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## PROTONATION OF METAL CARBONYL COMPLEXES

### VII\*. PROTON NMR SPECTRA AND STEREOCHEMISTRY OF PROTONATED FORMS OF $\pi$ -CYCLOPENTADIENYLPHOSPHINEMANGANESE COMPLEXES

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#### Summary

$^1\text{H}$  NMR measurements show that protonation of the complexes  $\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_{3-n}(\text{PR}_3)_n$  ( $n = 1$  and  $2$ ) with  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  occurs at the manganese atom, the spectra revealing "hydride" signals at  $\delta$  values of  $-4$  to  $-6$  ppm. The stereochemistry of the protonated forms has been determined from the  $^1\text{H} - ^{31}\text{P}$  coupling pattern.

#### Introduction

Some previous communications by us report IR [1,3,4] and NMR [2] evidence of reversible protonation of  $\pi$ -arene chromium complexes, and of  $\pi$ -cyclopentadienyl-manganese, -vanadium, -niobium and -rhenium complexes, under the action of trifluoroacetic acid in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution. Most likely, the metal atom in these complexes is the most basic site subject to proton attack. In the case of chromium complexes, the formation of a Cr—H bond has been demonstrated by the presence of the "hydride" hydrogen signal in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra at higher fields [2, 5]. With  $\pi$ -cyclopentadienylmanganese complexes, the protonation also occurs at the metal atom, as shown by  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR [6]. In this paper we report on the protonation of these manganese compounds as studied by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

#### Results and discussion

Addition of excess trifluoroacetic acid to solutions of compounds I–VII in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  or in  $\text{CH}_2\text{ClCH}_2\text{Cl}$  at  $-20$  to  $+20^\circ$  gives rise to the Mn—H proton NMR signal in the high field region ( $\delta = -4$  to  $-6$  ppm) (see Table 1).

TABLE I  
 NMR SPECTRAL DATA

Compound	Mn - H chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm)	J (H - P) (Hz)	Proton chemical shift of $C_5H_5$ ( $\delta$ , ppm)		$\Delta\delta$ (ppm)
			In $CH_2Cl_2$	In $CH_2Cl_2/CF_3COOH$	
I	$C_5H_5Mn(CO)(PPh_3)_2$	89	3.70	4.50	0.8
II	$C_5H_5Mn(CO)(Ph_2PCH_2CH_2CH_2PPh_2)$	72			
III	$C_5H_5Mn(CO)(Ph_2PCH_2CH_2PPh_2)$	90	4.10	4.50	0.4
IV	$C_5H_5Mn(CO)(Ph_2PCH_2PPh_2)$	{ 82 30	4.35	4.75	0.4
V	$C_5Et_5Mn(CO)_2PPh_3$	70			
VI	$C_5H_5Mn(CO)_2P(tro-C_3H_7)_3$	51	4.40	4.90	0.5
VII	$C_5H_5Mn(CO)_2P(C_6H_{11})_3$	51	4.40	5.0	0.6

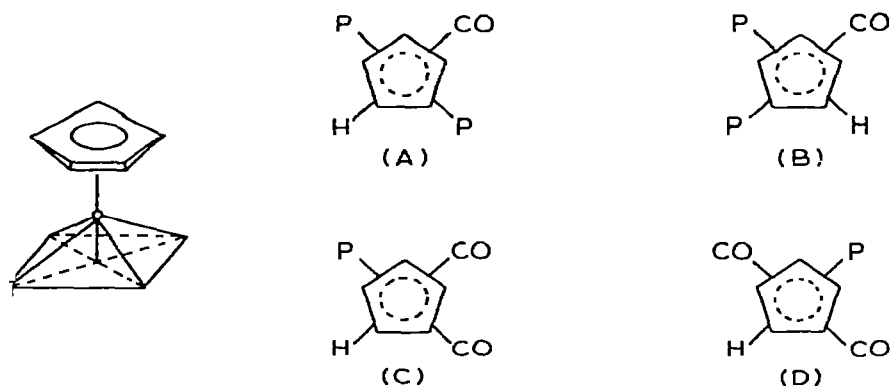


Fig. 1. Possible configurations for the protonated diphosphine (A and B) and monophosphine (C and D)  $\eta$ -cyclopentadienylmanganese complexes.

In the case of monophosphine complexes V-VII, the Mn—H signal splits into a doublet, through  $^1\text{H} - \text{Mn} - ^{31}\text{P}$  coupling, with the constants  $J$  of 70 and 51 Hz. Note that for compound V the  $J$  value obtained from  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum is practically the same as that obtained earlier in the  $^{31}\text{P}$  study [6].

In the case of diphosphine complexes I-IV, the Mn—H splitting pattern depends significantly on the geometry of the diphosphine ligand. All the observed multiplicities arise from coupling with the phosphorus nuclei, since the application of the phosphorus-decoupled heteronuclear  $^1\text{H} - ^{31}\text{P}$  technique transforms the signals to singlets with line-widths at half-height of 10 to 15 Hz (the broadening is due to the coupling with  $^{55}\text{Mn}$  nuclei, spin  $I = 5/2$ , 100% content, and to the fine structure).

Analysis of the values of coupling constants  $J(^1\text{H} - \text{Mn} - ^{31}\text{P})$ , and of the type of splitting allowed us to determine the stereochemistry of the protonated forms of I-VII. The initial neutral complexes possess a "piano stool" configuration similar to  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3$ . Evidently, proton addition at the manganese

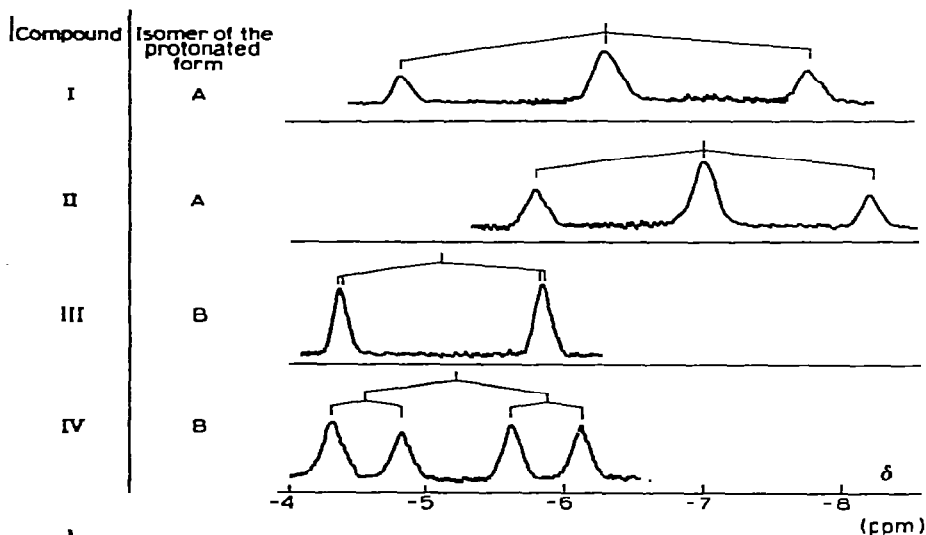


Fig. 2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the diphosphine complexes in the Mn—H proton field.

atom will result in a square pyramidal structure with a Cp ligand on the apex. In this case two isomers may exist for both mono- and di-phosphine species (Fig. 1). In Fig. 2, proton NMR spectra of diphosphine complexes I-IV are shown in the region of the hydride shifts. The protonated forms of I and II possess structure A since the Mn-H protons give symmetrical 1/2/1 triplets indicative of the coupling with two equivalent  $^{31}\text{P}$  nuclei (part X of the  $\text{A}_2\text{X}$  spectrum). The spectra yield  $J$  values of 70 to 90 Hz for *cis*-arranged  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  nuclei. This conclusion is in good agreement with published data on other transition metal  $\pi$ -cyclopentadienyl complexes. Thus, in the series of iron complexes  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Fe}(\text{CO})(\text{PR}_3)\text{H}$  where no isomers can exist and  $^1\text{H}$  is *cis* to  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $J$  ranges from 75 to 94 Hz [7]. In the case of the structurally related  $\pi$ -cyclopentadienylmolybdenum complexes  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2(\text{PR}_3)\text{H}$ , which can be regarded as neutral models for the protonated forms of V-VII,  $J$  values show a pronounced dependence on the configuration. Isomers with structure C give  $J$  in the range 64 to 73 Hz, while configuration D leads to  $J$  values of 21 to 29 Hz [8].

The Mn-H splitting pattern of compound IV is consistent with the coupling involving two non-equivalent  $^{31}\text{P}$  nuclei (part X of the ABX spectrum). In this case the protonated form possesses structure B with  $^1\text{H} - ^{31}\text{P}$  coupling constants  $J(\textit{cis})$  of 82 and  $J(\textit{trans})$  of 30 Hz. Accordingly, the  $^{31}\text{P} - \{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of IV comprises an AB quartet with  $J(\text{P} - \text{P})$  of 160.0 Hz and the difference  $\Delta\delta$  in the phosphorus chemical shift of 7.56 ppm (the centre of the multiplet is 30.96 ppm downfield relative to external 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ).

It appears that the structure of the protonated compound III must also be B. However, in this case  $J(\textit{cis})$  is 90 Hz, while  $J(\textit{trans})$  is much smaller than that found for compound IV, and does not exceed the half-width of the line ( $\leq 5$  to 8 Hz). The  $^{31}\text{P} - \{^1\text{H}\}$  spectrum consists of a single line with half-width of 40 Hz. The broadening depends on both coupling with  $^{55}\text{Mn}$  and fine structure contributions. Simulation of the NMR spectrum of compound III has been carried out to show that the variation in phosphorus chemical shifts in the range 0 to 0.6 ppm and in  $J(\text{P} - \text{P})$  in the range 0 to 18 Hz yields a good agreement between experimental and calculated spectra, both  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$ , thus confirming configuration B. The difference in  $J(\textit{trans})$  values for III and IV seems to result from changes of the valency angles around the phosphorus atom, as caused by the elongation of the polymethylene bridge by one  $\text{CH}_2$  unit. It seems probable that isomer B is formed in III and IV due to the small length of the bridge, which hinders *trans* arrangement of the phosphorus atoms. On the contrary, with compound II the three  $\text{CH}_2$  unit chain proves long enough to make configuration A possible. Realization of structure A for I is probably related to the significant steric hindrance caused by the occurrence of two bulky  $\text{PPh}_3$  ligands.

As for the stereochemistry of protonated monophosphine complexes V-VII, these are likely to possess structure C, to judge from  $J(\text{P} - \text{H})$  values of 51 and 70 Hz. We believe that earlier-studied  $\pi$ -arenechromium complexes  $\pi\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5\text{RCr}(\text{CO})_2\text{PPh}_3$ , which exhibit  $J(\text{P} - \text{H})$  values of 63 to 69 Hz, are characterized by the same configuration [2].

One more effect of the protonation at the metal atom lies in a downfield shift of the signal of the  $\pi$ -cyclopentadienyl protons. The shift,  $\Delta\delta = 0.4$  to 0.8 ppm, is considerably smaller than in the case of benzene protons of proton-

and  $\pi$ -benzenechromium complexes ( $\Delta\delta \approx 1.5$  ppm [2]). Besides, small downfield shifts of C—H and C—CH<sub>3</sub> signals from the P(iso-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>) ligand ( $\Delta\delta$  of 0.4 and 0.1 ppm respectively) and of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub> signals from the P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>3</sub> ligand ( $\Delta\delta$  of 2 ppm for the centre of multiplet) have been observed in the protonation of compounds VI and VII.

### Conclusion

Thus the overall results demonstrate that the metal protonation of carbonylphosphine-manganese and -chromium complexes produces the following changes in their spectra:

- (i) Higher frequency shift of the CO stretching vibrations,  $\Delta\nu = 100-140$  cm<sup>-1</sup> [1, 3].
- ii) Mn—H and Cr—H hydride signals appear at  $\delta$  of -4 to -6 ppm (the present communication, and also refs. 2 and 5);
- ii) A 5 to 9 ppm downfield shift of <sup>13</sup>C NMR signal of the cyclopentadienyl ligand [6];
- v) A 10 to 20 ppm upfield shift of the NMR signal from <sup>31</sup>P nuclei of the phosphine ligands [6].

### Experimental

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a RYa-2305 instrument (60 MHz) for 10 to 20% solutions of compounds I-VII in methylene chloride or dichloroethane in the presence 8-10 fold excess of trifluoroacetic acid. Measurements were taken at 0 to 20° for I-IV and at -30° for compounds V-VII. Chemical shifts were measured relative to CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $\delta = 5.25$  ppm from TMS) or to internal cyclohexane ( $\delta = 1.43$  ppm from TMS). <sup>31</sup>P - {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR FT spectra were obtained using a Bruker HFX-90 spectrometer. Simulation of the spectra were carried out on a Digital PDP-12 computer using a MMRSIM program.

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