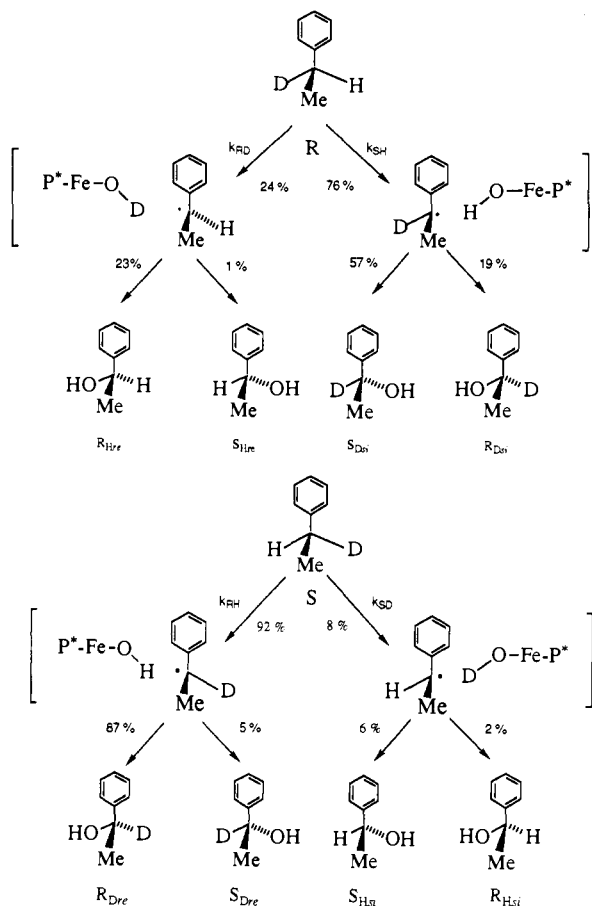


Table I. Mass Spectral Data for 1-Phenylethyl Esters Derived from (*R*)- and (*S*)-(1-Deuterioethyl)benzene^a

m/z	substrate				esters ^b from	
	(<i>R</i>)-ethyl-1- <i>d</i> -benzene		(<i>S</i>)-ethyl-1- <i>d</i> -benzene		1-phenylethanol	1-phenylethyl-1- <i>d</i> -ol
	<i>R,R</i> ester rel int, %	<i>R,S</i> ester rel int, %	<i>R,R</i> ester rel int, %	<i>R,S</i> ester rel int, %	rel int, %	rel int, %
253	1.75	0.82	0.77	4.72	1.12	0.9
254	98.56	3.51	1.8	85.01	100.0	1.75
255	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	19.12	100.0
256	19.3	19.92	19.87	19.78	0.4	16.5
rel yield, %	42	58	88	12		
% deuterated	45.7	98.3	99.0	49.6	0.0	100.0
% ee	16		77			

^aThe relative intensities are averaged over the GC peak and are uncorrected. Deuterium percentages are corrected for ¹³C natural abundance. Determinations of at least three oxidations were reproducible to ±2%. ^bThese authentic phenylethyl esters were made from racemic alcohols.

Scheme II



amounts of hydrogen and deuterium.

Analysis of the results is simplified by consideration of the stepwise hydroxylation process outlined in Scheme II. The C-H bond scission and subsequent C-O bond formation are stereochemically discrete events.^{4,9} The intrinsic stereoselectivity for hydrogen removal from ethylbenzene by **1** can be derived from the observed ratio of *R* and *S* alcohols (71:29), and the stereoselectivity of the capture of the intermediate becomes $k_{RH}/k_{SH} = 2.0$, where the subscript RH indicates *hydrogen* removal from the *pro-R* position. The deuterium inventory also allows a direct measure of the ratios $k_{RD}/k_{SH} = 0.311$ and $k_{RH}/k_{SD} = 12.7$ and, as indicated in eq 1, an independent measure of the isotope effects for H(D) removal from the *R* and *S* positions. The equivalence of these two values (6.4) is reassuring and the magnitude in accord with the intramolecular isotope effect for ethylbenzene-*d*₁₀ ($k_H/k_D = 8.7$), which should be inflated by secondary isotope effects and a higher degree of deuteration.

$$k_{RH}/k_{RD} = \frac{k_{RH}/k_{SH}}{k_{RD}/k_{SH}} = 6.4 = \frac{k_{SH}/k_{RH}}{k_{SD}/k_{RH}} = k_{SH}/k_{SD} \quad (1)$$

The results indicate that the chiral porphyrin catalyst **1** has a 2-fold preference for removal of the *pro-R* hydrogen of ethylbenzene. More significantly, however, it is apparent that the radical produced by removal of either H or D from the *pro-R* site is captured with nearly complete *retention* of configuration whereas 20–25% *inversion* (40–50% racemization) results from H(D) removal from the *pro-S* position. Accordingly, by the usual criteria of mechanism, the enantiotopic protons of ethylbenzene are hydroxylated by **1** by *different mechanisms*.

A more satisfying interpretation is that the same mechanism, hydrogen abstraction and subsequent geminate cage recombination,²⁰ occurs in both cases. Capture of the incipient carbon radical must occur rapidly on the preferred *re* face due to the good fit of the substrate into the binaphthyl cavity. By contrast, the unfavorable nonbonded interactions encountered by the radical on the *si* face afford an opportunity for significant racemization. The results described here for this simple model system provide a clear indication as to how it is possible for asymmetric catalyst-substrate interactions to impose stereoselectivity on a free-radical reaction.

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Spectroscopic Detection of Organolanthanide Dihydrogen and Olefin Complexes

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Although dihydrogen complexes^{1,2} (**1**) are frequently invoked along the reaction coordinate for lanthanide-centered, actinide-

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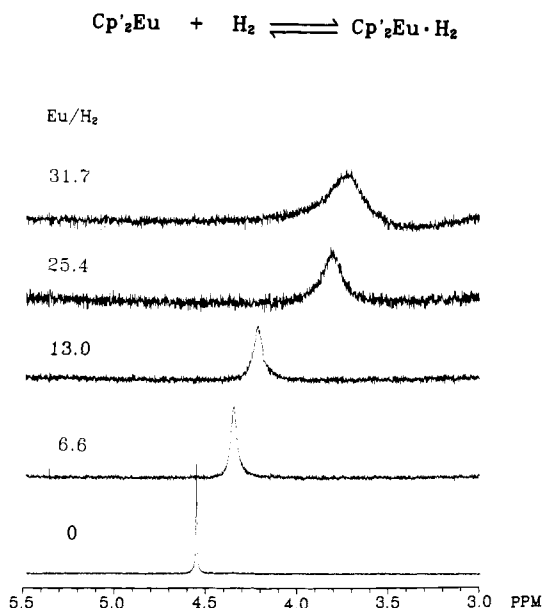
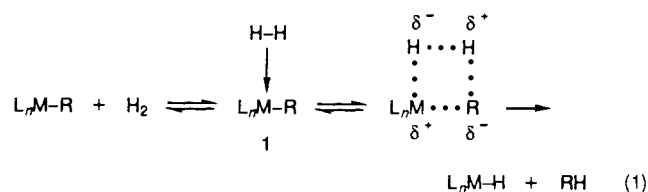


Figure 1. ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of a 9.0 mM H_2 solution in C_6D_{12} containing the indicated equivalents of $\text{Cp}'_2\text{Eu}$.

centered, and d^0 transition element-centered hydrogenolytic processes (e.g., 1, eq 1),^{3,4} the existence of such species remains



highly speculative. A significant question concerns the viability of metal-dihydrogen coordination at an electron-deficient center not likely to engage in extensive, perhaps requisite, metal \rightarrow $\text{H}_2(\sigma^*)$ backbonding.^{1,2,5} We report here⁶ the first spectroscopic detection of an organolanthanide dihydrogen complex utilizing a coordinatively unsaturated, paramagnetic NMR probe selected for high sensitivity to complexation and thermodynamic unfavorability of oxidative addition⁷ or metal-ligand bond hydrolysis.

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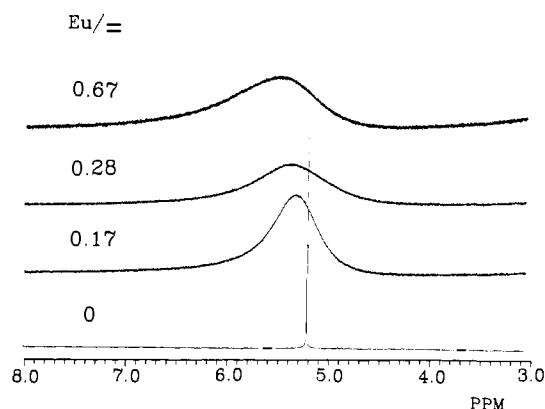
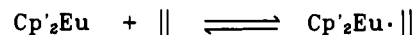
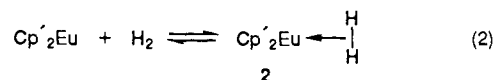


Figure 2. ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of a 40.0 mM ethylene solution in C_6D_{12} containing the indicated equivalents of $\text{Cp}'_2\text{Eu}$.

Incremental addition of $\text{Cp}'_2\text{Eu}$ ($\text{Cp}' = \eta^5\text{-(CH}_3)_5\text{C}_5$)⁸ to a C_6D_{12} solution of H_2 at constant $[\text{H}_2]$ results in upfield displacement (vs internal $\text{C}_6\text{D}_{11}\text{H}$) and pronounced broadening of the dissolved H_2 resonance (Figure 1). We interpret this behavior in terms of eq 2, where ligand exchange is rapid on the NMR time



scale (down to -85 $^\circ\text{C}$ in $\text{C}_6\text{D}_{11}\text{CD}_3$) and where large unpaired spin delocalization shifts, minimal dipolar shifts, and slow electronic spin-lattice relaxation (extensive spectral broadening) are normally expected in a $4f^7$ ($^8\text{S}_{7/2}$, $\langle S_Z \rangle_J \approx -31.5$) system.⁹ Structure 2 is proposed on the basis of theory^{4,10} and analogy to H_3^+ .¹¹ The direction of the paramagnetic shift is that expected for a $4f^7$ system with unpaired spin density delocalized predominantly via a polarization mechanism.^{9,12} Addition of THF- d_8 to these solutions displaces the H_2 resonance toward the uncomplexed position, indicating competition for the acidic europium center.

Equation 2 raises the question of whether complexation (in competition with C_6D_{12}) might also be observed for hydrocarbons of sufficient basicity.^{11c} Lanthanide-, actinide-, and d^0 -olefin complexes are frequently invoked along pathways for insertion processes,^{3b,8,13,14} and Figure 2 indicates that $\text{Cp}'_2\text{Eu}$ -ethylene

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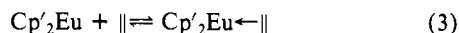
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Efforts to extract¹⁶ accurate bound shift (Δ) and binding constant (K) information from shift/stoichiometry data are complicated by the large line widths and limitations in solubility. A preliminary analysis¹⁷ indicates that $\Delta/K \approx 1$ for eq 1 and 2, which, in view of the large anticipated values of Δ ,¹² implies small binding constants. Further studies are in progress.

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n-Pentenyl Glycosides Facilitate a Stereoselective Synthesis of the Pentasaccharide Core of the Protein Membrane Anchor Found in *Trypanosoma brucei*¹

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Recent investigations in this laboratory have revealed that *n*-pentenyl glycosides (NPGs) offer some remarkable advantages for processes that require activation of the anomeric center of sugars. Glycosyl donors commonly in use³ may possess one or another of the following attributes, but NPGs are unique in that they possess all seven: (1) direct preparation from an aldose by modified Fischer glycosidation procedures,⁴ (2) stability to diverse chemical manipulations and compatibility with standard protecting groups,^{4a,5} (3) mild, chemospecific, and nontoxic activation of the anomeric center,⁴⁻⁶ (4) direct use in saccharide coupling,⁵⁻⁷ (5)

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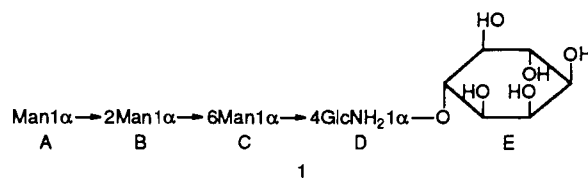
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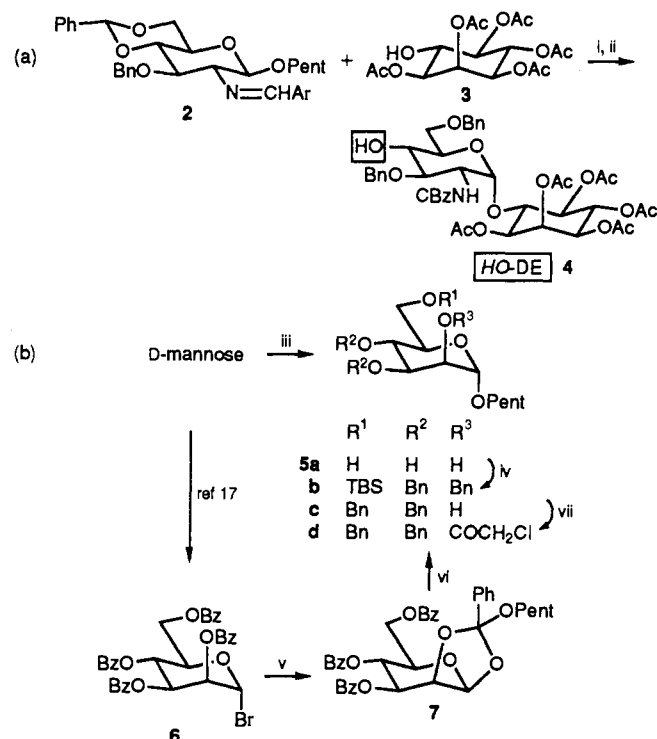
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Scheme I



Scheme II^a



^a (i) $\text{I}(\text{collidine})_2\text{ClO}_4/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/4\text{A}$ molecular sieves, then 10% MeOH in HOAc/ TsNHNH_2 /room temperature, then $\text{Et}_3\text{N}/\text{CBzCl}/0^\circ\text{C}$, 65%; (ii) $\text{NaBH}_3(\text{CN})/\text{THF}-\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{HCl}/4\text{A}$ molecular sieves, 75%; (iii) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{OH}/\text{DMSO}/\text{camphorsulfonic acid}/90^\circ\text{C}/24\text{ h}$, 65%; (iv) *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride/ $\text{Et}_3\text{N}/\text{DMAP}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, then $\text{PhCH}_2\text{Br}/\text{NaH}$, DMF, 62%; (v) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{OH}/\text{lutidine}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, 90%; (vi) NaOMe, then $\text{PhCH}_2\text{Br}/\text{NaH}/\text{DMF}$, then camphorsulfonic acid/ CH_2Cl_2 , 64%; (vii) $(\text{ClCH}_2\text{CO})_2\text{O}/\text{pyridine}$, 65%.

control of the α,β selectivity in glycosidation by choice of solvent,⁵ and by other methods,^{6,8} (6) ready conversion into glycosyl halides for Koenigs-Knorr reactions,⁹ and (7) *most uniquely, the ability to "arm" or "disarm" these glycosyl donors by means of the protecting group on the C2 oxygen.*⁷

These attributes offer much promise for meeting the daunting demands of oligosaccharide syntheses,^{3,10} and as an appropriate testing ground, we have addressed the synthesis of the mannan-rich pentasaccharide 1 from the core oligosaccharide of the variant surface glycoprotein¹¹ found in *Trypanosoma brucei*^{12,13} (Scheme

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