

Table I. Asymmetric Hydrosilylation of Olefins with MeCl₂SiH Catalyzed by Chiral Phosphine-Platinum(II) Complexes at 40°

Olefin (30 mmol)	Catalyst (10 mg)	[α] ¹⁵ _D , deg, of product	Yield, %	[α] ¹⁵ _D , deg, methyl- ated
PhMeC=CH ₂	<i>cis</i> -(C ₂ H ₄)R ₃ P*PtCl ₂ ^a	+1.93	43	+1.20
PhMeC=CH ₂	[R' ₃ P*PtCl ₂] ₂ ^b	+0.37	64	
EtMeC=CH ₂	<i>cis</i> -(C ₂ H ₄)R ₃ P*PtCl ₂ ^a	-0.12	69	-0.14
EtMeC=CH ₂	[R' ₃ P*PtCl ₂] ₂	-0.08	55	

^a R₃P*: (+)-(R)-(PhCH₂)MePhP (K. Neumann, G. Zon, and K. Mislow, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **91**, 7102 (1969)) (81% optical purity). ^b R'₃P*: (-)-(R)-MePh-*n*-PrP (see Neumann, *et al.*, footnote a) (93% optical purity).

methylbutyl chloride, [α]¹⁵_D +1.68° (neat) (98% optical purity),¹³ (+)-(S)-EtMeCHCH₂SiMeCl₂, [α]¹⁵_D +12.8° (neat), and (+)-(S)-EtMeCHCH₂SiMe₃, [α]¹⁵_D +15.8° (neat).

cis-Dichloro(ethylene)[(S)-1-phenylethylamine]platinum(II), which is known to cause the asymmetric induction of the coordinated olefin by exchanging ethylene with such higher olefins as *tert*-butylethylene and *trans*-2-butene,¹⁴ showed an efficient catalytic activity in hydrosilylation of α-methylstyrene (in essentially quantitative yield under the conditions used), but the adduct was racemic.

These observations are significant for several reasons. First, a system with one asymmetric center as close to the metal as possible is advantageous in order to sustain the asymmetric bias, though this is not always necessary for asymmetric synthesis¹⁵ in general. Second, the stereochemical sequence of coordination of olefins followed by addition of a silicon hydride, which must take place at least within the coordination sphere of the platinum atom, is proved to be identical in all experiments.

Finally, we are aware of the mechanistic similarity between the present hydrosilylation and the asymmetric homogeneous hydrogenation,¹⁵ which at present is restricted to the use of phosphine complexes of rhodium(I) as catalysts, presumably of the type L₃RhCl where L is the chiral ligand.

Further experiments with chiral phosphine complexes of other metals including nickel(II), palladium(II), and rhodium(I) are in progress.

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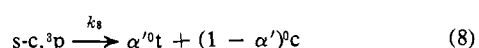
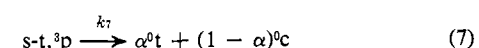
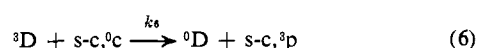
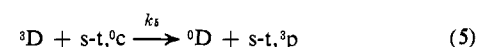
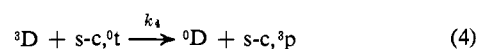
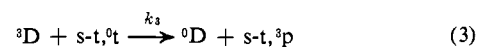
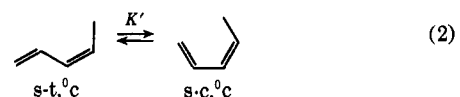
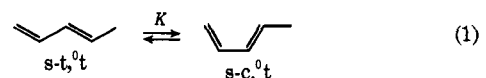
The Role of *s-cis*-1,3-Diene Triplets in Sensitized *Cis-Trans* Photoisomerization

Sir:

Acyclic 1,3-diene-photosensitized cycloaddition products vary with sensitizer triplet energy.^{1,2} High-energy

sensitizers, >60 kcal/mol, excite *s-cis* and *s-trans* diene conformers indiscriminately producing mainly *s-trans* triplets which give cyclobutane products. Lower energy sensitizers, 60 > E_T > 50 kcal/mol, favor excitation of *s-cis* conformations, yielding *s-cis* triplets which give chiefly cyclohexene products. The requirement is that *s-cis* and *s-trans* triplets do not interconvert. Although photostationary *trans-cis* ratios for the sensitized isomerization of the 1,3-pentadienes vary over the same triplet energy region, Figure 1, the role of *s-cis* triplets in *cis-trans* isomerization has not been evaluated.^{3,4}

1,3-Pentadienes. A mechanism for sensitized 1,3-pentadiene *cis-trans* photoisomerization including the intermediacy of *s-cis* triplets is given by eq 1-8 (³p



denotes relaxed diene triplets). Using the steady-state approximation for all excited species, eq 9-11 are

$$\left(\frac{[t]}{[c]}\right)_s = \frac{1 + K}{1 + K'} \left(\frac{\alpha k_5 + \alpha' k_6 K'}{(1 - \alpha)k_3 + (1 - \alpha')k_4 K} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$\phi_{t \rightarrow c} = \frac{a}{k_3 + k_4 K} ((1 - \alpha)k_3 + (1 - \alpha')k_4 K) \quad (10)$$

$$\phi_{c \rightarrow t} = \frac{a}{k_5 + k_6 K'} (\alpha k_5 + \alpha' k_6 K') \quad (11)$$

derived (*a* represents the sensitizer's intersystem crossing efficiency). Benzophenone, fluorenone, and pyrene photoisomerization data are compared in Table I. For high-energy sensitizers, *k*₃ = *k*₄ = *k*₅ = *k*₆ = *k*_{diff} and since *K* and *K'* are small, terms containing α' are negligible. For fluorenone, φ_{c→t}/*a* = 0.55 = α, indicating that *s-cis* triplets are not produced from *cis*-1,3-pentadiene, *i.e.*, *K'* ≪ 1.⁵ Since steric interactions in *s-cis*-1,3-butadiene and *s-cis,trans*-1,3-pentadiene are similar, the same distribution of *s-cis* and

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