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Regiochemistry of Platinum-Catalyzed Hydrophosphination of a Diene. Formation of the Chiral Diphosphine $\text{Et}_2\text{PCH}(\text{CN})\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN})\text{PEt}_2$ via Monophosphine Intermediates

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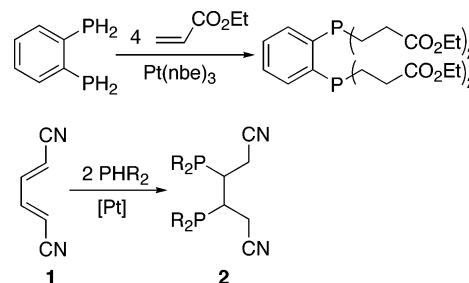
Summary: Pt-catalyzed addition of diethylphosphine to the diene *cis,cis*-mucononitrile gave the new diphosphine $\text{Et}_2\text{PCH}(\text{CN})\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CN})\text{PEt}_2$ as a 3:2 mixture of diastereomers. Two monophosphine–alkene intermediates in the hydrophosphination were characterized by NMR spectroscopy.

Introduction

Platinum-catalyzed hydrophosphination of unsaturated substrates has been used to synthesize functionalized phosphines for use in homogeneous catalysis.¹ Even chelating diphosphines can be prepared, despite the possibility of catalyst poisoning. For example, Pringle and co-workers reported Pt-catalyzed addition of di-primary phosphines to ethyl acrylate (Scheme 1).² An alternative approach to chelate ligands would involve addition of 2 equiv of a secondary phosphine to a diene,³ such as commercially available mucononitrile (**1**).

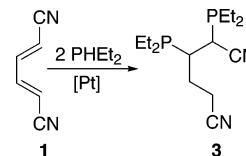
If diene **1** behaved like linked, noninteracting acrylonitriles, hydrophosphination would give diphosphine **2**, analogous to Chiraphos (Scheme 1). This 2,3-regiochemistry was reported for addition of 2 equiv of an amine to analogous muconic esters⁴ and for bis-adducts of thiols with muconaldehyde.^{5,6} However, anionic polymerization of **1** gave a material derived from nucleophilic attack both β and α to CN; the latter predominated.⁷ More generally, the regiochemistry of nucleophilic additions

Scheme 1. Two Routes to Bidentate Diphosphines via Hydrophosphination: Addition of a Di-Primary Phosphine to an Alkene (Known) or Addition of Two Secondary Phosphines to a Diene (Unknown)^a



^a Legend: nbe = norbornene, [Pt] = Pt(0) catalyst.

Scheme 2^a



^a Legend: [Pt] = Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene) (2.5 mol %).

to dienes is sensitive to steric effects and reaction conditions.⁸ Addition of P–H bonds to dienes such as **1** has not been reported,¹ and the effect of a catalyst on regioselection is unpredictable. Experimentally, we found that Pt-catalyzed addition of diethylphosphine to **1** yielded a diphosphine regioselectively, but it was not **2**!

Results and Discussion

Hydrophosphination of mucononitrile with diethylphosphine (2 equiv) using the catalyst precursor Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)-(*trans*-stilbene)⁹ gave the unsymmetrical diphosphine **3** (as a 3:2 mixture of diastereomers in ca. 90% purity) in 77% yield (Scheme 2). No reaction occurred in the absence of the Pt catalyst.

Although diphosphine **3** could not be isolated in pure form, it was characterized spectroscopically.¹⁰ Each diastereomer gave

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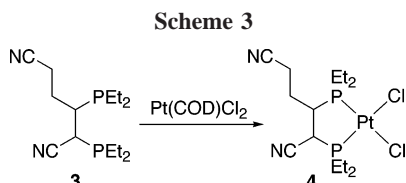
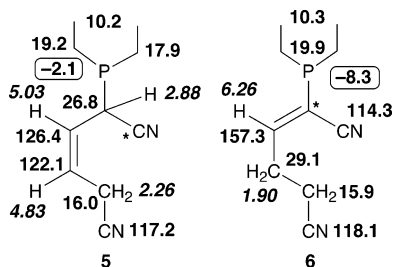


Chart 1. Intermediates in the Formation of Diphosphine 3, with Selected Multinuclear NMR Data^a



^a Legend for NMR chemical shifts: in the box, ³¹P; boldface type, ¹³C; italic type, ¹H. The solvent was C₆D₆. An asterisk indicates ¹³C nuclei for which assignments were not possible. *E/Z* isomerism is possible in phosphines **5** and **6** (see the Experimental Section for NMR data), and these structures were drawn arbitrarily.

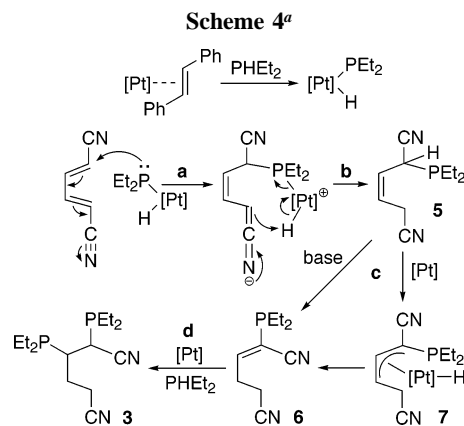
rise to a pair of doublets in the ³¹P NMR spectrum, with significantly different *J*_{PP} values (13 and 44 Hz). The inequivalent cyano groups were observed by IR (CH₂Cl₂, 2248 and 2224 cm⁻¹) and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy (C₆D₆, four peaks between δ 118.9 and 118.1). The ¹³C NMR spectrum also contained signals for four inequivalent Et groups, two CH carbons, with distinctive P–C coupling, and one cyanoethyl group per isomer. Reaction of impure **3**, a viscous oil, with Pt(COD)Cl₂ (COD = cyclooctadiene) gave Pt(muconophos)Cl₂ (**4**) as white crystals which could be isolated in analytically pure form (Scheme 3). The ³¹P NMR spectrum of **4** (CD₂Cl₂, diastereomer **a**, AB quartet, δ 62.2 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3412 Hz), 61.3 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3563 Hz); diastereomer **b**, AB quartet, δ 67.0 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3485 Hz), 61.1 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3585 Hz)) showed chemical shifts and coupling constants similar to those reported for Pt(depe)Cl₂ (depe = Et₂PCH₂CH₂PEt₂; in CDCl₃, δ 57.5 (*J*_{Pt–P} = 3546 Hz)),¹¹ consistent with the proposed structure of ligand **3**.

How does diphosphine **3** form? According to monitoring by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, a multistep reaction occurred. Initially, phosphine **5** (δ –2.1, C₆D₆) was formed; it was soon partially replaced by a longer-lived intermediate (**6**, δ –8.3) (Chart 1). Neither could be isolated because conversion from the starting materials was incomplete, and formation of product **3** and other unidentified compounds was also observed, but both intermediates were identified (Chart 1) by ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the reaction mixtures and by mass spectroscopy of the mixture. The results were similar with 2:1 or 1:1 PEt₂H/mucononitrile mixtures; the latter was convenient to maximize the concentrations of the intermediates.

These intermediates displayed characteristic multiplet ¹H NMR signals for the alkene protons, with accompanying ¹³C NMR resonances.¹² The presence of a chiral center in **5** rendered the P–Et groups and the CH₂CN protons diastereotopic,

(10) Since diphosphine **3** was not obtained pure, we could not accurately assess its enantiomeric excess (ee). We observed, however, that the catalyst precursor Pt(dcpe)(CH₂=CH(CN)) (dcpe = Cy₂PCH₂CH₂PCy₂, Cy = cyclohexyl^{13c}) also gave **3** in a 3:2 diastereomeric ratio; displacement of Me-Duphos during the reaction is plausible, or the product ratio may be under thermodynamic control.¹⁶

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although this effect was only observed directly for the P–CH₂ ¹³C NMR signals. In contrast, spectra of phosphine **6** were simplified by its higher symmetry.

On the basis of this information, a potential mechanism for formation of diphosphine **3** is shown in Scheme 4. P–H oxidative addition is generally accepted as the first step in Pt-catalyzed hydrophosphination.¹ In this case, treatment of Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene) with an excess of diethylphosphine gave a mixture of Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(PEt₂H)₂ and the phosphido hydride Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(PEt₂)(H). We have recently proposed a new mechanism for P–C bond formation in Pt-catalyzed hydrophosphination, based on Michael addition of the nucleophilic Pt–PR₂ group to the activated alkene.¹³ With mucononitrile, after attack at the cyano-bearing carbon, charge may be delocalized to the other CN group (step **a**).^{8,14} Proton transfer from Pt then yields alkene **5** (step **b**).

Isomerization of **5** to **6**, which was observed, might occur by two different pathways (step **c**). Complexation of Pt to the double bond and C–H activation of the α-cyano proton would then give the allyl hydride complex **7**. Isomerization¹⁵ would afford alkene **6**. Alternatively, base-catalyzed isomerization might occur by deprotonation of the acidic CH(CN)(PEt₂) proton in **5**, with diethylphosphine or the other phosphines formed acting as a base.¹⁶ Further hydrophosphination of **6**, now with the “usual” regiochemistry, would yield the observed product, diphosphine **3** (step **d**).¹⁷

Conclusion

Pt-catalyzed hydrophosphination of a diene provided a selective route to a chiral diphosphine as a result of a novel

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(16) Similarly, reversible deprotonation of the CH(CN)(PEt₂) group in diphosphine **3** could result in racemization of this stereocenter to yield a thermodynamic mixture of diastereomers.¹⁰

1,2-addition. On the basis of observation of monophosphine intermediates **5** and **6**, we propose the mechanism in Scheme 4. Further investigation of P–C bond formation in related systems may result in rational syntheses of unsymmetrical diphosphines such as **3**.

Experimental Section

All reactions and manipulations were performed in dry glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere at 20 °C in a drybox or using standard Schlenk techniques. Petroleum ether (bp 38–53 °C), ether, THF, toluene, and CH₂Cl₂ were dried using columns of activated alumina.¹⁸ Deuterated solvents used for NMR spectroscopy were dried over molecular sieves and degassed. NMR spectra were recorded using Varian 300 or 500 MHz spectrometers. ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are reported vs Me₄Si and were determined by reference to the residual ¹H and ¹³C solvent peaks. ³¹P NMR chemical shifts are reported vs H₃PO₄ (85%) used as an external reference. Coupling constants are reported in Hz, as absolute values unless noted otherwise. Unless indicated, peaks in NMR spectra are singlets. IR spectra are reported in cm⁻¹. Elemental analyses were provided by Schwarzkopf Microanalytical Laboratory. Mass spectra were recorded at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Unless otherwise noted, reagents were from commercial suppliers. The following compounds were made by the literature procedures: Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene)¹⁹ and Pt(COD)Cl₂.²⁰

Synthesis of the Diphosphine Et₂PCH(CN)CH(CH₂CH₂CN)-PEt₂ (3**, Muconophos).** Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene) (16.4 mg, 0.024 mmol, 2.5 mol %) was dissolved in ca. 1 mL of toluene, and the orange solution was treated with 220 μL (1.92 mmol) of PEt₂H. The orange solution turned to wine red after addition of 100 mg (0.96 mmol) of *cis,cis*-mucononitrile in 10 mL of toluene. The mixture was stirred for 2 h (a brown-red solid precipitated), and then it was left to stand at room temperature for 1 week. The orange solution, which contained brown-red solid, was filtered through Celite, and the orange filtrate was passed down a column of silica gel. The toluene was removed under reduced pressure. The viscous orange residue was suspended in ether, and the suspension was again passed through silica gel. Evaporation of the solvent provided 210 mg (0.74 mmol, 77% yield) of a viscous pale yellow oil of the diphosphine in ca. 90% purity. Alternatively, a simpler workup procedure gave comparable results. The reaction mixture was pumped down under vacuum, and the resulting residue was extracted with a 7:3 petroleum ether–THF mixture and loaded onto a silica column (5 cm height, 0.6 cm diameter). The phosphine product was obtained by elution with this solvent mixture; the catalyst did not elute.

The following NMR spectra are reported as a mixture of diastereomers **a** and **b** (in the ratio 3:2) unless otherwise indicated. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): diastereomer **a**, AB quartet, δ -4.0 (d, *J* = 13), -4.6 (d, *J* = 13); diastereomer **b**, AB quartet, δ -7.4 (d, *J* = 44), -9.3 (d, *J* = 44). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 2.59 (dd, 1H of **a**, *J*_{PH} = 6.0, *J*_{HH} = 3.0), 2.44 (ddd, 1H of **b**, *J*_{PH} = 17.7, *J*_{PH} = 1.5, *J*_{HH} = 6.3), 2.12–2.02 (m, 2H of **a**), 1.96–0.70 (m, 23H of **a** + 25H of **b**). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ 118.9 (CN of **a**), 118.6 (CN

of **b**), 118.4 (dd, *J* = 4, 2, CN of **a**), 118.1 (dd, *J* = 4, 2, CN of **b**), 34.2 (dd, *J* = 23, 16, CH of **b**), 32.5 (dd, *J* = 25, 12, CH of **a**), 29.9 (dd, *J* = 33, 15, CH of **b**), 29.3 (dd, *J* = 31, 9, CH of **a**), 26.2 (dd, *J* = 11, 5, CH₂ of **a**), 25.7 (dd, *J* = 10, 4, CH₂ of **b**); the following 10 resonances are due to cyanoethyl and P–CH₂ groups, 18.9 (dd, *J* = 17, 7), 18.6 (dd, *J* = 16, 2), 18.1 (d, *J* = 19), 17.9 (d, *J* = 18), 17.3 (dd, *J* = 15, 2), 16.6 (dd, *J* = 11, 5), 16.5 (dd, *J* = 13, 1), 16.4 (dd, *J* = 12, 1), 15.9 (dd, *J* = 16, 2), 15.7 (dd, *J* = 5, 2); the following 8 resonances are due to P–Et *Me* carbons, 10.8 (d, *J* = 19), 10.6 (d, *J* = 17), 10.5 (d, *J* = 18), 10.3 (d, *J* = 16), 10.0 (dd, *J* = 18, 1), 9.7 (d, *J* = 15), 9.4 (d, *J* = 15), 9.2 (d, *J* = 13). IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2966, 2935, 2908, 2877, 2248, 2224, 1497, 1455, 1424, 1381. The protonated bis-phosphine oxide was observed by mass spectroscopy. HRMS (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₄H₂₇N₂O₂P₂⁺ (MO₂H⁺), 317.1548; found, 317.1536.

Synthesis of Pt(Muconophos)Cl₂ (4**).** The diphosphine **3** (210 mg, 0.74 mmol) was dissolved in 6 mL of CH₂Cl₂. Four milliliters of this solution (0.49 mmol) was treated with a CH₂Cl₂ solution (10 mL) of 120 mg (0.32 mmol) of Pt(COD)Cl₂. The solution was stirred for 1 h and then concentrated by partial removal (to ca. 3 mL) of CH₂Cl₂ and cooled to -30 °C. After one night, a white solid crystallized; this was isolated, washed twice with ca. 0.5 mL of petroleum ether, and finally dried in vacuo (yield 80 mg, 45%). The sample consisted of the two diastereomers **a** and **b** in the ratio 4:1.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆N₂Cl₂P₂: C, 30.56; H, 4.76. Found: C, 30.68; H, 4.89. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): diastereomer **a**, AB quartet, δ 62.2 (d, *J* = 8, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3412), 61.3 (d, *J* = 8, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3563); diastereomer **b**, AB quartet, δ 67.0 (d, *J* = 6, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3485), 61.1 (d, *J* = 6, *J*_{Pt–P} = 3585). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 3.07–1.80 (m, 14 H, 4 CH₂ + 2 CH + 8 P–CH₂), 1.47–1.26 (m, 12H, P–CH₂CH₃). IR (KBr): 2971, 2937, 2908, 2877, 2245–2216 (broad), 1453, 1408, 1381, 1265, 1248, 1190, 1156, 1050, 1022, 903, 762, 701, 677, 663, 557, 506.

Catalytic Hydrophosphination of *cis,cis*-Mucononitrile with PHEt₂. Generation of (PET₂)CNCHCH=CHCH₂CN (5**) and (PET₂)CN)C=CHCH₂CH₂CN (**6**).** To Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene) (17 mg, 0.025 mmol) as the catalyst precursor (5 mol %) in THF (0.5 mL) was added PHEt₂ (45.2 mg, 0.5 mmol) via microliter syringe. The solution turned dark orange. The mixture was added to a solution of *cis,cis*-mucononitrile (52 mg, 0.5 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL). This mixture turned dark red immediately, and formation of a red precipitate was observed. The reaction mixture was transferred to an NMR tube and monitored by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. After 15 h two major monophosphine species, **5** and **6**, were observed at δ -2.1 ppm (**5**) and -8.6 ppm (**6**) (ratio **5:6** = 2.1:1, 66% of the mixture). Peaks belonging to the diastereomeric diphosphines **3** (ratio **a:b** = 1.6:1, 15% of the mixture) could be observed at δ -6.6 (d, *J* = 15, **a**), -6.9 (d, *J* = 15, **a**), -8.8 (d, *J* = 44, **b**), -11.2 (d, *J* = 44, **b**). Other peaks were observed at δ -8.0, -10.2, -10.7, -13.7, -17.2, -32.1, and -34.1 (PHEt₂).

The catalyst was removed from the reaction mixture on a silica column (5 cm height, 0.6 cm diameter), using a 7:3 petroleum ether–THF mixture as eluent. The catalyst did not elute. A 66 mg portion (68% yield) of a colorless oil was obtained. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the color of the viscous residue turned to light orange after a few minutes. The residue was dissolved in C₆D₆ for further spectroscopic characterization. Two major products, the isomeric monophosphines **5** and **6** (~57% of the mixture), were observed in the ratio ~1.5:1. The two diastereomeric diphosphines **3** were observed in the ratio **a:b** = 1.3:1 (24% of the mixture). Other peaks were observed at δ -8.2, -10.5, -10.7, -12.6, -18.0, -32.3, and -34.1 (PHEt₂). After 6 h, the ratio **5:6** changed to 1.4:1, and further isomerization occurred over time. After 5 days, the ratio became 1:5.2, and after 6 days, 1:8.6.

Mass spectroscopic analysis of the mixture showed the presence of the monophosphines **5** and **6**, as well as the diphosphine **3**.

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HRMS (m/z): calcd for $C_{10}H_{16}N_2P^+$ (MH^+ , monophosphines **5** and **6**), 195.1051; found, 195.1054. HRMS (m/z): calcd for $C_{14}H_{27}N_2P_2$ (MH^+ , diphosphine **3**), 285.1649; found, 285.1649. The protonated mono-oxide of **3** was also observed. HRMS (m/z): calcd for $C_{14}H_{27}N_2OP_2^+$, 301.1599; found, 301.1588.

NMR analysis of the mixture enabled assignment of most of the resonances due to **5** and **6** (see Chart 1). These compounds were observed as mixtures of *E* and *Z* isomers (**a** (major) and **b** (minor)), and data are reported for the mixture unless otherwise indicated.

(PEt₂)(CN)CHCH=CHCH₂CN (5). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ -2.1. Selected 1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 5.35–5.29 (m, 1H, **b**), 5.21–5.14 (m, 1H, **b**), 5.06–5.00 (m, $J_{PH} = 4$, $J_{HH} = 11$, 9, 1.5, 1.5, 1H, CH vinyl), 4.87–4.80 (m, $J_{PH} = 4$, $J_{HH} = 11$, 7, 6.5, 1, 1H, CH vinyl), 2.88 (broad dd, $J_{PH} = 3$, $J_{HH} = 9$, 1H, CHCN), 2.26 (dd, $J_{HH} = 7$, 2, 2H, CH₂), 0.80 (m, $J_{PH} = 16$, 6H, CH₃). $^1H\{^{31}P\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 5.35–5.29 (m, 1H, **b**), 5.21–5.14 (m, 1H, **b**), 5.03 (m, $J = 11$, 9, 1.5, 1.5, 1H, CH vinyl), 4.83 (m, $J = 11$, 7, 6.5, 1, 1H, CH vinyl), 2.88 (d, $J = 9$, 1H, CHCN), 2.26 (dd, $J = 7$, 2, 2H, CH₂), 0.80 (m, 6H, CH₃). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 126.5 (d, $J = 12$, CH vinyl, **b**), 126.4 (d, $J = 7$, CH vinyl, **a**), 122.1 (d, $J = 6$, CH vinyl, **a**), 121.9 (d, $J = 8$, CH vinyl, **b**), 117.2 (CN), 26.8 (d, $J = 31$, CH), 19.2 (d, $J = 18$, CH₂CH₃, **a**), 19.1 (d, $J = 16$, CH₂CH₃, **b**), 17.9 (d, $J = 17$, CH₂CH₃, **a**), 17.5 (d, $J = 17$, CH₂CH₃, **b**), 16.0 (d, $J = 4$, CH₂CN), 10.2 (d, $J = 15$, CH₃, **a**), 10.0 (d, $J = 16$, CH₃, **b**). The ratio **a**:**b** (estimated from the 1H and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra) was ca. 3:1.

(PEt₂)(CN)C=CHCH₂CH₂CN (6). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ -8.3. Selected 1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 6.26 (dt, $J_{PH} = 11$, $J_{HH} = 8$, 1H, CH vinyl, **a**), 6.21 (dt, $J_{PH} = 16$, $J_{HH} = 8$, 1H, CH vinyl, **b**), 1.90 (apparent q, $J = 7$, 2H, CH₂CH₂CN), 0.88 (dtd, $J_{PH} = 16$, $J_{HH} = 8$, 1, 6H, CH₃). $^1H\{^{31}P\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 6.26 (t, $J = 8$, 1H,

CH vinyl, **a**), 6.21 (t, $J = 8$, 1H, CH vinyl, **b**), 1.90 (apparent q, $J = 7$, 2H, CH₂CH₂CN), 0.88 (td, $J = 8$, 1, 6H, CH₃). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (C_6D_6): δ 157.3 (d, $J = 41$, CH vinyl, **a**), 118.1 (CN), 114.3 (d, $J = 6$, CN), 29.1 (d, $J = 10$, CH₂), 19.9 (d, $J = 11$, CH₂CH₃, **a**), 19.7 (d, $J = 11$, CH₂CH₃, **b**), 15.9 (CH₂CN), 10.3 (d, $J = 15$, CH₃). The ratio **a**:**b** (estimated from the $^1H\{^{31}P\}$ NMR spectrum) was 6:1.

Stoichiometric Reaction of Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene) with PHEt₂. Generation of Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(H)(PEt₂) and Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(PHEt₂)₂. To an orange solution of Pt-((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene) (34 mg, 0.05 mmol) in toluene-*d*₈ (0.2 mL) was added PHEt₂ (4.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) in toluene-*d*₈ (0.3 mL) via microliter syringe. The solution turned dark red. The following species could be observed in the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum: unreacted Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(*trans*-stilbene) (as a mixture of two diastereomers), Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(H)(PEt₂), and Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(PHEt₂)₂. The ratio of the bis-phosphine complex to the phosphido hydride was ca. 5:1.

Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(H)(PEt₂). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (toluene-*d*₈): δ 79.1 (dd, $J = 108$, 9, $J_{Pt-P} = 1602$), 71.3 (dd, $J = 9$, 5, $J_{Pt-P} \sim 1860$), -6.4 (dd, $J = 108$, 5, $J_{Pt-P} = 905$).

Pt((*R,R*)-Me-Duphos)(PHEt₂)₂. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (toluene-*d*₈): δ 45.3 (apparent t with additional fine structure on the central peak, $J = 50$, $J_{Pt-P} = 3430$), -35.9 (apparent t with additional fine structure on the central peak, $J = 50$, $J_{Pt-P} = 3867$).

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