

Figure 1. The  $H_2Os_3(CO)_{10}CH_2$  molecule, with thermal ellipsoids scaled to 50% probability. The atom labeled H(4) was not located (see text). The intramolecular bond distances include Os(1)-Os(2) = 2.834 (6), Os(2)-Os(3) = 2.870 (7), Os(1)-Os(3) = 3.066 (6), Os(1)-C(1) =2.15 (1), and Os(2)-C(1) = 2.15 (1) Å. The H-C-H angle is 106 (1)°.

 $K_{eq} = 2.45$ ,<sup>14</sup> and  $d_1/d_2 = 0.20$ . The site populations determined by neutron diffraction were analyzed similarly with  $K_2$ ,  $d_1$ , and  $d_2$  variables,<sup>15</sup> The results were  $K_2 = 2.30$  (10) and  $d_1/d_2 = 0.17$ . The apparent difference in the  $K_2$  values determined by NMR and by neutron diffraction is not statistically significant.16

The equilibrium isotope effect observed for the partially deuterated tautomers is readily understood qualitatively in terms of zero-point energies. The C-H group has significantly higher vibrational frequencies than the Os-H-Os group, so that partial replacement by deuterium will lead to preferential placement of the lighter nucleus in the lower frequency site.<sup>17</sup> The vibrational data required for precise calculation of the isotope effect is not available; modes for bridging hydrogen are especially difficult to identify.<sup>18</sup> However, consideration of estimated frequencies leads to a range of calculated values from  $\sim 1.5$  to 3.5,<sup>19</sup> which is consistent with the experimental results. More importantly, because of the large disparity in zero-point energies, a value in this range should be charac*teristic* of a fully equilibrated H/D distribution among carbon (or nitrogen or oxygen) and metal sites.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, the effect should be an important tool for detecting reversible hydrogen-transfer processes in organometal cluster compounds.<sup>23</sup> It should also be considered for such processes occurring on metal surfaces.

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## Reactions of Dioxygen Platinum(II) Complexes with Activated Acetylenes

#### Sir:

Recently, we have synthesized a series of dioxygen platinum complexes, containing phosphine ligands having various degrees of bulkiness and basicity, which are useful intermediates in the preparation of the corresponding dihydrides.<sup>1</sup> We now wish to describe the interesting behavior of these dioxygen complexes toward activated acetylenes.

Dioxygen platinum complexes,  $Pt(PR_3)_2(O_2)$  (PR<sub>3</sub> = PCy<sub>3</sub>, P'Pr<sub>3</sub>, P'Bu<sub>2</sub>"Bu, P'Bu<sub>2</sub>Me, PPh<sub>3</sub>), react readily under ambient conditions with acetylenes such as hexafluorobut-2-yne  $(C_4F_6)$  and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMA) to give 1,2 addition of the dioxygen molecule across the acetylenic  $C \equiv C \text{ bond (eq 1)}.$ 

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Figure 1. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra of  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution of  $Pt(PCy_3)_2O_2$  with excess DMA at -40 (A), -20 (B), -20 °C (after 90 min) (C) and room temperature (D).



The spectroscopic parameters of IV, where  $R_3P = tricy$ clohexylphosphine and  $R' = COOCH_3$ , are consistent with this structure. Thus,  $\nu(O_2)$ , observed at 817 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the starting dioxygen complex, is not observed in the spectrum of IV, but a strong  $\nu$ (C=C) absorption is found at 1580 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum shows only one resonance (in addition to a broad resonance at  $\sim 1.5$  ppm due to the cyclohexyl protons) at 3.66 ppm for the methyl carboxylate groups indicating a symmetrical arrangement. The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum shows a single resonance at 9.61 ppm (J(PtP) = 3403 Hz) consistent with a symmetrical cis disposition of two phosphine ligands. The other products IV showed very similar spectroscopic behavior. Further, in the mass spectrum of IV ( $PR_3 = P^i Pr_3$ ; R' = CF<sub>3</sub>), the parent ion,  $Pt(PR_3)_2$ , and  $PtO_2C_4F_6$  are observable, but the peak corresponding to  $Pt(PR_3)_2O_2$  is not detected.

The reactivity of these dioxygen complexes toward activated acetylenes has been observed to be dependent on the phosphine ligands, decreasing in the following order  $P'Pr_3$ ,  $PCy_3 > PPh_3$  $> P^{t}Bu_{2}^{n}Bu, P^{t}Bu_{2}Me$ . Under similar conditions, acetylenes, such as CH<sub>3</sub>C=CCOOCH<sub>3</sub> and PhC=CPh, and olefins, such as CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub> and dimethyl maleate, were found to be inactive.

The mechanism of reaction 1 in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (with R = Cy; R' =  $COOCH_3$ ) was studied by (a) following the kinetics spectrophotometrically at 25 °C in the visible range  $400-320 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and (b) employing variable-temperature <sup>31</sup>P NMR to detect the intermediate(s).  $(a)^4$  The results indicate that reaction 1 consists of two stages (i) an initial step

$$\frac{-d[Pt(PCy_3)_2O_2]}{dt} = k_1[Pt(PCy_3)_2O_2][DMA]$$

which is first order in both acetylene and platinum complex with  $k_1 = 1.9 \times 10^{-1} \text{ L M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and (ii) a second step

$$\frac{d[product]}{dt} = k_2[intermediate]$$

which is independent of acetylene concentration with  $k_2 = 3.9$  $\times$  10<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (b) On warming a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of Pt- $(PCy_3)_2O_2$  containing a large excess of DMA from -78 to -20°C, two intermediates were observed in the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum (Figure 1b): one contains two nonequivalent phosphorus nuclei, mutually coupled to each other ( $\delta_P 29.70 (J(PP') = 7.3)$ Hz, J(PtP) = 3693 Hz);  $\delta_{P'} 23,47 (J(PtP') = 4517$  Hz)), and the other, a minor species, contains only one type of phosphorus ligand ( $\delta_P$  10.95 (J(PtP) = 1958 Hz)). On standing at -20 °C for 90 min, complete conversion of  $Pt(PCy_3)_2O_2$  to the intermediates and the product occurred (Figure 1c). On further warming to room temperature, only resonances corresponding to the final product IV were observed.

Results of (a) and (b) suggest the following mechanism for reaction 1:

The nature of the intermediates is not certain. In the minor species, III, the magnitude of the Pt-P coupling constant seems to suggest a five-coordinate structure with trans phosphines. In the major species, II, the J(PtP) values are more consistent with a cis arrangement of the two phosphines (in comparison  $J(PtP) = 3552 \text{ Hz in } Pt(PCy_3)_2O_2)$ . However, such structures assumes direct coordination of the acetylene to platinum. In a low-temperature <sup>19</sup>F NMR study of the reaction between 1 and C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub>, only one intermediate was detectable which exhibited one singlet with no platinum satellites for the two CF<sub>3</sub> groups. An alternative structure for the major intermediate may, therefore, be one in which the acetylene is attached directly to one of the coordinated oxygen atoms causing a nonequivalence of the two phosphine resonances.

This type of reaction of metal-dioxygen complexes with acetylenes is of interest from several standpoints. (1) It provides a convenient synthetic route to the hitherto unknown oxygen analogues of the well-known dithiolate ligands.<sup>5</sup> (2) In contrast to the catalytic oxidation of phosphines by  $Pt(PPh_3)_2O_2$ ,<sup>6</sup> the mechanism of this reaction does not involve a displacement of the dioxygen ligand by the substrate, but rather a direct attack of the substrate on the dioxygen ligand.<sup>7</sup>

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# Methylthiolation of Allylic Sulfides. A Degenerate [2,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangement

Sir:

Addition of sulfenyl halides to 1-alkenes is a well-studied reaction which is normally regiospecific and stereospecific when under kinetic control.<sup>1</sup> Not surprisingly, we have found that methanesulfenyl chloride (1a) reacts with 3-methylthiopropene (2) to give 1-chloro-2,3-di(methylthio)propane (3a) and a minor amount of the regioisomer  $4a^2$  Likewise, the



sulfenyl salt  $CH_3SS^+(CH_3)_2 BF_4^-$  (1b)<sup>3</sup> reacts with 2 to form the adduct 3b only.<sup>4</sup> However, we wish to report that these reactions are not straightforward electrophilic additions to the double bond but involve an unsuspected sigmatropic rearrangement by way of attack of the sulfenating agent at sulfur.

Evidence of rearrangement was adduced from labeling studies. Addition of **1a** to 3-methylthiopropene- $d_3$  (**2**- $d_3$ ) at -20 °C in chloroform gave an adduct, **3a**- $d_3$ , in which two thirds of the CD<sub>3</sub>S label was at C-3 and one third at C-2. Addition of 1a to 3-methylthiopropene-3- $d_2$  (2- $d_2$ ) gave 3a- $d_2$ in which the CD<sub>2</sub> label was scrambled between C-3 and C-1 in the ratio of 2:1.5 Scrambling of alkyl groups was also found in the adducts from reaction of 3-methylthiopropene with ethanesulfenyl chloride, and of 3-ethylthiopropene with methanesulfenyl chloride (Table I).

Reaction of  $2 \cdot d_3$  with the sulfering salt 1b gave a labeled adduct 3b which, by NMR analysis, clearly showed that the CD<sub>3</sub> label was distributed between the methylthio groups at C-2 and C-3 although a quantitative estimate of the distribution was not possible.<sup>6</sup> However, treatment of the adduct with sodium methoxide in methanol led to elimination of methyl sulfide and formation of neutral products that by mass spectral analysis gave molecular ions of composition  $C_5H_{10}S_2$  (m/e 134),  $C_5 D_3 H_7 S_2$  (*m/e* 137), and  $C_5 D_6 H_4 S_2$  (*m/e* 140). This result implies that the adduct 3b derived from  $2-d_3$  and 1b is a mixture of unlabeled (12%), singly labeled (55%) and doubly labeled (33%) material (Table I).<sup>7</sup> A similar mix of alkylthio groups was observed in the adducts from 1b and 3-ethylthiopropene.7

When excess allylic sulfide was used in reactions with alkanesulfenyl chlorides, unreacted sulfide showed (by NMR and mass spectrometry) no exchange of  $CD_3$  for  $CH_3$  in 2-d<sub>3</sub>, no scrambling of  $CD_2$  in 2-d<sub>2</sub>, and no exchange of methyl for Scheme I



ethyl in 2 with ethanesulfenyl chloride (or in 5 with 1a). In contrast, 1b with excess sulfide led to recovery of unreacted sulfide showing extensive exchange of  $CD_3$  for  $CH_3$  in 2-d<sub>3</sub> and scrambling of  $CD_2$  in the allyl group of 2-d<sub>2</sub>. Also, reaction of 1b with 3-ethylthiopropene (5) led to recovery of both 2 and 5 (Table I).

Direct alkylthiolation of the double bond of the allylic sulfides does not account for the observed scrambling of the deuterium labels or alkyl groups in the products and starting sulfides. However, sulfenyl compounds are known to react rapidly with sulfides to produce transient alkylthiosulfonium ions that are structural analogues of 1b.8-10 Rearrangement of these ions is also documented.<sup>8a</sup> With this knowledge, it is possible to interpret the present results by the mechanistic sequence of Scheme I. The key steps involve alkylthiolation of 2 to give intermediate 6 which must rapidly rearrange to 6'. This degenerate rearrangement effectively scrambles R and  $\mathbf{R}'$  and the allylic methylenes. Collapse of intermediates **6** and 6' by transfer of R'S or RS to the double bond carbons leads to the observed products 3 and 3'.

In principle, intermediate 6 could be formed by alkylation of methyl disulfide with allyl chloride. Accordingly, an equimolar mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>SSCH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>Cl, and AgBF<sub>4</sub> in nitromethane at -20 °C gave 3b in 90% yield when quenched with methyl sulfide.

Attack of alkanesulfenyl chlorides at sulfur is evidently irreversible because the label in the starting sulfide remains undisturbed. Such is not the case with 1b. The observed alkyl exchange and the label scrambling in the reaction of sulfides with 1b means that the first step is reversible. This is supported further by the fact that all possible cross products of labelexchanged starting materials were formed from  $2-d_3$  with 1b, and 5 with 1b. Table I shows that the degree of label scrambling varies with reaction temperature and with the alkyl group. Scrambling is also incomplete in the products from both 1a and 1b. For sulfenyl halides this could mean that some of the product is formed by direct alkylthiolation at carbon. Alternatively, all the product could be formed by the sequence of Scheme I provided that the rate of rearrangement of 6 is competitive with the rate of formation of 3  $(k_1 \sim k_2)$ .

The nature of the rearrangement step is of interest. Either it could involve a concerted [2,3]-sigmatropic shift or dissociation to an allylic cation and methyl disulfide. To distinguish between these possibilities, a double-labeling experiment was devised. Reaction of *ethanesulfenyl* chloride with  $2-d_2$  could give four distinguishable adducts by permutation of CH<sub>3</sub>S,  $C_2H_5S$ ,  $CH_2$  and  $CD_2$ . If an allylic cation is formed, all four adducts would be expected. Only two would result from the concerted rearrangement. The results obtained (Table I) show