

# Definitive Evidence for a Pairwise Addition of Hydrogen to a Platinum Bis(phosphine) Complex Using Parahydrogen-Induced Polarization

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**Summary:** Through the use of parahydrogen-induced polarization (PHIP), conclusive evidence has been obtained that H<sub>2</sub> addition to Pt(Ph<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>CH(Me)OPPh<sub>2</sub>) proceeds in a concerted, pairwise manner. PHIP has also been used in conjunction with a 2D HMQC sequence to obtain <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>195</sup>Pt NMR spectra from submilligram samples in 2–5 min.

The activation of dihydrogen by metal complexes in solution is a key step in homogeneous hydrogenation.<sup>1–3</sup> For most late metal catalysts, the activation proceeds by oxidative addition in a concerted manner leading to dihydride product of metal oxidation state two greater than in the starting compound. For d<sup>8</sup> complexes such as IrCl(CO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and IrBr(CO)(dppe) (dppe = bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane), oxidative addition of H<sub>2</sub> has been studied extensively and the dihydride products have been shown conclusively to form in a concerted, pairwise manner with hydride ligands mutually cis.<sup>4–9</sup> For d<sup>10</sup> complexes of Pt(0), the addition of H<sub>2</sub> is presumed to take place in an analogous manner, but evidence in this regard is less compelling. While Pt(II) dihydrides have long been known,<sup>10</sup> their formation often involved reductions using hydride sources, and in cases where the reaction was done under H<sub>2</sub>, the possible addition of hydrogen was not studied mechanistically. However, from Trogler's study of the cis–trans isomerism of PtH<sub>2</sub>(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and subsequent reductive elimination of H<sub>2</sub>,<sup>11,12</sup> a pairwise addition mechanism can be inferred mainly on the basis of a kinetic isotope effect for the elimination. In other studies designed to maintain a cis disposition of the hydride ligands in PtH<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub> complexes, chelating bis(phosphine) ligands

(diphos) were employed,<sup>13–16</sup> but it was found that many of the PtH<sub>2</sub>(diphos) systems reversibly lost hydrogen with concomitant formation of [PtH(diphos)]<sub>2</sub> dimers. In a recent investigation of these systems, Andersen observed that, in addition to monomer–dimer equilibria, mixtures of PtH<sub>2</sub>(diphos) and PtD<sub>2</sub>(diphos) led to facile generation of the d<sub>1</sub> isotopomer.<sup>17</sup> Far from establishing the concerted addition of H<sub>2</sub> to Pt(0), the studies of PtH<sub>2</sub>(diphos) systems have generated uncertainty about the presumed mechanism of addition.

In this communication, we present definitive evidence for the pairwise addition of dihydrogen to a platinum center using parahydrogen-induced polarization (PHIP) and show that with the aid of PHIP extremely rapid detection of <sup>31</sup>P and <sup>195</sup>Pt NMR resonances can be achieved from submilligram samples of complex. As described previously,<sup>18–25</sup> PHIP arises when H<sub>2</sub> enriched in the para spin state adds to a metal center in a manner such that spin correlation is maintained between the two protons, leading to enhanced absorptions and emissions in the product dihydride resonances. A key to observing PHIP is that the transferred protons become magnetically distinct in the product.

In order to remove the equivalence of the hydride ligands in PtH<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub> systems, the unsymmetrical bidentate ligand Ph<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>CH(Me)OPPh<sub>2</sub>((dpp)<sub>2</sub>mop) has been prepared from propylene oxide, LiPPh<sub>2</sub>, and PCIPh<sub>2</sub>, and the corresponding Pt dihydride complex **1** has been synthesized according to eq 1.<sup>26</sup> The identity of **1** is established unequivocally by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P, and <sup>195</sup>Pt NMR spectroscopies.<sup>27</sup> When 0.4 mg of **1** is dissolved in toluene-d<sub>8</sub> under ca. 2 atm of para-enriched H<sub>2</sub>, the spectrum shown in Figure 1 is obtained within 67 s after

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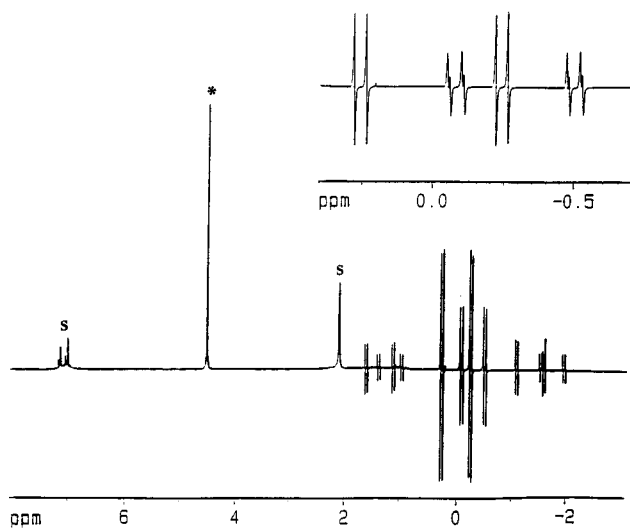
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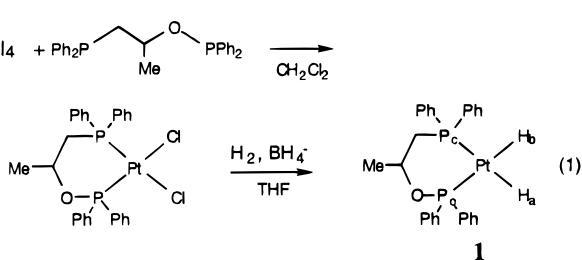
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**Figure 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  PHIP NMR spectrum of  $((\text{dpp})_2\text{mop})\text{PtH}_2$ , **1**, obtained from the reaction of 0.4 mg of **1** and para-enriched  $\text{H}_2$  in toluene- $d_8$  at 298 K, showing antiphase doublets due to  $\text{H}_a$  and  $\text{H}_b$ . Other peaks due to solvent (s) and dissolved orthohydrogen (\*) are labeled.

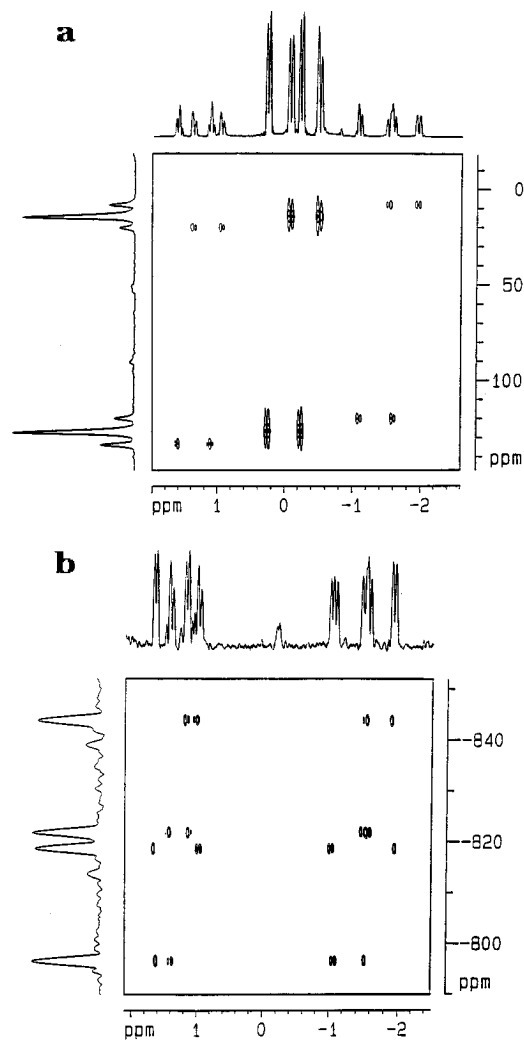


making the sample and introducing it into the spectrometer. The signals corresponding to  $\text{H}_a$  and  $\text{H}_b$  at  $\delta$  0.282 and  $-0.014$  ppm, respectively, exhibit doublet of doublets patterns due to  $^{31}\text{P}$  coupling,  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  satellites, and enhanced absorption/emission (A/E) polarization with a separation between absorption and emission extrema of 2.4 Hz corresponding to  $J_{\text{HH}}$ . The phase of the polarization (A/E) indicates that the sign of the  $J_{\text{HH}}$  coupling constant is positive.<sup>19</sup> Hydride  $\text{H}_a$  also exhibits an additional coupling to one of the methylene protons of the  $(\text{dpp})_2\text{mop}$  ligand.

In Figure 1, there are no other resonances observable except for residual  $^1\text{H}$  in toluene- $d_8$  and the signal for dissolved orthohydrogen. The magnitude of the polarization was estimated by measuring the rate of polarization decay and extrapolating back to  $t = 0$ . The decay

(26) The ligand  $(\text{dpp})_2\text{mop}$  was purified by chromatography over alumina using benzene (yield, 20%).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (benzene- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  +107 (s,  $\text{P}_a$ ), -23 (s,  $\text{P}_c$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR:  $\delta$  7.2–7.6 (m, 24H, Ph), 2.68 and 2.24 (dd,  $^2J_{\text{HH}} = 4.5$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 13.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.22 (qdd, CH), 1.35 (d,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.1$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ). The complex  $((\text{dpp})_2\text{mop})\text{PtCl}_2$  is isolated as a white powder from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ -cyclohexane (yield, 60%).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (methylene chloride- $d_2$ ):  $\delta$  +82.7 (d,  $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 17.8$  Hz,  $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 3842$  Hz,  $\text{P}_a$ ), +0.48 (d,  $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 3504$  Hz,  $\text{P}_c$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.2–7.6 (m, 24H, Ph), 1.10 (d,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.31 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.71 (m, 1H, CH).  $^{195}\text{Pt}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (methylene chloride- $d_2$ ):  $\delta$  -14.8 (dd).

(27) Complex **1** is isolated as pale yellow powder from THF and  $n$ -hexane under  $\text{H}_2$  (yield, 70%). Both hydride and phosphorus resonances are flanked by  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  satellites.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (methylene chloride- $d_2$ ):  $\delta$  6.7–8.3 (m, 24H, Ph), 1.09 (d,  $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.04 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.96 (m, 1H, CH), -0.282 (ddd,  $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 2.8$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{isPPH}} = 18.6$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{transPPH}} = 170$  Hz,  $^1J_{\text{HPt}} = 1204$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_a$ ), -0.014 (dd,  $^2J_{\text{isPPH}} = 17.6$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{transPPH}} = 199$  Hz,  $^1J_{\text{HPt}} = 1076$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_b$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (tetrahydrofuran- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  +125.9 (d,  $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 22$  Hz,  $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 2300$  Hz,  $\text{P}_a$ ), +14.5 (d,  $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 2005$  Hz,  $\text{P}_c$ ). The  $^1\text{H}$ -coupled  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum shows two doublets at +125.9 and +14.5 ppm with  $^2J_{\text{transPPH}}$  values identical to those obtained from the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum.  $^{195}\text{Pt}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (toluene- $d_8$ ):  $\delta$  -820.0 (dd).



**Figure 2.** Cross peaks and projections from  $^1\text{H}$ -X correlation spectra of **1** obtained with para-enriched  $\text{H}_2$  in toluene- $d_8$  at 298 K: (a)  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{31}\text{P}$  HMQC spectrum, acquired with  $\tau = 1/(2J_{\text{transPPH}_a})$  and an acquisition time of 2 min; (b)  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{195}\text{Pt}$  correlation spectrum acquired with  $\tau = 1/(2J_{\text{PtH}_2})$  and an acquisition time of 5 min, showing cross peaks connecting  $^{31}\text{P}$ -coupled  $\text{H}_a$  and  $\text{H}_b$  resonances to  $^{31}\text{P}$ -coupled  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  resonances.

of polarization, which is a function of  $^1\text{H}$  spin-lattice relaxation times, the rates of  $\text{H}_2$  oxidative addition and reductive elimination, and relaxation from a "higher order" spin state resulting from parahydrogen addition,<sup>19</sup> follows clean first-order kinetics with a rate constant of  $4.03 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . At  $t = 2.3$  min, the observed polarization enhancement was greater than 900-fold. By extrapolation, the magnitude of enhancement is estimated to be greater than 1600-fold, which is close to the theoretical maximum obtainable under our experimental condition (1750) and is the largest PHIP enhancement yet reported. The results establish unequivocally a pairwise mechanism for  $\text{H}_2$  addition to form **1**.

When a solution of **1** is placed under  $\text{D}_2$ , rapid loss of hydride resonances occurs with *initial* observation of  $\text{H}_2$  and a small amount of HD. Upon standing, the relative amount of HD increases while that of  $\text{H}_2$  diminishes. These observations indicate that reductive elimination of  $\text{H}_2$  from **1** takes place in a pairwise manner, consistent with the PHIP results described above for the reverse addition process.

Previously, parahydrogen-induced polarization has been used in conjunction with pulse sequences such as INEPT+ to enhance signals of less sensitive nuclei.<sup>28</sup> Recently, it has been shown that indirect detection of these nuclei can be achieved rapidly through utilization of a 2D-HMQC sequence via parahydrogen polarization transfer.<sup>29,30</sup> In Figure 2, we show 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{195}\text{Pt}$  correlation spectra of **1**, acquired in 2–5 min using less than 1 mg of sample. For these spectra, an initial  $45^\circ$   $^1\text{H}$  pulse is employed with delays for magnetization transfer set as in the Figure 2 caption. The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{31}\text{P}$  correlation spectrum of **1** is shown in Figure 2a. Four major cross peaks connecting the phosphorus nuclei  $\text{P}_o$  ( $\delta = +125.9$ ) and  $\text{P}_c$  ( $\delta = +14.5$ ) to their proton coupling partners,  $\text{H}_a$  and  $\text{H}_b$ , are observed. Additional cross peaks for the  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  satellites are clearly visible in this spectrum ( $^{195}\text{Pt}$ ,  $I = 1/2$ , 33.8%). The corresponding  $^1\text{H}$ -

$^{195}\text{Pt}$  spectrum of **1** in which phase cycling removes signals from products containing other isotopes of platinum is shown in Figure 2b. In the  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  dimension, doublet of doublets multiplicity due to coupling to  $\text{P}_o$  and  $\text{P}_c$  is centered at  $-820$  ppm.

The results we have described show PHP in platinum hydride complexes for the first time and provide definitive evidence for pairwise  $\text{H}_2$  addition to form **1**. Additionally, PHIP has been used in conjunction with 2D HMQC pulse sequences to give indirect detection of  $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  in extraordinarily short amounts of spectrometer time.

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