0	126.1	81.8	60.7	186.6	186.8	99.1	101.2	27.0	26.8
VA	96.4	42.4	27.9	141.7	97.9	78.2	186.3	186.6	99.1	101.1	26.9	27.1
MA	129.9	61.4	42.0	128.7	61.4	42.0	186.2	187.1	98.9	101.1	26.8	27.2
ST	112.3	54.2	38.3	135.8	73.9	55.1	185.5	185.2	98.4	100.3	26.9	27.0

^a The chemical shifts were measured at room temperature relative to TMS, using $\delta_{TMS} = \delta_{CDCl_3} - 76.9$ ppm. The given shifts are mean positions, see text. ^b Ref. 12. ^c Spectra at -40 °C.



Figure 2. ¹³C NMR spectra of acacM(ST)₂ in CDCl₃.

and C_4 carbon atoms of the acetylacetonate ring give six resonances for $(acac)Rh(VCl)_2$. This agrees with the ten isomers, eight of which form four enantiomeric pairs, as described by Herberhold *et al.* [14]. For the above reasons shifts of the olefinic carbon atoms in Table IV represent the weighted mean of all resonances. ¹⁰³Rh-¹³C coupling at room temperature is also clearly observed in the ET, PR and VA spectra.

The mean upfield shifts of the olefinic carbon atoms upon coordination varies from 49–68 ppm for the Rh compounds, which does not agree with the upfield shift of 86 ppm for $(acac)Rh(ET)_2$ reported by Bodner *et al.* [15].

For the Ir compounds the mean upfield shifts upon coordination are 67–87 ppm. To our knowledge only Bonnaire *et al.* [16] have published ¹³C NMR data on Ir(I)-olefin complexes. These were of the type (β -diketone)Ir(1,5-COD) (see Table VI).

The proton spectra of the complexes exhibited very broad resonances for the olefinic protons being barely observable. These spectra were only used for identification purposes.

Discussion

Complexes are reported of the type (acac)M- $(olefin)_2$ (M = Rh, Ir), of which $(acac)Ir(PR)_2$, $(acac)Ir(VCl)_2$, $(acac)Ir(VA)_2$, $(acac)Ir(MA)_2$ and $(acac)Ir(ST)_2$ were prepared for the first time.

According to the known structure of (acac)Rh(ET)₂ [17] the (acac)Rh group is nearly planar and the olefinic groups are perpendicular to this plane. Molecular models show that for the other olefins steric hindrance can be expected.

The bond model of Dewar, Chatt and Duncanson [18] shows that the double bond character of the olefin will decrease upon coordination. A measure for this weakening of the double bond is the lowering in frequency of ν (C=C) which is, however, coupled to the modes δ (CH₂)_{scis} and/or δ (CH)_{bend} depending on the olefin [3].

Powell et al. [11, 19] have shown that the summed percentage lowering of the ν (C=C) and δ (CH₂)_{scis} in ET complexes is a measure for this decrease in

ET								PR						VA						
	I		П				summed %					III	summed %	_		n		M	SI SI	mmed %
free	1623		1342					1648		1415		1297		1647		1386		1295		
Rh	1513	6.8	1231	8.3			15.1	1503	00	1395	1.4	1246 3.9	14.1	1497	9.1	1373	0.9	1243	4.0 1	4.0
Ir	1486	8.4	1212	9.7			18.1	1490	9.6	1392	1.6	1233 4.9	16.1	1476	10.4	1375 ^e	0.8	1243	4.0 1	5.2
VCI								ST						МА						
	г		II		III		% pammed	1		-		III	summed %	_	1	=		Ξ	SI	mmed %
free	1612		1374		1281			1632		1414		1305		1633		1402		1283		
Rh	1466	9.1	1369 ^g	0.4	1241	3.1	12.6	1513	7.3	1403	0.8	1253 4.0	12.1	1498	8.3	1394	0.4	1245	3.0 1	1.7
١r	1455 ^f	9.7	1370 ^{f,g}	0.3	1223 ^f	4.5	14.5	1505	7.8	1400	1.0	1248 4.4	13.2	1485	9.1	1395	0.5	1228	4.3 1	3.9
^a Bar	ids I, II a	III pu	represent t	the cou	pled mod	les ν(C-	=C), § (CH ₂) _{er}	is and 8	(CH)he	nd [3].	b Ran	an data are	used. ^c The pe	rcentage	lowerir	lgs are in	italics.	d Data f	or the fi	ee olefins,
also hand	in order s at 1316	to selec	t the bank	ds that 1300 cn	shift upo	in coord	dination, are for	rom ref.	3,20 al	nd ref. t	therein	^e Band pro	bably hidden. er oreatly fron	f IR dat:	a are use	d. ^g The	se band	s are pro	bably h	idden. The II

double bond character, while the summed percentage lowering of $\nu(C=C)$, $\delta(CH_2)_{scis}$ and $\delta(CH)_{bend}$ has to be considered for a monosubstituted olefin [3]. It has also been shown that this total percentage lowering of frequencies, when the olefin is coordinated to different d⁸ metals, is proportional to the metal-olefin bond strength [19].

In Table V the percentage lowerings of band I, II and III and the summed percentage lowerings are given. In Table VI $\delta^{13}C_{mean}$ of the olefinic carbon atoms is given for the free olefins and for the olefins after coordination to Rh and Ir, together with $\Delta \delta^{13}C_{mean}$. The total percentage lowering upon coordination to Ir is 1.1% (ST) to 3.0% (ET) higher than upon coordination to Rh, which means that the Ir-olefin bond is stronger than the Rh-olefin bond.

This is in agreement with the ${}^{13}C$ NMR data which show that upfield coordination shifts of the olefinic carbons are 16.5 (PR) to 20.8 (VCl) ppm higher for Ir compared with Rh. In this respect, however, it has to be considered that the nature of the metal may also influence the ${}^{13}C$ NMR shifts [21].

From Table VII it can be seen that $\nu(CO)$ for $(acac)Ir(CO)_2$ is only 11 cm⁻¹ lower than for (acac)-Rh $(CO)_2$. As $\nu(CO)$ mostly reflects the amount of π back-bonding [22], the proportion of π back-bonding does not increase very much on going from Rh to Ir. The observed increase in metal-olefin bond strength on going from Rh to Ir can, therefore, only partly be caused by a stronger π -bond and implies a stronger σ -bond in the Ir complexes, which has also been suggested on the basis of metal-chlorine frequencies [23].

Since different substituents on the olefin are expected to influence the ratio of σ - and π -bonding in the metal-olefin bond, a comparison between the results from different olefins bonded to the same metal, in order to establish the electronic and steric influences of the substituents, cannot easily be made. Nevertheless, it can be seen that the sequence of the total percentage lowering in the Rh series, ET>PR> VA>VCI>ST>MA, is nearly the same as in the Ir series, *i.e.* ET>PR>VA>VCI>MA>ST. If the ratios of σ - and π -bonding components in the Rh complexes differed greatly from those in the Ir analogues, no such close agreement between these two series would have been expected.

The sequence of $\Delta \delta^{13}C_{mean}$ for the different olefins on coordination to Rh and Ir is different from the vibrational sequence *i.e.* MA>ET>ST>PR>VCI> VA. This is probably caused by the fact that the σ and π contributions affect the vibrational and ¹³C NMR results to a differing degree.

As already noted, steric factors may be more important than electronic factors in the bonding, but, on the other hand, the sequence of $\Delta \delta^{13}C_{mean}$ in Pt(II)-monoolefin complexes is the same as for the Rh and Ir complexes and this is also true for the

	δ ¹³ Cmean	a n		∆ه ¹³ C m e	b ean	δ ¹³ (C ₂ -	C ₁)		
	free	Rh	Ir	Rh	Ir	free	Rh	Ir	Pt ^c
VA	119.0	70.2	51.6	48.8	67.4	45.3	55.5	50.3	55.2
VCI	121.8	71.2	50.4	50.6	71.4	8.7	21.3	19.7	
PR	124.0	67.2	50.7	56.8	73.3	18.1	11.6	7.9	24.3
ST	124.0	64.1	46.7	59.9	77.3	23.5	19.7	16.8	31.8
ET	122.8	59.4	40.9	63.4	81.9	0	0	0	0
MA	129.3	61.4	42.0	67.7	87.3	-1.2			3.1
CODd	128.5	75	59.3	52.6	69.3				

TABLE VI. Mean Shifts of Olefinic Carbon Atoms and Chemical Shift Differences after Coordination (in ppm).

 ${}^{a} \delta {}^{13}C_{mean} = \frac{1}{2} (\delta {}^{13}C_{1} + \delta {}^{13}C_{2})$. ${}^{b} \Delta \delta {}^{13}C_{mean} = \delta {}^{13}C_{mean}(ligand) - \delta {}^{13}C_{mean}(complex)$. c Ref. 3, d Ref. 16.

TABLE VII. ν (CO) Frequencies of (acac)M(CO)₂ (M = Rh, Ir)^a.

	ν (CO) (cm ⁻¹	in hexane)
(acac)Rh(CO) ₂	2082(s)	2011(s)
(acac)Ir(CO) ₂	2073(s)	1999(s)

^a This work, also published by Bonati et al. [9, 10].

vibrational sequence [3]. When the *trans* ligand L, in the complex *trans*-PtCl₂(olefin)(L) is varied, the latter sequence changes, which implies that the *trans* ligand has a greater influence on the results than does the metal.

In Table IV $\delta^{13}(C_2-C_1)$ is presented for the Rh and Ir compounds. Aris *et al.* [13] have obtained ¹³C NMR data for several PR complexes and have suggested that $\delta^{13}(C_2-C_1)$ becomes smaller when PR is coordinated to a good π -backdonating metal.

For the (acac)M(olefin)₂ complexes, however, $\delta^{13}(C_2-C_1)$ decreases on going from the free ligand to Rh and to Ir for PR and ST, but increases for VCl and VA so there exists no such general rule in this case.

In the case of the compounds *trans*-PtCl₂ (olefin)-(L) [3] there is always an increase of $\delta^{13}(C_2-C_1)$ upon coordination of the olefin, so the Pt(II)-olefin bond has a different character than the Ir(I)- or Rh(I)-olefin bonds.

Conclusions

The type of bonding of olefins with different substituents to Rh(I) or Ir(I) is highly similar and differs from the bonding to Pt(II). The Ir(I)-olefin bond is stronger than the Rh(I)-olefin bond and this is caused by an increase of both σ and π metal-olefin bonding.

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