

Structure of 4-Sila-3-platinacyclobutene and Its Formation via Pt-Promoted γ -Si-H Bond Activation of 3-Sila-1-propenylplatinum Precursor

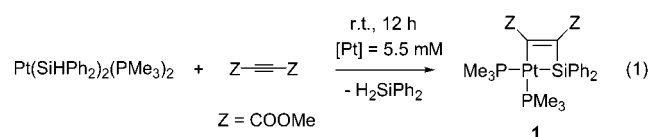
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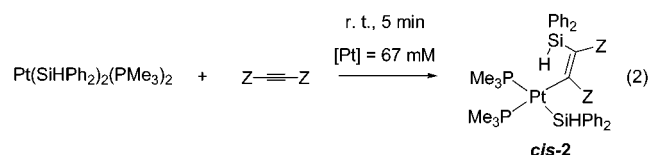
Complexes of group 10 metals catalyze various C-Si bond-forming reactions of organosilicon compounds with unsaturated molecules such as alkenes, alkynes, and dienes.¹ Many Si-containing cyclic compounds were prepared by this approach, using diorganosilanes, tetraorganosilanes, silacyclopropenes, and silacyclopropanes.²⁻⁷ These reactions have been considered to involve 4-sila-3-metallacyclobutene as the common intermediate that plays an important role in forming a new C-Si bond. This four-membered metallacycle, however, has not been isolated or structurally characterized. Ishikawa et al. reported the preparation of a 4-sila-3-nickelacyclobutene in situ, although it is too unstable to be isolated or characterized by crystallography.⁸ The Pt-complex-promoted reactions of organosilanes and disilanes with alkynes were postulated to involve a silylene-coordinated platinum complex⁹ as a precursor to the metallacyclobutene intermediate.^{6,7} In this paper, we report the first isolation and crystallographic results of a Pt-containing silacyclobutene and demonstrate its formation pathway via an unexpected precursor.

Pt(SiHPh₂)₂(PMe₃)₂¹⁰ reacts with an equimolar mixture of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD) in THF ([Pt] = 5.5 mM) for 12 h to produce Pt(CZ=CZ-SiPh₂)(PMe₃)₂ (Z = COOMe) (**1**) in 85% yield as yellow crystals accompanied by the formation of H₂SiPh₂ (eq 1). Figure 1 shows the molecular structure of **1** by



X-ray crystallography.¹¹ The complex contains a planar four-membered ring with an Si-Pt-C1 angle (65.8(2)°) that is smaller than that of the saturated four-membered 2-sila-1-platinacyclobutane (68.1(3)°).¹² The ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR signal of **1** at δ -63.6 shows coupling with ¹⁹⁵Pt ($J_{\text{SiPt}} = 778$ Hz) and two unequivalent ³¹P ($J_{\text{SiP}} = 161$ and 3 Hz) nuclei.¹³

The reaction of Pt(SiHPh₂)₂(PMe₃)₂ with an equimolar mixture of DMAD in the presence of H₂SiPh₂ for 5 min ([Pt] = 67 mM) results in the isolation of *cis*-Pt(CZ=CZ-SiHPh₂)(SiHPh₂)(PMe₃)₂ (*cis*-**2**), which is formed via insertion of DMAD into a Pt-Si bond of Pt(SiHPh₂)₂(PMe₃)₂ (eq 2).



Dissolution of once-isolated *cis*-**2** in benzene-*d*₆ causes its partial conversion into **1**, producing a mixture of **1**, *cis*-**2**, and H₂SiPh₂.

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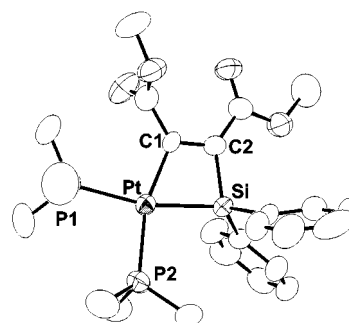


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of **1** with 50% thermal ellipsoidal plots. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for simplicity.

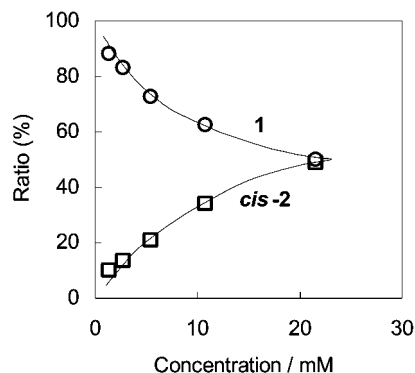
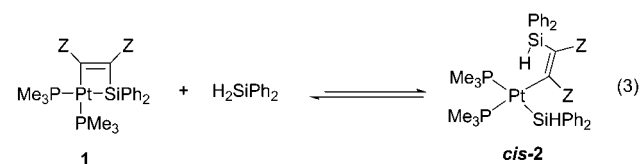


Figure 2. Ratios of **1** and *cis*-**2** of the equilibrated mixtures obtained from equimolar reactions of H₂SiPh₂ and **1** with [Pt] = 1–22 mM (benzene-*d*₆, 26 °C).

These results suggest that reaction 1 involves *cis*-**2** as the initial product, which is turned into **1** during the reaction. Dissolution of an equimolar mixture of H₂SiPh₂ and **1** in benzene-*d*₆ causes the partial formation of *cis*-**2** within 1 h. Figure 2 plots the ratios of **1** and *cis*-**2** in the equilibrium mixtures starting from equimolar mixtures of H₂SiPh₂ and **1** with [Pt] = 1–22 mM. Formation of **1** is thermodynamically favored with a low concentration of the complexes. These results suggest that the two complexes are converted easily and reversibly via H₂SiPh₂-promoted ring opening of **1** and γ -Si-H bond activation of *cis*-**2**, followed by elimination of H₂SiPh₂ (eq 3). Slow formation of *trans*-Pt(CZ=CZ-SiHPh₂)-



(SiHPh₂)(PMe₃)₂ (*trans*-**2**) in the reaction mixture prevented the precise determination of the thermodynamic parameters of the above reaction.

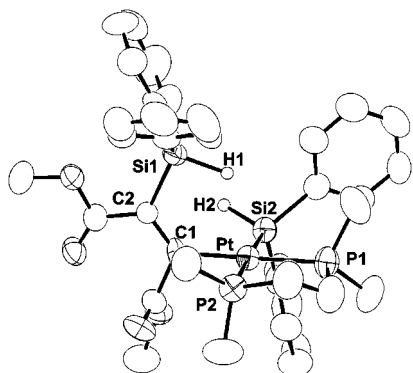
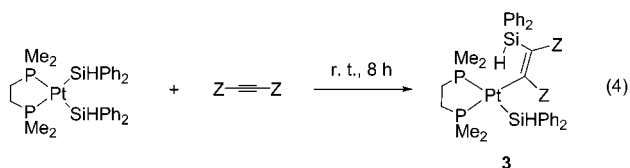


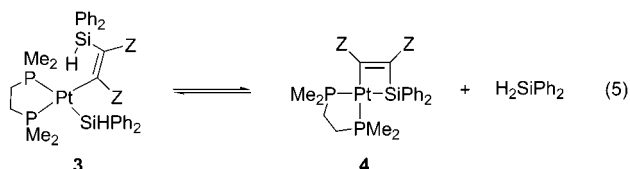
Figure 3. ORTEP drawing of **3** with 50% thermal ellipsoidal plots. The crystal contains solvated THF molecules. Hydrogen atoms, except for SiH, and solvent molecule are omitted for simplicity.

Complex Pt(CZ=CZ-SiHPh₂)(SiHPh₂)(dmpe) (**3**) (dmpe = 1,2-bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane), which has an analogous structure to *cis-2*, is obtained by the reaction of DMAD with Pt(SiHPh₂)₂(dmpe) (eq 4). The molecular structure of **3** (Figure 3)¹⁴ shows an



agostic interaction of the γ -hydrogen of the 3-sila-1-propenyl ligand. The hydrogen is located at an apical position of the Pt center. The Pt...H distance, 2.43 Å, is less than the 2.95 Å distance predicted from the sum of van der Waals radii of Pt and H.¹⁵

Temperature-dependent change of $^1J_{\text{SiH}}$ (198 Hz at 70 °C, 196 Hz at 25 °C, 195 Hz at -30 °C; *cis-2*, 197 Hz at 25 °C) of 3-sila-1-propenyl ligand in the NMR spectra of **3** and lower $\nu(\text{SiH})$ values of *cis-2* (2098 cm⁻¹), *trans-2* (2078 cm⁻¹), and **3** (2116 cm⁻¹) than Ph₂Si(CH=CH₂)H (2124 cm⁻¹)¹⁶ indicate the presence of a weak interaction between the SiH hydrogen and Pt in the solid state and in solution. The structure with the *cis* C=C bond is suited for further strengthening of the interaction, which leads to γ -Si-H bond cleavage promoted by Pt. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** shows its slow conversion into the corresponding 4-sila-3-platinacyclobutene Pt(CZ=CZ-SiPh₂)(dmpe) (**4**) with concomitant formation of H₂SiPh₂ (eq 5). Although isolation of **4** from the equilibrium



mixture of **3** and **4** was not feasible,¹⁷ similar NMR parameters between **1** and **4** clearly indicate the 4-sila-3-platinacyclobutene structure of **4**.¹⁸

Thus, complexes *cis-2* and **3** cause intramolecular γ -Si-H bond activation by Pt to afford mixtures with the corresponding 4-sila-3-platinacyclobutenes. Reaction 1 with a low concentration of Pt complex rendered the isolation of **1** possible. Another possible route to 4-sila-3-platinacyclobutene from the reaction of an alkyne with disilylplatinum complexes, involving the initial formation of silylene-platinum complexes,⁷ is less plausible for explaining the formation of silaplatinacyclobutene in the reaction of this paper.

In summary, a stable 4-sila-3-platinacyclobutene (**1**) was characterized in both the solid state and solution. The complex is transformed into *cis-2* in an equilibrium reaction involving H₂SiPh₂. Facile and reversible conversion between **1** and *cis-2* indicates that *cis-2* is the real precursor of **1** in reaction 1.

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Supporting Information Available: Experimental procedures for the synthesis of the complexes and ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, ²⁹Si{¹H}, and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of **1**, *cis-2*, *trans-2*, **3**, and an equilibrated mixture of **3** and **4**, and results of X-ray crystallography for **1**, *trans-2*, and **3** (PDF). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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- Crystal data for **3**·THF: C₃₆H₄₄Si₂Pt₂O₄·C₄H₈O, *M*_r = 926.06, monoclinic, *P*2₁/n (No. 14), *a* = 9.120(2) Å, *b* = 22.878(4) Å, *c* = 98.43(2) Å, β = 98.43(2)°, *V* = 4195(1) Å³, *Z* = 4, $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha)$ = 3.504 mm⁻¹, *D*_c = 1.466 g cm⁻³, *F*(000) = 1872, 10444 unique reflections, 451 variables, *R* = 0.045, *R*_w = 0.035, GOF = 1.72, using 5094 reflections with *I* > 3 σ (*I*).
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- The solution of **3** is partially converted into **4** and forms an equilibrated mixture of the complexes (75:25) in 2 h at room temperature. Upon raising the temperature to 90 °C, **3** is further converted to **4** to produce the mixture of **3** and **4** in a ratio of 30:70.
- ³¹P{¹H} NMR in toluene-*d*₆: δ 21.2 (*J*_{Pt} = 2117 Hz) and 37.3 (*J*_{Pt} = 1345 Hz) for **4** at 90 °C, δ -31.9 (*J*_{Pt} = 2334 Hz) and -17.5 (*J*_{Pt} = 1368 Hz) for **1** at 24 °C. ¹H NMR in toluene-*d*₆: δ 3.40 and 3.68 for **4** at 90 °C, δ 3.25 and 3.73 for **1** at 24 °C.

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