# Synthesis and NMR spectroscopy of five-coordinate platinum(II) hydride complexes 

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#### Abstract

Treatment of $\left\{\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right\}\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ gives the five-coordinate platinum hydride complex $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{+}$or $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}_{\left.\left.\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]}\right.\right.$ depending on the reaction conditions. The zerovalent complex and the hydride are readily interconverted. The hydride complexes $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left(\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\} \mathrm{L}\right]^{+}, \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{PBu}_{3}, \mathrm{PPh}_{2} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PCy} y_{2} \mathrm{H}$ ( $\mathrm{Cy}=$ cyclohexyl) and $\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}$ have also been prepared.


## Introduction

Oxidative addition of protic compounds to various platinum(0) phosphine complexes is known to produce hydridoplatinum(II) complexes: thus the reaction of the two-coordinate species $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}^{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}\right)_{2}\right.$ ] with proton acids HX was shown to give [ $\mathrm{PtHX}\left(\mathrm{PPh}^{\mathbf{t}} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}\right)_{2}$ ] [1]. For $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{MeO}^{-}$, subsequent $\beta$ - H elimination leads to $\left[\mathrm{PtH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}^{\mathbf{}} \mathrm{Bu}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]$. The three-coordinate complex $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{P}^{\mathbf{i}} \mathrm{Pr}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]$ is protonated by ROH to give $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left(\mathrm{P}^{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{Pr}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]^{+}$[2]. The protonation of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{3}\right]$ with $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{PF}_{6}$ gives $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{H}\left(\mu-\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}-\mathrm{P}\right)\right]^{+}$whereas [ $\mathrm{Pt}_{2}(\mu-$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PEt}_{2}\right)_{3}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{2}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]$ give the dihydrides $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PR}_{2}\right)_{3}\right]^{2+}(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{Me}$ or Et$)$ [3]. The four-coordinate complex $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ was reported to react with ROH to yield $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]^{+}$[4]. At very low temperatures $\left(-130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]^{+}$is formed according to eq. 1 [5].
$\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]^{+}+\mathrm{PEt}_{3} \rightleftharpoons\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]^{+}$
Very recently $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{3}\right\}_{4}\right]$ was reported to react reversibly with ROH or $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ according to eq. 2 [6].
$\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{3}\right\}_{4}\right]+\mathrm{H}^{+} \rightleftharpoons\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}\right)_{3}\right\}_{4}\right]$

We report here the synthesis of the five-coordinate platinum hydride complex $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{+}$, which readily undergoes conversion into the corresponding zerovalent complex $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]$.

## Experimental

The NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker WP-80 and AM-300 instruments. Elemental analyses were carried out by the Institut für physikalische Chemie der Universität Wien.

## Preparation of compounds

All experiments were carried out in dried solvents under dinitrogen. $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ and $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{2}-\right.\right.$ $\mathrm{H})]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ were prepared as described previously [7]. [ $\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}, \quad\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PBu}_{3}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ and $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ were obtained analogously. All other reagents were from commercial sources.

## Preparation of $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left(\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right] B \mathrm{Ph} h_{4}$

$\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(18.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a solution of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}(129.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ in methanol $(0.4 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dichloromethane ( 0.4 mL ) and the mixture stirred for 10 min . The volume of the solution was reduced in vacuo to ca. 0.3 mL . Addition of $\mathrm{NaBPh}_{4}(34.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ in methanol ( 0.2 mL ) gave a precipitate, which was filtered off, washed with water $(2 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and methanol ( $2 \times 0.3 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and dried in vacuo. M.p. $117-118^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Found: $\mathrm{C} 65.6, \mathrm{H} 4.9 . \mathrm{C}_{76} \mathrm{H}_{69} \mathrm{BP}_{4} \mathrm{Pt} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ calc.: C 66.19 ; $\mathrm{H} 5.12 \%$.

The same procedure was used for: $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PBu}_{3}\right)\right] \mathrm{BPh}_{4}$, m.p. $140-142^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Found: $\mathrm{C} 66.8, \mathrm{H} 6.4 . \mathrm{C}_{70} \mathrm{H}_{81} \mathrm{BP}_{4} \mathrm{Pt}$ calc.: $\mathrm{C} 67.14, \mathrm{H} 6.52 \%$. $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)\right] \mathrm{BPh}_{4}$, m.p. $161^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Found: $\mathrm{C} 67.6, \mathrm{H}$ 5.4. $\mathrm{C}_{83} \mathrm{H}_{76} \mathrm{BP}_{5} \mathrm{Pt} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ calc.: $\mathrm{C} 67.91, \mathrm{H} 5.26 \%$. $\delta \mathrm{P} 1=60.2, \delta \mathrm{P} 2,3=32.3$, $\delta$ $\mathrm{P} 4=-4.4, \delta \mathrm{P} 5$ (uncoordinated $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)$ phosphorus) $=-27.8, J(\mathrm{PtP1})=$ $1715, J(\mathrm{PtP} 2,3)=2797, J(\mathrm{PtP} 4)=2887, J(\mathrm{PtP5})=84, J(\mathrm{P} 1 \mathrm{P} 4)=20, J(\mathrm{P} 2 \mathrm{P} 4)=$ $141, J(\mathrm{P} 3 \mathrm{P} 4)=162, J(\mathrm{P} 4 \mathrm{P} 5)=119, J(\mathrm{P} 1 \mathrm{H})($ hydride $)=171, J(\mathrm{PtH})=614, \delta \mathrm{Pt}=$ -5467 (243 K). $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)\right] \mathrm{BPh}_{4}$, m.p. ${ }^{172-174{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text {, }}$ Found: C.66.0, H 5.1. $\mathrm{C}_{70} \mathrm{H}_{65} \mathrm{BP}_{4} \mathrm{Pt} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ calc.: C. 66.23, H 5.20\%. $\delta \mathrm{P} 1=65.0$, $\delta \mathrm{P} 2,3=34.5, \delta \mathrm{P} 4=-23.6 . J(\mathrm{PtP} 1)=1668, J(\mathrm{PtP} 2,3)=2905, J(\mathrm{PtP4})=2632$, $J(\mathrm{P} 2,3 \mathrm{P} 4)=139, \quad J(\mathrm{P} 1 \mathrm{H})=156, \quad J(\mathrm{PtH})=656, \quad \delta \quad \mathrm{Pt}=-5600 \quad(213 \quad \mathrm{~K})$. $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)\right] \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(18.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a solution of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}(122.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1$ mmol ) in methanol ( 0.4 mL ) and dichloromethane ( 0.4 mL ) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min , and the volume of solvent then reduced to ca. 0.3 mL . After addition of methanol $(0.7 \mathrm{~mL})$ the product was collected by filtration, washed with water ( $2 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and dried in vacuo. M.p. $174^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Found: C 52.3. H 5.2. $\mathrm{C}_{47} \mathrm{H}_{57} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{PtS}$ calc.: $\mathrm{C} 52.37, \mathrm{H} 5.33 \% . \delta \mathrm{P} 1=60.9, \delta \mathrm{P} 2,3=34.6, \delta \mathrm{P} 4=-9.4$, $J(\mathrm{PtP} 1)=1701, \quad J(\mathrm{PtP} 2,3)=2865, \quad J(\mathrm{PtP} 4)=2588, \quad J(\mathrm{P} 1 \mathrm{P} 2)=6, \quad J(\mathrm{P} 1 \mathrm{P} 3)=6$, $J(\mathrm{P} 1 \mathrm{P} 4)=16, J(\mathrm{P} 2 \mathrm{P} 4)=138, J(\mathrm{P} 3 \mathrm{P} 4)=130, J(\mathrm{P} 1 \mathrm{H})=164, J(\mathrm{PtH})=600, \delta \mathrm{Pt}=$ - 5683 ( 213 K ).

## Results and discussion

A standard procedure for the preparation of zerovalent platinum tetraphosphine complexes involves treatment of the corresponding $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ complex with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ in aqueous ethanol [8,9]. The zerovalent platinum complexes are usually insoluble in this solvent and separate out.

During the synthesis of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]$ by this method we noted that the ethanol-water filtrate contained a small amount of a compound that was subsequently identificd as the hydridoplatinum(II) complex $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2^{-}}\right.\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{+}$(eq. 3).


Complex 1c is also progressively formed upon addition of methanol to a solution of $\mathbf{1 b}$ in dichloromethane. For example, a solvent composition methanol/ dichloromethane of $1 / 8$ results in a ratio $1 \mathrm{~b} / 1 \mathrm{c}$ of $\mathrm{ca} .0 .6 / 1$ as estimated by the integration of the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR signals. The patterns of both species are discernible in the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum, and this shows that the proton transfer between 1 lb and $1 \mathbf{1 c}$ is slow on the NMR time scale. Addition of water to this methanol-dichloromethane mixture regenerates $\mathbf{1 b}$, presumably by extraction of methanol into the aqueous phase.

The hydride $1 \mathbf{c}$ is formed quantitatively upon reduction of $1 \mathbf{a}$ with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ in methanol-dichloromethane. The reaction could in principle proceed either by direct hydride transfer from the boranate ion or via the zerovalent platinum complex 1b, followed by the oxidative addition of the solvent methanol. When the reaction was carried out in methanol- $d_{4}$-dichloromethane as solvent, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}^{1} \mathrm{H}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2^{-}}\right.\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]$ was formed, demonstrating that the first possibility was the correct one. The hydride complex 1c generated by reduction of $\mathbf{1 a}$ in methanol-dichloromethane is not converted into $\mathbf{1 b}$ upon addition of water, but evaporation of the solvent in vacuo and redissolution in toluene gives $\mathbf{1 b}$.

Treatment of 1 a with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ in dichloromethane-water gives the hydride 1c, whilst in aqueous tetrahydrofuran the zerovalent complex 1b is formed.

## NMR spectroscopy

The complexes 1a, 1b and 1c were characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ and ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ NMR spectroscopy, the data are summarized in Table 1. The NMR spectra of 1a closely resemble those of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PR}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$, which were reported previously [7].

The ${ }^{31} \mathbf{P}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1 b}$ is consistent with the structure indicated in eq. 1. The signal at 44.1 ppm is assigned to the central phosphorus atom P 1 of the $\mathrm{PPh}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}$ ligand by comparison to $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PBu}_{3}\right)\right]$ (vide infra). This phosphorus couples nearly equivalently to the terminal phosphorus atoms P2 and P3 and to triphenylphosphine (P4) to produce a quartet
Table 1
NMR parameters ${ }^{\text {a }}$

|  | 1 a | 1b ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 1 c | 2a | $2 \mathbf{b}^{\text {b }}$ | 2 c |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\boldsymbol{\delta P 1}$ ( $($ (PtP1)) | 94.8 (2130) | 44.1 (3014) | 59.9 (1770) | 97.7 (1978) | 45.8 (2987) | 60.8 (1763) |
| $\delta \mathbf{P 2 , 3}(\boldsymbol{J}(\mathbf{P t P 2}, 3))$ | 44.0 (2365) | 25.4 (3658) | 33.6 (2844) | 44.8 (2422) | 27.1 (3608) | 34.3 (2702) |
| $\delta \mathbf{P 4}$ ( ${ }^{\text {(PtP4 }}$ ) $)$ | 13.3 (2584) | 25.5 (4683) | 7.3 (2746) | -1.9 (2345) | -6.6 (4524) | -18.2 (2798) |
| $\delta \mathrm{H}$ |  |  | -9.9 |  |  | -10.0 |
| $\delta \mathrm{Pt}$ |  | $-5187^{\text {c }}$ |  |  | $-5259{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $-5584{ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| J(P1P2) |  | 75 | 6 |  | 74 | 6 |
| J(P1P3) |  | 75 | 6 |  | 74 | 6 |
| J(P1P4) | 294 | 75 | 19 | 281 | 67 | 18 |
| (P2P4) | 14 | 75 | 137 | 17 | 67 | 156 |
| J(P3P4) | 14 |  | 143 | 17 |  | 141 |
| J(P1H) |  |  | 169 |  |  | 170 |
| $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{P} 2,3 \mathrm{H})$ |  |  | 3 |  |  | 3 |
| J(P4H) |  |  | 20 |  |  | 22 |
| $\mathrm{J}(\mathrm{PtH})$ |  |  | 617 |  |  | 633 |
| $T$ (K) | 300 | 300 | 243 | 300 | 300 | 300 |

${ }^{a}$ Chemical shifts relative to $85 \% \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}, 1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{PICl}_{6}$ or TMS , coupling constants in hertz, solvent $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ unless otherwise stated. ${ }^{\boldsymbol{b}}$ Solvent toluene. ${ }^{c} 223 \mathrm{~K} \mathrm{ddt}(\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet $)$.
pattern. The phosphorus atoms 2,3 and 4 give rise to an $\mathrm{AB}_{2}$ spin system, which was analyzed to yield $\delta \mathrm{P} 2$ and $\delta \mathrm{P} 3=25.4 \mathrm{ppm}$ and $\delta \mathrm{P} 4=25.5 \mathrm{ppm}$ with a coupling constant of 75 Hz .

The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ coupling constants of $\mathbf{1 b}$ are very different, ranging from 4683 Hz for the $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ligand to 3014 Hz for the central phosphorus of the $\mathrm{PPh}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}$ ligand. A similar effect was observed for other zerovalent platinum complexes coordinated by one tridentate and one monodentate phosphine ligand:

${ }^{2} P+$ P1 $^{2}=3994$ $\mathrm{JPtP2}=3664$ $J$ PIP3 $=3356$
Ref. 8

$J P P_{P 1}=5400$
JPIP2=3096
Ref. 9

$J P+P 1=3657$
$J P L P 2=4438$
Ref. 10

It was interpreted in terms of the differing $s$-characters of the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds [9]; for example, since the tridentate ligand $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{3} \text { forms } \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P} \text { angles of }}$ $93-94^{\circ}$, these $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds will have less $s$-character than $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds in regular tetrahedral geometry. The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ bond will be hybridized to have more $s$-character, giving rise to a larger coupling constant. From this point of view it is of interest to compare the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ coupling constants of $\mathbf{1 b}$ with those of [ $\left.\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]$ which involves two six-membered chelate rings rather than the five-membered rings in $\mathbf{1 b}$.

A trigonal bipyramidal structure is postulated on the basis of NMR evidence for the hydride 1c. As indicated in eq. 1, the central phosphorus of the $\mathrm{PPh}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}$ ligand ( P 1 ) and the hydride occupy the axial positions while the terminal phosphorus atoms P2 and P3 and triphenylphosphine ( P 4 ) are in equatorial position. The ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$ spectrum at 243 K of 1 c consists of three multiplets. The resonance corresponding to P 1 appear at 59.9 ppm and is split into a doublet by $\mathrm{P} 4(19 \mathrm{~Hz})$. This doublet is in turn split into a triplet by the coupling to P2 and P3 ( 6 Hz ). In the proton-coupled ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectrum an additional 169 Hz coupling between P 1 and the hydride is observed. The size of the two bond $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}$ coupling indicates a linear $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{H}$ arrangement [11]. The size of the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P} 1$ coupling ( 1770 Hz ) is in keeping with the trans-influence effect.

The signal at 7.3 ppm is assigned to P 4 and is split into a doublet of doublets of doublets attributable to coupling to P1 ( $19 \mathrm{Hz)} \mathrm{and} \mathrm{to} \mathrm{the} \mathrm{inequivalent} \mathrm{phosphorus}$ atoms P2 and P3. The couplings P2-P4 and P3-P4 are 137 and 143 Hz compared with typical values of ca. 300 Hz and ca. 10 Hz for $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ angles of $180^{\circ}$ (trans) and $90^{\circ}$ (cis) respectively [12,13]. The terminal phosphorus atoms P2 and P3 are isochronous, at $7.05 \mathrm{~T}(33.6 \mathrm{ppm})$. The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ coupling constants involving $\mathrm{P} 2, \mathrm{P} 3$ and P4 are relatively large as usually observed for the equatorial positions in a trigonal bipyramidal geometry [14].

The ${ }^{1} H$ NMR signal of the hydride is a doublet of doublets of triplets due to the couplings to P1, P4 ( 20 Hz ) and P2 and P3 ( 3 Hz ). The chemical shift ( -9.9 ppm ) is surprisingly different from that reported for $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{3}\right\}\right]^{+}(-0.9$ ppm) [15]. We therefore decided to reexamine this shift; we found the hydride
 quartets, 162 and 12 Hz ), which is closer to that for 1 c .

At ambient temperature, the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR signal of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ is broadened and the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ and $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P}$ couplings involving triphenylphosphine disappear because of intermolecular $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ exchange.

## Synthesis of related compounds

Treatment of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PBu}_{3}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ (2a) with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ in ethanol-water or methanol-dichloromethane produces the hydride $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right.\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PBu}_{3}\right)\right]^{+}(2 \mathrm{c})$ exclusively. In aqueous tetrahydrofuran the hydride is formed as an intermediate but is converted into the zerovalent complex $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPH}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PBu}_{3}\right)\right](2 b)$ within one hour. The NMR data for the compounds are listed in Table 1. In contrast to $\mathbf{1 c}$, $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\}-\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{PBu}_{3}\right)\right]^{+}$is stable towards dissociation on the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR time scale at ambient temperature.

We also prepared the five-coordinate hydrido complexes $\left[\mathrm{PtH}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2^{-}}\right.\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\} \mathrm{L}\right]^{+},\left(\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{PPh}_{2} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PCy}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right.$ and $\left.\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)$ by treatment of the corresponding complexes $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{PhP}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right\} \mathrm{L}\right]\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ in methanol-dichloromethane.

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