

bridge between two strongly bonded ruthenium atoms.^{11,13}

The structure was determined by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study.¹⁴ An ORTEP II plot is illustrated in Figure 1, which also provides bond length data (inset) for the metal framework. The five ruthenium atoms form a square-based pyramid with Ru(1), Ru(2), Ru(4), and Ru(5) defining the base and Ru(3), the apex. Apical Ru(3) lies 2.086 Å above the best plane¹⁵ defined by the four basal metal atoms and is slightly displaced away from the basal edge [Ru(4)-Ru(5)] bridged by the phosphido group. The base of the pyramid is slightly but significantly distorted toward a rectangle with the shorter Ru-Ru bond [Ru(4)-Ru(5) = 2.696 (1) Å] bridged by a phosphido group occupying equatorial sites. The remaining seven Ru-Ru distances (average, 2.855 Å) are normal, as compared to bond lengths in other ruthenium clusters,¹⁶ with no single bond length deviating by more than 0.04 Å from the mean. The lack of structural data for any other square-pyramidal Ru₅ cluster precludes a more detailed analysis. The acetylide which bridges the Ru(4)-Ru(5) edge in symmetrical fashion is simultaneously η bonded to the remaining two basal atoms Ru(1) and Ru(2). The Ru(4)-C(14) [2.114 (8) Å] and Ru(5)-C(14) [2.095 (8) Å] distances are significantly shorter than the corresponding Ru-C (acetylide) distances [Ru(2)-C(19) 2.22(1) and Ru(3)-C(19) 2.185(9) Å] in Ru₃(CO)₆(μ₂-C≡Bu-*t*)(PPh₂)₂(Ph₂PC₂Bu-*t*)¹⁷ where, however, the symmetrically bridging acetylide is not involved in η bonding with other metal atoms. Comparison of ruthenium-carbon (acetylide) bond lengths in Ru₅(CO)₁₃(μ₄-C₂Ph)(PPh₂) [Ru(1)-C(14) 2.190 (8), Ru(1)-C(15) 2.216 (8), Ru(2)-C(14) 2.234(8), Ru(2)-C(15) 2.163(9) Å] with corresponding values in Ru₃(CO)₆(μ₃-C₂Pr-*i*)(PPh₂) [average Ru-C (acetylide) 2.321 Å] and Ru₂(CO)₆(μ₂-C₂Bu-*t*)(PPh₂)¹¹ [average Ru-C (acetylide) 2.350 Å] indicates a significant increase in the strength of metal-acetylide bonding as the number of interacting metal atoms increases. As a result of the strong η interactions with Ru(1) and Ru(2), the carbon-carbon triple bond is lengthened to 1.342 (11) Å. This distance which is characteristic of uncoordinated alkene double bonds is the greatest we have yet observed for σ-η-acetylide complexes of group 8 metals.

Remarkably, the stereochemistry of the acetylenic carbon atom C(14) is planar¹⁸ in contrast to the marked *cis* or *trans* bending at both carbon atoms which usually accompanies μ₂- or μ₃-alkyne or acetylide bonding. Figure 1 also illustrates that C(14) occupies a capping site on the Ru(1)-Ru(2)-Ru(4)-Ru(5) face, with the five ruthenium atoms and C(14) defining a distorted octahedron. This stereochemistry is reminiscent of the cluster carbide Fe₅(CO)₁₅C,⁷ although in the present case the capping atom remains part of an acetylide. Although a stereochemical similarity between Fe₅(CO)₁₅C and Ru₅(CO)₁₃(C≡CPh)(PPh₂) is evident, further speculation on a possible conversion of the latter to a cluster carbide and on the chemical behavior of the multisite-bound acetylide must await the results of experiments currently in progress.

Finally, in view of current interest in ³¹P (PPh₂) chemical shift correlations with M-M bond lengths, we note that the very low field ³¹P chemical shift of the PPh₂ group in Ru₅(CO)₁₃(C≡CPh)(PPh₂) is consistent with the presence of a very strong Ru-Ru bond [Ru(4)-Ru(5) = 2.696 (1) Å] and short Ru-P bond lengths

(average 2.286 Å) rather than an unusually small Ru(4)-P-Ru(5) angle.¹⁹

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Supplementary Material Available: Fractional atomic coordinates (Table S1), hydrogen atom coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters (Table S2), and anisotropic thermal parameters (Table S3) for Ru₅(CO)₁₃(C₂Ph)(PPh₂) (3 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

(19) The Ru(4)-P-Ru(5) angle of 72.30 (0)° does not differ markedly from the Ru-P-Ru angle [72.0 (0)° in Ru₂(CO)₄(C≡C₂Bu-*t*)(PPh₂) [δ (³¹P) +123.9] but the Ru-Ru bond length, 2.752 (1) Å, and Ru-P distances (average, 2.339 Å) in the latter are significantly longer.

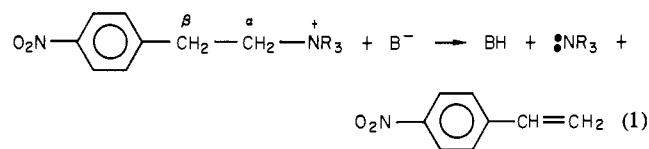
Large, Inverse Solvent Isotope Effects: A Simple Test for the E1cB Mechanism¹

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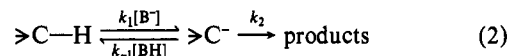
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We wish to report a large, inverse solvent deuterium isotope effect on the initial rates of base-induced *p*-nitrostyrene formation from [β-(*p*-nitrophenyl)ethyl]ammonium ions in aqueous acetohydroxamate buffers (eq 1). For compounds **1a** and **1b**, the



- 1a**, :NR₃ = trimethylamine (pK_a = 9.85)
1b, :NR₃ = quinuclidine (pK_a = 11.45)
1c, :NR₃ = 4-methyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octanium (pK_a = 3.01)²

magnitude of the inverse effect can be increased by increasing the buffer concentration (at constant buffer ratio). This variation is quantitatively accounted for by application of the steady-state approximation to the E1cB mechanism (eq 2) and serves as a



sensitive test for that mechanism whenever the proton-transfer step is not entirely rate controlling.

In the figure are shown plots of experimental first-order rate constants for reaction of compound **1b** in H₂O and D₂O, both against acetohydroxamate concentration. Three features are of interest: (1) The plots are curved. For the reaction in H₂O, buffer saturation is observed indicating a complete change of rate control from step 1 (proton transfer) to step 2 (leaving group departure). The buffer curvature for both solvents is quantitatively described by the steady-state analysis of the E1cB mechanism (see below) from which the lines through the experimental points were calculated. Similar, but less marked, curvature has been observed previously with increasing concentrations of substituted-quinuclidine buffers in H₂O.² (2) The observed rate constants are larger in D₂O than in H₂O. (3) The inverse solvent isotope effect

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(14) Dark blue crystals of Ru₅(CO)₁₃(C₂Ph)(PPh₂) are monoclinic, space group P2₁/n with *a* = 9.966 (2), *b* = 16.877 (2), *c* = 21.707 (4) Å; β = 100.51 (2)°; *Z* = 4; ρ_m = 2.14, ρ_c = 2.139 g cm⁻³; μ_{MoKα} = 21.15 cm⁻¹; *F*(000) = 2208. The structure was solved and refined by using 3335 observed [*I* ≥ 3σ(*I*)], independent reflections measured on a Syntex P2₁ automatic diffractometer using Mo Kα radiation out to 2θ ≤ 45°. With all nonhydrogen atoms having anisotropic thermal parameters and hydrogen atoms isotropic coefficients, the structure was refined by full-matrix least-squares methods to *R* and *R*_w values of 0.033 and 0.039, respectively.

(15) The atoms Ru(1), Ru(2), Ru(4), and Ru(5) deviated by less than ±0.02 Å from the mean plane through these atoms.

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(18) The atom C(14) deviates by only 0.060 Å from a least-squares plane containing Ru(4), Ru(5), and C(15).

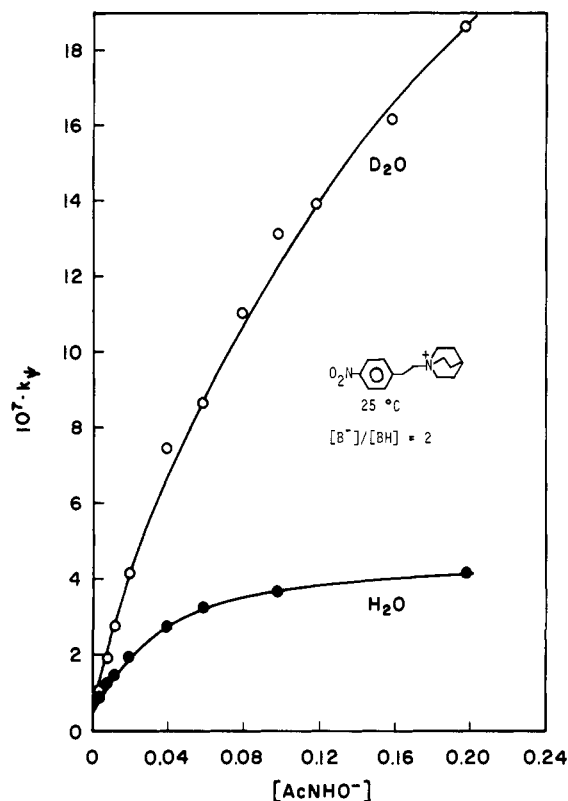
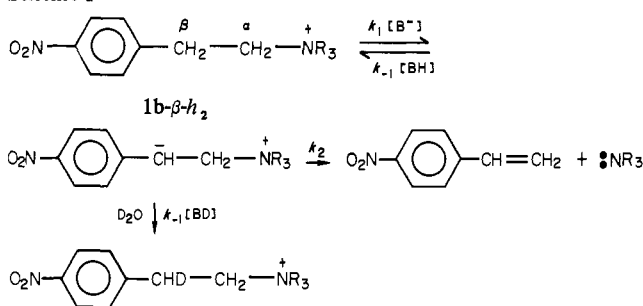


Figure 1. Plots of k_{obsd} (s^{-1}) vs. $[\text{AcNLO}^-]$ for initial rates of *p*-nitrostyrene formation from **1b** in H_2O and D_2O ; $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $\mu = 1.00\text{ M}$ (KCl). From that data we may calculate, among other quantities, $({}_D k_1^{\text{H}}/{}_H k_1^{\text{H}}) = 1.18$ for acetohydroxamate catalysis. A value of 1.55 for hydroxide catalysis has been previously measured.² Primary isotope effects include $(k_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}/k_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}) = 5.2$ and $(k_{\text{BH}}/k_{\text{BD}}) = 6.6$ for protonation of the zwitterion by water and acetohydroxamic acid, respectively. The primary substrate isotope effect, $(k_1^{\text{H}}/k_1^{\text{D}})$, is 8.5 with $\text{B}^- = \text{hydroxide}$.² The isotope effects for **1a** are very similar.

Scheme I



$({}_D k_{\text{obsd}}/{}_H k_{\text{obsd}})$, increases with [buffer]. An effect as large as 7.7 was measured at very early reaction times by using a buffer ratio $[\text{AcNLO}^-]/[\text{AcNLO}] = 0.29\text{ M}/0.58\text{ M}$. This is the largest published inverse solvent isotope effect of which we are aware. More O'Ferrall and Slae have described similar experimental results for the elimination of water or methanol from 9-fluorenylmethanol and 9-(methoxy)methylfluorene, for which an E1cB mechanism was assigned from other criteria.³ In a separate

experiment we observed isotopic hydrogen exchange at C- β of **1b**, concurrent with elimination.

Qualitatively the inverse solvent isotope effects can be rationalized by means of Scheme I. At early times, prior to significant exchange at C- β , the substrate is essentially **1b**- β - h_2 regardless of the isotopic identity of the solvent. In H_2O product formation is retarded by the reversal of step 1, i.e., $k_{-1}[\text{BH}]$ competes with k_2 . In D_2O , owing to a primary hydrogen isotope effect on re-protonation, $k_{-1}[\text{BD}]$ does not compete so effectively with k_2 , and the rate of product formation is not decreased as much as in H_2O (we assume no significant isotope effect on k_2). As [buffer] is raised the partitioning of the intermediate will become dominated by $k_{-1}[\text{BH}]$ in H_2O at a point where $k_{-1}[\text{BD}]$ in D_2O does not yet dominate. That is, step 2 will become rate controlling in H_2O at a buffer concentration where step 1 is still partly rate controlling in D_2O and where ${}_D k_{\text{obsd}}$ (but not ${}_H k_{\text{obsd}}$) is increasing with added buffer.

The buffer curvature and the variable inverse solvent isotope effects establish the reaction path as a true E1cB mechanism. The initial rate via the E2 mechanism would not show such an inverse solvent isotope effect or buffer curvature, even if carbanion formation and isotopic exchange occurred concurrently.⁴ A freely solvated intermediate is required. An E1cB (ion pair) mechanism also would not show such behavior, unless there is rapid exchange of deuterium into the BH^+ -carbanion complex.

Quantitatively the observed rates are described by the steady-state rate law for the E1cB mechanism (eq 3). The inverse

$${}_L k_{\text{obsd}} (\text{s}^{-1}) = \frac{k_1[\text{B}^-]k_2}{k_{-1}[\text{BL}] + k_2} = \frac{(k_{\text{OL}}[\text{OL}^-] + k_{\text{B}}[\text{AcNLO}^-])k_2}{(k_{\text{L}_2\text{O}} + k_{\text{BL}}[\text{AcNLO}]) + k_2} \quad (3)$$

solvent isotope effects (assuming ${}_H k_2 \approx {}_D k_2$) are given by eq 4.

$$({}_D k_{\text{obsd}}/{}_H k_{\text{obsd}}) = ({}_D k_1^{\text{H}}/{}_H k_1^{\text{H}}) \left(\frac{{}_H k_{-1}^{\text{H}}[\text{BH}] + k_2}{{}_D k_{-1}^{\text{D}}[\text{BD}] + k_2} \right) \quad (4)$$

The superscripts refer to the transferred isotope while the subscripts denote the isotopic identity of the solvent. Despite the fact that k_1 contains two terms, $({}_D k_1^{\text{H}}/{}_H k_1^{\text{H}})$ depends only slightly on [buffer].⁵ Thus the magnitude of $({}_D k_{\text{obsd}}/{}_H k_{\text{obsd}})$ depends principally on $({}_H k_{-1}^{\text{H}}/{}_D k_{-1}^{\text{D}})$ and the extent to which ${}_H k_{-1}^{\text{H}}[\text{BH}]$ and ${}_D k_{-1}^{\text{D}}[\text{BD}]$ dominate the sums, ${}_L k_{-1}^{\text{L}}[\text{BL}] + k_2$, in eq 4. The observed inverse effect increases from a minimum value at very low [buffer] ($k_2 \gg k_{-1}[\text{BL}]$; step 1 rate controlling) to a maximum at high [buffer], at which step 2 becomes rate controlling and the ratio is given by eq 5. Equation 5 would apply even at $({}_D k_{\text{obsd}}/{}_H k_{\text{obsd}}) = ({}_D k_{\infty}/{}_H k_{\infty}) \approx ({}_D k_1^{\text{H}}/{}_H k_1^{\text{H}})({}_H k_{-1}^{\text{H}}/{}_D k_{-1}^{\text{D}})$ (5) low [buffer] were re-protonation by solvent alone faster than step 2.

Finally we note that the E1cB mechanism contains the implication that better leaving groups bias the reaction toward the E1cB (irreversible) variant. Using eq 3 we calculate the partitioning ratio $k_{\text{BH}}/k_2 = 85\text{ M}^{-1}$ for **1b**, 1.8 M^{-1} for **1a**, and $<0.01\text{ M}^{-1}$ for **1c** for which, in fact, neither buffer curvature nor variable, inverse solvent isotope effects were observed.⁶ The results for **1a** are instructive. Buffer curvature in H_2O could be seen and isotopic hydrogen exchange at C- β was demonstrated. Neither result was dramatic owing to the relatively unfavorable partitioning ratio. Nevertheless the variable, inverse solvent isotope effect was easily detected and qualifies therefore as a sensitive signal for the E1cB mechanism.

Large inverse isotope effects can be observed for the initial rates of reactions involving proton abstraction from carbon when a second step is largely rate determining because the first step is

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a pseudo-equilibrium⁷ that incorporates a primary kinetic isotope effect; i.e., it is determined by the ratio of the rate constants for H removal in the forward direction and D addition in the reverse direction.⁸ In contrast, the observed isotope effect will depend largely on the equilibrium isotope effect for the first step in reactions involving initial reversible protonation of carbon⁹ or in the later stage of E1cB (reversible) elimination reactions, after complete exchange with the solvent has occurred.³

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Asymmetric Synthesis of α -Amino Acids Using Chiral Cobalt(III) Complexes

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We have developed a novel asymmetric synthesis of α -amino acids by using chiral cobalt(III) complexes containing 1,5*R*,7*R*,11-*Me*₄-2,3,2-tet¹ as a ligand.

Some studies have been reported on the asymmetric synthesis of α -amino acids^{2,3} and asymmetric transformation of α -amino acids⁴⁻⁶ in their chiral cobalt(III) complexes. In every case, however, amino acids were not isolated from the cobalt(III) complexes until they were subjected to a decomposition process which often accompanied racemization of the amino acids.

We recently discovered a new type of reaction to isolate amino acids with retention of the asymmetric carbon center from the cobalt(III) complexes under mild conditions while also preserving the complexes.

When $\Delta\text{-}\beta_2\text{-[Co(R or S-Ala)(1,5*R*,7*R*,11-*Me*₄-2,3,2-tet)]}^{2+}$ was warmed in an 0.1 M Na₂CO₃ aqueous solution at 50 °C for 30 min, the starting red solution changed its color to violet. The reaction in a 0.1 M Na₂CO₃-D₂O solution was followed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The C-methyl signal of the coordinated alanine gradually decreased to zero. This color change corresponds also to the shift of absorption maximum in the visible spectrum from 513 to 530 nm. The reaction mixture was loaded on an SP-Sephadex (C-25) cation exchange resin. The colored fraction was adsorbed on the resin. The solution passed through the column was confirmed to contain free alanine by an amino acid analyzer. This free alanine was converted to 2,4-dinitrophenylalanine (DNP-alanine). The DNP-alanine was purified by silica gel

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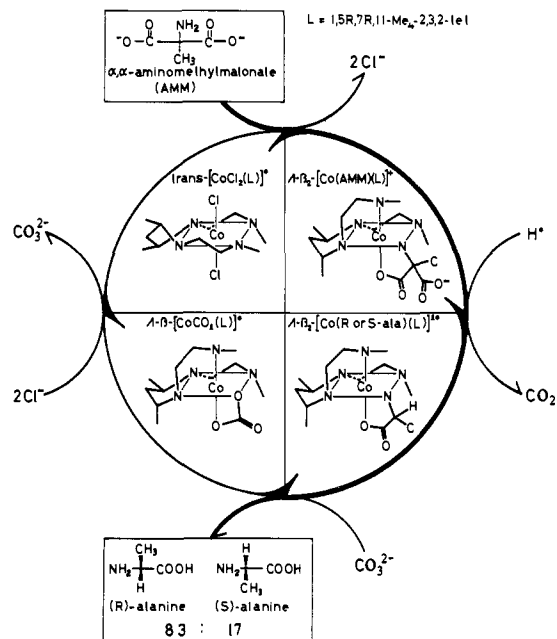


Figure 1.

thin-layer chromatography. The specific optical rotation of the authentic DNP-(*S*)-alanine was compared with that of the DNP-alanine prepared from pure (*R*)-alaninato or (*S*)-alaninato complex. The comparison indicated that the asymmetry of alanine was retained quantitatively (>99%) during the release.¹¹

The ¹H NMR, electronic absorption (AB), and CD data for the complex eluted with a 0.05 N NaClO₄ solution agreed well with those for the carbonate complex represented as $\Delta\text{-}\beta_2\text{-[CoCO}_3(1,5*R*,7*R*,11\text{-Me}_4\text{-2,3,2-tet})\text{ClO}_4\text{-H}_2\text{O}$.⁷ This carbonate complex was easily converted to the starting trans-dichloro complex of 1,5*R*,7*R*,11-*Me*₄-2,3,2-tet. The new asymmetric synthesis of α -amino acids described above is depicted in Figure 1.

The first step of this cyclic system is the introduction of α -amino- α -methylmalonic acid (AMM) into the starting trans-dichloro complex. The $\text{trans-[CoCl}_2(1,5*R*,7*R*,11\text{-Me}_4\text{-2,3,2-tet})\text{ClO}_4$ (0.89 g) and ammonium α -amino- α -methylmalonate (0.33 g) were refluxed in 100 mL of methanol. The product was purified through an SP-Sephadex (C-25) cation exchange resin column and isolated as the perchlorate salt. On the basis of analytical and spectral data, the complex was assigned as $\Delta\text{-}\beta_2\text{-[Co(AMM)(1,5*R*,7*R*,11\text{-Me}_4\text{-2,3,2-tet})\text{ClO}_4\text{-2.5H}_2\text{O}$ and obtained stereospecifically.⁸

The second step is the decarboxylation of AMM on the complex. The AB, CD, and ¹H NMR spectra of the product decarboxylated from $\Delta\text{-}\beta_2\text{-[Co(AMM)(1,5*R*,7*R*,11\text{-Me}_4\text{-2,3,2-tet})\text{ClO}_4$ in 1 N hydrochloric acid at 70 °C were almost the same as those of $\Delta\text{-}\beta_2\text{-[Co(R-Ala)(1,5*R*,11\text{-Me}_4\text{-2,3,2-tet})\text{ClO}_4$ which was prepared from the reaction between $\text{trans-[CoCl}_2(1,5*R*,7*R*,11\text{-Me}_4\text{-2,3,2-tet})\text{ClO}_4$ and (*R*)-alanine.⁹ This observation indicates that the above decarboxylation produced predominantly (*R*)-alaninato complex.¹⁰ Actually, the red crystals isolated from the decar-

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