Characterization of PtH₃(P^tBu₃)₂⁺ as the First Dihydrogen Complex of d⁸, Pt(II)

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The vast majority of H2 complexes identified at present involve a d⁶ configuration of the transition metal, so it is probable that other configurations will better define the limits of existence of molecular H₂ as a ligand. We describe here the case where a platinum dihydrogen complex will have a d8 configuration, while the product of oxidative addition involves a d6 configuration (eq 1).¹ To accomplish this, it was necessary to find conditions in

$$\mathbf{L}_{n}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{t}^{\mathrm{IV}}(\mathbf{H})_{2} \stackrel{?}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbf{L}_{n}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{t}^{\mathrm{II}}(\mathbf{H}_{2}) \tag{1}$$

which H₂ loss is disfavored, since certain compounds formulated as Pt^{IV} hydrides (e.g., L₂PtH₂Cl₂, L₂PtH₃Cl) were reported to readily lose H2.2 We felt that this might be accomplished by H2 coordination to L₂PtH⁺,³ where the cation would be particularly electrophilic. We report here the characterization (from each direction) of the equilibrium in eq 2.

$$L_2PtH_2 + HZ \rightarrow L_2PtH_3 + Z^- \rightleftharpoons L_2PtH^+ + Z^- + H_2 \quad (2)$$

$$1 \qquad 2$$

$$L = P^t B u_3$$
 $Z = F_3 C S O_3$

We discuss first the results of calculations of $PtH_3(PH_3)_2^+$, in part since they preceded the experiments chronologically. We have investigated the possible structures of the model ion PtH₃-(PH₃)₂⁺ using core potential ab initio calculations with the Gaussian92 set of programs.⁴ Geometry optimization^{4,5} at the RHF/MP2 level, using a gradient method and without any symmetry constraint, yields a complex (I) with H₂ lying in the HPtP₂ plane and trans to the hydride. The calculated H-H distance, 0.836 Å, is indicative of coordinated dihydrogen. Optimization of the structure with the H-H bond perpendicular



to the HPtP2 plane (II) yields an energy virtually identical (i.e., within 0.1 kcal/mol) to that of I, with no significantly altered bond lengths or angles.⁶ PtH(PH₃)₂+⁷ and H₂ were also optimized at the RHF/MP2 level in order to calculate at Pt/H₂ bond dissociation energy for I and II. After correction (5.2 kcal/mol) for basis set superposition error,8 a dissociation energy of 16 kcal/ mol is determined. No trihydride minimum was obtained on the potential energy surface. C_s constrained optimization of a structure having a T-shaped, mirror-symmetric arrangement of the three hydrides yielded and energy 18 kcal/mol above the minimum. This large energy difference suggests that redox cleavage of the H-H bond in PtH(H₂)(PH₃)₂+ will not lead to fast H/H₂ exchange.

In Figure 1, the ²H and ²H¹H NMR spectra (-80 °C) are presented for the isotopomers of $Pt(H,D)_3(P^tBu_3)_2^+(1)$, formed by reaction between $Pt(H)_2(P^{t}Bu_3)_2$ and CF_3SO_3D . These deuterium spectra, which are free from overlap with resonances of the phosphines (as in the case of ¹H NMR), reveal PtD and Pt(DH) resonances of 1.9 The multiplet of coordinated DH, which appears at unusually low field (δ 1.12), is distinguished by one of the largest known D-H coupling constants (34.7 Hz) and by a ${}^{1}J(D-Pt)$ of 44 Hz; this is the first observation of a metal-H₂ spin-spin interaction. These couplings provide unambiguous evidence for the presence of both H-D and Pt-(HD) bonds, i.e., for formulation of 1 as a dihydrogen complex and uncomplicated by dissociative exchange dynamics at -80 °C.

A ${}^{1}J(H-Pt)$ of 286 Hz can be calculated from ${}^{1}J(D-Pt) = 44$ Hz according to the difference in the H/D gyromagnetic ratios. Unfortunately, 1J(H-Pt) couplings are quite sensitive to the nature of the trans ligands, which makes a comparison difficult. For example, for the hydride trans to H_2 in 1, ${}^1J(H-Pt) = 1360$ Hz, which is comparable to that (1470 Hz) in PtH(acetone)(P^tBu₃)₂⁺.³ In PtH(P^tBu₃)₂⁺ and trans-Pt(H)₂(P^tBu₃)₂, the couplings are 2600 and 780 Hz, respectively. The 286-Hz coupling is the least of these, which, perhaps, has some connection with the Pt-H distances in the $Pt(H_2)$ fragment being expected to be quite long.

In the low-temperature ¹H NMR spectra, the H₂ resonance of 1 is overlapped by the very intense methyl resonance and severely broadened by strong H-H dipole-dipole interaction (the latter is more than 10 times weaker in H-D). The hydride signal is a well-resolved triplet at δ -10.4 and has a long T_1 (400 ms at -80

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Figure 1. ${}^{2}H{}^{1}H{}$ (upper) and ${}^{2}H{}$ (lower) NMR spectra of isotopomers of 1 prepared with CF₃SO₃D at -80 °C in CH₂Cl₂(S). ${}^{195}Pt$ satellites are indicated by asterisks.

°C) (300 MHz), indicating no H/H_2 exchange on the NMR time scale at -80 °C. Slow exchange is consistent with the hydride and H_2 ligands being mutually *trans*.

The ¹H NMR data for solutions of PtH(PⁱBu₃)₂⁺ (2) in the presence of H₂ show that H₂ coordination in 1 is reversible, and the position of the equilibrium (eq 2) is strongly temperature-dependent. Above-20 °C, the ¹H NMR spectra are characterized by the presence of *two* exchange-averaged resonances: one of the temperature-dependent chemical shifts lies between free (δ 4.55) and coordinated (δ 1.12) H₂, and the other is between PtH in 1 (δ -10.4) and PtH in 2 (δ -36.0). Both of the averaged resonances are broadened at 20 °C, but remarkably there is no saturation transfer between them. The exchange-averaged signal in the hydride region is flanked by platinum satellites, while the spin-spin coupling is completely destroyed for the exchange-averaged signal for H₂. These observations clearly indicate that there is no intramolecular H/H₂ scrambling in 1 (on the NMR time scale), even at room temperature.

Eleven ¹H NMR spectra were collected between -10 and 20 °C for three samples with different concentrations of 2 under H₂. Using the experimentally determined line widths, chemical shifts, and T_1 relaxation times, the H₂ exchange was simulated with the DNMR5 program¹⁰ to yield rate constants k_1 for the H₂ loss from 1. ΔH^* of 11.0 \pm 0.4 kcal/mol and ΔS^* of 1.8 \pm 1.5 eu were derived from the Eyring plot of $\ln(k/T)$ vs 1/T. The bulk of PtBu₃ is apparently responsible for diminishing the experimental value from that calculated (16 kcal/mol) in the PH₃ model complex. A significantly larger activation enthalpy, $\Delta H^* = 20.0$ \pm 0.5 kcal/mol ($\Delta S^* = -1 \pm 2$ eu), is known for reductive elimination of H₂ from Pt(H)₂(PMe₃)₂.¹¹

It is probable that the detection of this first dihydrogen complex of Pt(II) relies in part on steric protection (by P^tBu_3) against H_2

displacement by the available (very weak) nucleophiles (triflate and CH_2Cl_2).¹² The very small ΔS^* for H_2 dissociation has been discussed earlier¹⁰ as due to the nature of the metal overlap with the $\sigma(H-H)$ orbital, which should decrease faster with distance than σ bonds to more conventional Lewis bases. The large ${}^{1}J(H-$ D) for coordinated HD is consistent with very little back-donation. Thus, $PtH(P^{*}Bu_{3})_{2}^{+}$ is a sufficiently strong Lewis acid to bind H_{2} but has very little reducing ability (not much H-H bond weakening and no evidence for $Pt^{IV}(H)_3(P^tBu_3)_2^+$ and consequent fast scrambling of the H and H₂ nuclei).¹³ While $Ir(H)_3(PH_3)_2$ is calculated to have a trihydride ground state, 14 isoelectronic PtH3- $(PH_3)_2^+$ has the metal oxidation state sufficiently high that the d^{6} (H)₃Pt^{IV} formulation is no longer favored. This noticeable difference in structure may also be related to the rarity of the Pt(IV) oxidation state when the coordination number is only five.15 With a different type and number of ligands, Pt^{IV} hydrides have been authenticated.^{2,16} Thus, both the Pt^{II}/H₂ complex reported here and Pt^{IV} hydrides are relevant to the catalysis (by Pt^0 and by Pt^{II}) of H_2/D_2 scrambling, since this process requires three or more H at the metal simultaneously.

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