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REACTIONS OF ALKYNES WITH BIS(TRIPHENYLPHOSPHINE)PLATINUM-ETHYLENE: A ^{31}P - $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR STUDY *

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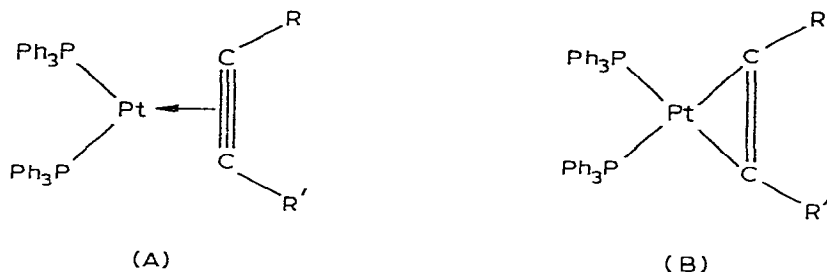
Summary

Internally consistent assignments of the ^{31}P - $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR parameters of the complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{RC}\equiv\text{CR}')(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ are proposed, based on the premise that the magnitude of $^1J(\text{PtP})$ depends mainly on the nature of the moiety $\equiv\text{CR}$ *trans* to P. For a given R, $^2J(\text{PP})$ correlates with $^1J(\text{PtP})$ for the bond *trans* to $\equiv\text{CR}$. The alkynes $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSnEt}_3$, $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSnPh}_3$, $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CCl}$, $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CBr}$, $\text{Et}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CI}$ and $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CI}$ undergo oxidative addition reactions with $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$; the intermediate alkyne complex was detected for $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSnEt}_3$, $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CCl}$ and $\text{Me}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{CBr}$. The triyne $\text{Me}(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})_3\text{Me}$ forms platinum(0) complexes by coordination with the central or terminal $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ bond and appears also to give a platinum(II) complex by oxidative addition.

Introduction

The complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{RC}\equiv\text{CR}')(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ have an approximately square planar arrangement of 2C and 2P donor atoms with a small dihedral angle between the PtCC and PtPP planes [1]. The ^{31}P - $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of several complexes with $\text{R} \neq \text{R}'$ are known to show the presence of non-equivalent PPh_3 ligands, but the chemical shifts δ and coupling constants $^1J(\text{PtP})$ have not been assigned to particular PPh_3 ligands [2,3]. We have now recorded the ^{31}P - $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of a large number of these complexes and we propose assignments of the spectra based on the premise that the coupling constants $^1J(\text{PtP})$ show a strong dependence on the nature of the $\equiv\text{CR}$ group in the *trans* relationship to the PPh_3 ligand. The coupling constants $^1J(\text{PtP})$ are known to depend strongly on the *trans* ligand for platinum(II) and platinum(IV) complexes [4], and although the complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{RC}\equiv\text{CR}')(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ are formally complexes of platinum(0), their electronic structures are regarded as being intermediate between representations A and B, where B is a platinum(II) complex of the dianion

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$[\text{RC}\equiv\text{CR}]^{2-}$. It is, however, possible that the couplings $^1J(\text{PtP})$ in these complexes depend mainly on the nature of the $\equiv\text{CR}$ group in the *cis* relationship to the PPh_3 ligand, since a group R could have a smaller effect on the relevant electron density at the carbon to which it is attached than on that at the other carbon atom of the multiple bond; in that case our assignments would be reversed.

Results and discussion

The complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{RC}\equiv\text{CR}')(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ were prepared by treatment of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ in dichloromethane with an excess of alkyne, and the $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra were recorded *in situ*. Our results together with those available from the literature [2,3,5,6] are given in Table 1. The assignments in Table 1, which are discussed in detail in sections (a)–(d) below, are internally consistent, but reliability is not claimed for a number of assignments (indicated by Footnote *f* of Table 1) in cases in which the values of the coupling constants for the two PPh_3 ligands of a complex differ by only a small amount. In Table 1, the complexes have been arranged in groups of complexes with substituents R in common, and within each group in order of decreasing $^2J(\text{PP})$. Where complexes have identical values of $^2J(\text{PP})$ or $\text{R} = \text{R}'$ (when $^2J(\text{PP})$ cannot be determined from the spectrum), the complexes are ordered with respect to the magnitude of $^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to the common $\equiv\text{CR}$ moiety.

Assignment of the $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ NMR parameters

(a) Coupling constants $^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to $\equiv\text{CPh}$ (3454 Hz), $\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3$ (3731 Hz); $\equiv\text{CMe}$ (3420 Hz) and $\equiv\text{CC}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$ (3406 Hz) are taken from the results for the symmetrical complexes ($\text{R} = \text{R}'$) VIII, XIV, XXV and XXXI. The coupling constants for II ($\text{R} = \text{Ph}$, $\text{R}' = \text{SiMe}_3$) differ substantially, and from the results for the symmetrical complexes and the assumed dependence of $^1J(\text{PtP})$ on the nature of the *trans* moiety, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 3528 Hz is assigned to the P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CPh}$ and $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 3791 Hz is assigned to the P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3$. The parameters for complexes I, III, and IV ($\text{R} = \text{Ph}$, $\text{R}' = \text{SiX}_3$, GeX_3) are close to those of II and are similarly assigned. For each of the complexes V and VI one coupling constant $^1J(\text{PtP})$ has a value which is very close to that in VIII and is, therefore, assigned to P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CPh}$. Also, for VII the coupling $^1J(\text{PtP})$ for the PtP bond *trans* to $\equiv\text{CMe}$ is smaller than that *trans* to $\equiv\text{CPh}$, which is the order expected from the relative magnitudes of the coupling constants for VIII and XXV. The assignment for IX [$\text{R} = \text{Ph}$, $\text{R}' = \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$] is based on the relative magnitudes of the coupling constants for VIII ($\text{R} = \text{R}' = \text{Ph}$) and XXXI [$\text{R} = \text{R}' = \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$].

TABLE 1

 $^3\text{1P-}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR PARAMETERS FOR COMPLEXES $[\text{Pt}(\text{R-C}\equiv\text{C-R}')(\text{PPh}_3)_2]^a$

Complex	R	$-\delta(\text{ppm})^b$ (PPh_3 <i>trans</i> to CR)	$^1J(\text{PtP})(\text{Hz})$	R'	$-\delta(\text{ppm})^b$ (PPh_3 <i>trans</i> to CR')	$^1J(\text{PtP})(\text{Hz})$	$^2J(\text{PP})(\text{Hz})$
I	Ph	112.7	3579	GeEt ₃	111.1	3716	44
II	Ph	113.0	3528	SiMe ₃	111.4	3791	44
III	Ph	112.3	3560	SiPh ₃	112.5	3774	42
IV	Ph	112.5	3538	GePh ₃	112.5	3645	42
V ^c	Ph	113.9	3469	H	109.9	3555	34
VI ^d	Ph	113.3	3457	SnEt ₃	109.0	3506	32
VII ^e	Ph	112.8	3456	Me	111.7	3376	32
VIII ^e	Ph	112.9	3454	Ph			
IX ^e	Ph	113.7	3482	C(OH)Me ₂	116.7	3431	27
X	SiMe ₃	110.9	3826	Pr ⁿ	112.5	3472	49
XI	SiMe ₃	112.1	3772	C ₆ H ₄ C≡CSiMe ₃ -3	112.7	3550	42
XII	SiMe ₃	112.2	3767	C ₆ H ₄ Br-3	112.8	3569	42
XIII	SiMe ₃	113.5	3758	(η -Ph)Cr(CO) ₃	113.1	3584	39
XIV	SiMe ₃	106.3	3731	SiMe ₃			
XV ^f	SiMe ₃	114.2	3701	C≡CSiMe ₃	113.0	3687	37
XVI	SiMe ₃	114.0	3623	Cl	115.2	3359	20
XVII ^g	SiMe ₃	113.5	3633	Br	115.7	3384	17
XVIII ^f	H	109.1	3706	SiEt ₃	112.6	3774	46
XIX ^c	H	109.9	3563	C ₆ H ₄ Me-4	113.8	3451	35
XX	H	109.8	3552	C ₆ H ₄ F-4	113.8	3447	34
XXI ^f	H	110.9	3528	C ₆ H ₄ Br-4	113.9	3499	32
XXII ^e	H	112.2	3561	C(OH)HMe	113.6	3478	32
XXIII ^e	H	113.5	3547	C(OH)HPh	114.9	3479	27
XXIV ^f	H	114.2	3501	C(OH)Ph(C≡CH)	115.8	3533	23
XXV	Me	111.0	3420	Me			
XXVI ^g	Me	111.7	3357	(C≡C) ₂ Me	113.2	3708	32
XXVII	GeEt ₃	110.8	3764	C ₆ H ₄ Me-2	112.9	3599	44
XXVIII	GeEt ₃	110.9	3716	C ₆ H ₄ Me-3	112.6	3579	44
XXIX	C(OH)Ph ₂	115.2	3394	C≡CC(OH)Ph ₂	116.6	3657	22
XXX	C(OH)Me ₂	114.2	3374	C≡CC(OH)Me ₂	116.3	3633	22
XXXI ^e	C(OH)Me ₂	116.5	3406	C(OH)Me ₂			
XXXII	C(OH)H ₂	113.9	3501	C(OH)H ₂			
XXXIII ^c	Et	110.5	3430	Et			
XXXIV ^c	C ₆ H ₄ Me-4	112.8	3449	C ₆ H ₄ Me-4			
XXXV ^g	C≡CMe	113.7	3569	C≡CMe			
XXXVI ^h	(CH ₂) ₅	111.1	3420				
XXXVII ⁱ	(CH ₂) ₄	110.1	3409				
XXXVIII ^j	CF ₃	120.6	3590	CF ₃			

^a Solutions in dichloromethane at 30°C unless stated otherwise. ^b Positive shifts are to high frequency of the external reference (MeO)₃P in C₆D₆. ^c Result from ref. 3. ^d At -30°C. ^e Result from ref. 2. ^f Tentative assignment, see text. ^g In a mixture, see text. ^h Cycloheptyne, result from ref. 5. ⁱ Cyclohexyne, result from ref. 5. ^j Result from ref. 6.

(b) The results for complex XIV (R = R' = SiMe₃) and complexes I-IV imply that $^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to $\equiv\text{CMX}_3$ (M = Si, Ge) is relatively large and this feature has been used to assign the parameters of complexes X-XIII, XVI, XVII, XXVII and XXVIII. For complex X (R' = Prⁿ) the coupling *trans* to $\equiv\text{CPr}^n$ agrees satisfactorily with the results for XXV and XXXIII (R = R' = Me or Et), and for complexes XI-XIII, XXVII and XXVIII the couplings *trans* to $\equiv\text{CAr}$ (Ar = aryl) are consistent with the results for P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CPh}$ from complexes I-IX and for P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-4}$ from complex XXXIV. The coupling constants $^1J(\text{PtP})$ for the complex XV differ by only 14 Hz, so it is not possible to

make a reliable assignment for this complex.

(c) Results for the unsubstituted acetylene complex ($R = R' = H$) are not available, so the assignments for complexes XVIII–XXIV ($R = H$) must be based mainly on the magnitudes $^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to the moieties $\equiv\text{CR}'$. For each of the complexes XIX and XX ($R' = \text{Ar}$) one coupling constant $^1J(\text{PtP})$ is very similar to those in VIII and XXXIV ($R = R' = \text{Ar}$); the other coupling constants are larger by ca. 100 Hz and are assigned to P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CH}$. For complexes XXII and XXIII one coupling constant is similar to those assigned to the P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CH}$ in complexes XIX and XX, and the other coupling constant is close to the mean of the coupling constants for XXXI [$R = \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$] and XXXII [$R = \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{H}_2$] (3454 Hz), which is presumed to provide an estimate for $^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to $\equiv\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{HR}$. From the results for complexes X–XVII ($R = \text{SiMe}_3$) it appears probable that the larger coupling constant $^1J(\text{PtP})$ for complex XVIII ($R' = \text{SiEt}_3$) should be assigned to the P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CSiEt}_3$, but the relatively small difference between the coupling constants for complex XVIII and for the complexes XXI and XXIV precludes definite assignments.

(d) One coupling constant $^1J(\text{PtP})$ for complex XXVI ($R = \text{Me}$, $R' = (\text{C}\equiv\text{C})_2\text{Me}$) has a similar magnitude to those for P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CMe}$ for complexes VII and XXV, and the smaller coupling constants for complexes XXIX [$R = \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Ph}_2$] are assigned to P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CC}(\text{OH})\text{X}_2$ by comparison with $^1J(\text{PtP})$ for XXXI [$R = R' = \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$]. The couplings assigned to P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$ for complexes XV, XXIX, XXX and XXXV agree satisfactorily with each other.

With the assignments given in Table 1 we have found an approximate linear correlation between $^2J(\text{PP})$ and $^1J(\text{PtP})$ for P *trans* to $\equiv\text{CR}$ for each of the groups of complexes with $R = \text{Ph}$ (complexes I–VII, IX), with $R = \text{SiMe}_3$ (complexes II, X–XIII, XV–XVII) and with $R = \text{H}$ (complexes XVIII–XIV). The

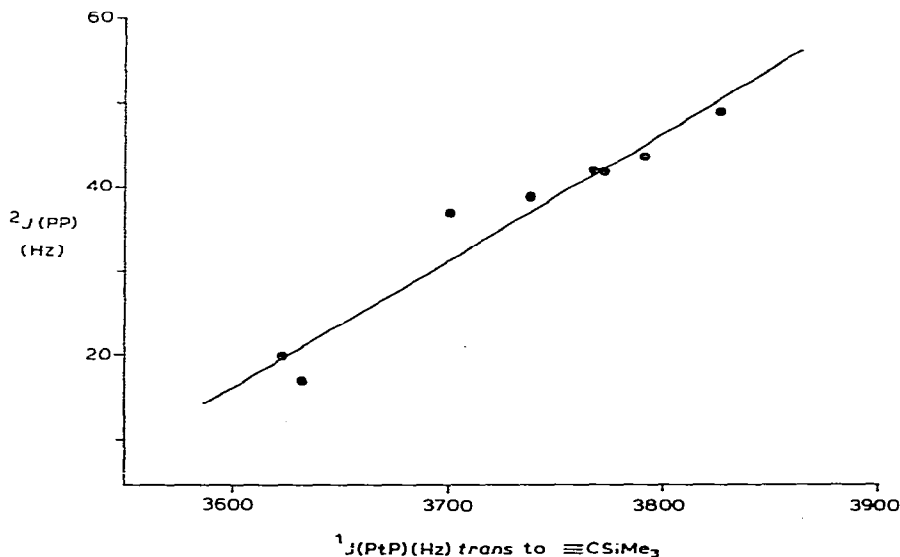


Fig. 1. Graph of $^2J(\text{PP})$ against $^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to $\equiv\text{CSiMe}_3$ for the complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CR})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$.

correlation for $R = \text{SiMe}_3$ (correlation coefficient 0.990) is typical and is shown in Fig. 1; for all three correlations larger values of ${}^2J(\text{PP})$ are associated with large coupling constants ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to the common $\equiv\text{CR}$ moiety. The correlations may reflect a dependence of the relative contributions of structures A and B on the nature of R' within the groups of complexes. Structure B resembles that for a *cis*-bis(triphenylphosphine)platinum(II) complex with σ -carbyl ligands for which both ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ (ca. 1800 Hz) and ${}^2J(\text{PP})$ (<20 Hz) are relatively small [4]. For (triphenylphosphine)platinum(0) complexes, which are normally represented by structures analogous to A, the coupling constants ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ and ${}^2J(\text{PP})$ are generally larger [4], so these parameters should increase as the substituent R' favours a larger contribution from structure A. Since the alkyne ligand is formally anionic in structure B, structure A should be favoured by electron-releasing substituents R' . Thus, in contrast to platinum(II) complexes, where electron-releasing substituents increase the *trans* influence of ligands [4], electron-releasing substituents R' for the alkyne complexes favour structure A and tend to increase ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ for the *trans* related PPh_3 ligand. Whilst the order of electron release by substituents R' derived on this basis is reasonable ($\text{SiR}_3, \text{GeR}_3 > \text{H}, \text{aryl} > \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{R}_2$) for $R = \text{Ph}$ or H , the order is somewhat different for $R = \text{SiMe}_3$, so other factors, possibly steric, may also be involved.

It is noteworthy that the diynes $\text{R}(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})_2\text{R}$ [$R = \text{SiMe}_3, \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Ph}_2, \text{C}(\text{OH})\text{Me}_2$] each gave only a single platinum(0) product with non-equivalent PPh_3 ligands, indicating that the diynes are monodentate (complexes XV, XXIV, XXX) under our conditions. For the triyne $\text{Me}(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})_3\text{Me}$ the ${}^{31}\text{P}\{-{}^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum showed the presence of two complexes with coupling constants ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ of the magnitude expected for alkyne complexes. In one complex (XXVI) the PPh_3 ligands are nonequivalent, as expected for coordination by a terminal $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ group, and the other complex (XXXV) has equivalent phosphines, indicating coordination of the central $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ group. Also present was a minor component with non-equivalent PPh_3 ligands, the ${}^{31}\text{P}\{-{}^1\text{H}\}$ parameters of which ($\delta -123.5$ ppm, ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2378 Hz; $\delta -124.7$ ppm, ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2290, ${}^2J(\text{PP})$ 19 Hz), and in particular the small values of ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$, indicate the formation of a platinum(II) complex with both PPh_3 ligands *trans* to ligands of high *trans* influence. This complex is tentatively formulated as *cis*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{C}\equiv\text{C}\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$, a product of oxidative addition of the alkyne.

Oxidative addition reactions

At room temperature alkynyl-tin compounds $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSnR}_3$ ($R = \text{Me}, \text{Et}$) and alkynyl iodides $\text{RC}\equiv\text{CI}$ ($R = \text{Ph}, \text{I}$) add oxidatively to (phosphine)platinum(0) complexes. With polyhalogeno-alkenes the oxidative addition reaction is known to be preceded by coordination of the olefin [4], so we examined the products of reactions between $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ and $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSnEt}_3, \text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSnPh}_3, \text{R}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CX}$ ($X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$) or $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CI}$. A solution of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ in dichloromethane was treated with $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CSnEt}_3$ at ca. -30°C and examined at the same temperature by ${}^{31}\text{P}\{-{}^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy. The spectrum showed the presence of the alkyne complex VI and a second complex with non-equivalent PPh_3 ligands. The latter complex was the only product at room temperature. The ${}^{31}\text{P}\{-{}^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum establishes the formula *cis*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{SnEt}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$: the parameters ($\delta -116.2$ ppm, ${}^1J(\text{PtP})$ 1780, ${}^2J({}^{119}\text{SnP})$ 1426, ${}^2J({}^{117}\text{SnP})$ 1352

Hz; δ -114.3 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2996, $^2J(\text{SnP})$ 103, $^2J(\text{PP})$ 17 Hz) are similar to those of the complex *cis*-[PtPh(SnMe₃)(PPh₃)₂] (δ -114.3 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2060, $^2J(^{119}\text{SnP})$ 1718, $^2J(^{117}\text{SnP})$ 1640 Hz; δ -115.2 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2129, $^2J(\text{SnP})$ 145, $^2J(\text{PP})$ 13 Hz [10]), but the value of $^1J(\text{PtP})$ *trans* to C \equiv CPh (2996 Hz) is larger than that *trans* to Ph (2129 Hz), as is expected from the greater *trans* influence of the Ph ligand [4]. The configuration of the complex [Pt(C \equiv CPh)-(SnMe₃)(PPh₃)₂], obtained from the reaction at room temperature between [Pt(PPh₃)₄] and PhC \equiv CsnMe₃ has been assigned *trans* from the observation of a weak single resonance in a relatively low-resolution ^{31}P NMR spectrum [7]. Since our results for PhC \equiv CsnEt₃, PhC \equiv CsnPh₃ (see below) and a variety of tetraorganotin compounds show that *cis*-complexes are invariably obtained from reactions with platinum(0) complexes, it is probable that the complex obtained previously was *cis*, perhaps with only a small chemical shift (which was not resolved) between the non-equivalent nuclei. The reaction at room temperature between [Pt(C₂H₄)(PPh₃)₂] and PhC \equiv CsnPh₃ gave *cis*-[Pt(C \equiv CPh)(SnPh₃)(PPh₃)₂] (δ -115.9 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2058, $^2J(^{119}\text{SnP})$ 1841, $^2J(^{117}\text{SnP})$ 1760 Hz; δ -118.4 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2856, $^2J(\text{SnP})$ 114, $^2J(\text{PP})$ 18 Hz).

The ^{31}P -{ ^1H } NMR spectrum of the mixture obtained after 30 min at room temperature from [Pt(C₂H₄)(PPh₃)₂] and Me₃SiC \equiv CBr showed the presence of the alkyne complex XVII, the parameters of which are similar to those of complex XVI which was obtained as the only product from Me₃SiC \equiv CBr when the same procedure was used. Also present in the reaction mixture from Me₃SiC \equiv CBr were *cis*-[PtBr(C \equiv CsiMe₃)(PPh₃)₂] [δ -121.3 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2295 Hz; δ -129.4 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 3740, $^2J(\text{PP})$ 18 Hz] and a *trans* complex [δ -119.6 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2656 Hz] which is probably *trans*-[PtBr(C \equiv CsiMe₃)(PPh₃)₂]. The reaction at room temperature or at -45°C between Et₃SiC \equiv CI or MeC \equiv CI and [Pt(C₂H₄)(PPh₃)₂] gave mixtures of *cis*- and *trans*-[PtI(C \equiv CR)(PPh₃)₂] [R = SiEt₃, *cis* complex: δ -124.5 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2334 Hz; δ -131.5 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 3594, $^2J(\text{PP})$ 17 Hz; *trans* complex: δ -121.1 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2617 Hz, R = Me, *cis* complex: δ -125.7 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2341 Hz; δ -130.5 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 3591, $^2J(\text{PP})$ 15 Hz; *trans* complex: δ -122.0 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2617 Hz]. Since the reaction mixture from [Pt(C₂H₄)(PPh₃)₂] and an excess of Me₃SiC \equiv CBr appeared to contain *trans*-[PtCl(C \equiv CsiMe₃)(PPh₃)₂] [δ -117.8 ppm, $^1J(\text{PtP})$ 2688 Hz] after 5 days at room temperature, it is evident that the rate of oxidative addition increases in the expected order $\equiv\text{C}-\text{Cl} < \equiv\text{C}-\text{Br} < \equiv\text{C}-\text{I}$. The rate for $\equiv\text{C}-\text{Sn}$ most closely resembles that for $\equiv\text{C}-\text{Br}$. For PhC \equiv CsnR₃ and R₃SiC \equiv CX (X = Cl, Br) the rates of displacement of ethylene from [Pt(C₂H₄)(PPh₃)₂] exceed that for oxidative addition; kinetic studies have shown that the rate of displacement of ethylene by PhC \equiv CH ($k^{25^\circ\text{C}} = 2.8 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$) exceeds the rate of oxidative addition of MeI ($k^{25^\circ\text{C}} = 1.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$) or PhCH₂Br ($k^{25^\circ\text{C}} = 1.4 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$) [11].

Experimental

Reactions were carried out under dry, oxygen-free nitrogen. Solvents were dried and distilled before use. The ^{31}P -{ ^1H } NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL PFT-100 Fourier Transform spectrometer at 40.48 Hz. An external reference of (MeO)₃P in C₆D₆ or of (MeO)₃PO in CD₂Cl₃ (for samples at low temper-

ature) also provided the ^2H lock signal. Complexes examined in situ were prepared by addition of an excess of the alkyne to $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (0.05 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 cm^3) in an 8 mm NMR tube. The mixture was shaken for about 5 min, during which period evolution of ethylene occurred, and then set aside for about 30 min before being placed in the spectrometer.

The complex *cis*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{SnPh}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ was obtained after treatment of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (0.37 g) in toluene (10 cm^3) with a slight excess of $\text{PhC}\equiv\text{C-SnPh}_3$ (0.23 g). The solution was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Hexane (20 cm^3) was added to give the product as yellow crystals (63%), m.p. 208°C , $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$ 2100 cm^{-1} (Analysis found: C, 62.5; H, 4.9. $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{50}\text{P}_2\text{PtSn}$ calcd.: C, 63.6; H, 4.3%).

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