

A Kinetic Study of the Competition between Carbon Monoxide and Alkenes in Chloro Complexes of Platinum(II)

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Summary: Alkenes (cyclohexene; 1-octene) react with *cis*-PtCl₂(CO)₂, leading to *cis*-PtCl₂(CO)(alkene) (**1a**, alkene = cyclohexene; **1b**, alkene = 1-octene). The substitution kinetics to **1a** and **1b** in 1,2-dichloroethane in the temperature range 273–308 K have the following second-order rate constants at 298 K, respectively: cyclohexene, $(0.94 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$; 1-octene, $(2.33 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The activation parameters are $\Delta H^* = 37 \pm 4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta S^* = -180 \pm 10 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for the reaction affording **1a** and $\Delta H^* = 36.5 \pm 0.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta S^* = -154 \pm 2 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ for the reaction to **1b**. The large negative values of the activation entropies are consistent with an associative mechanism. The reverse reactions proceed with a similar rate constant.

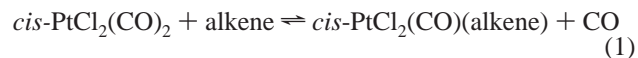
Introduction

Ligand substitution kinetics of square-planar complexes containing d⁸ metal centers have been widely studied,¹ especially for platinum(II), which, being characterized by moderate reaction rates, can be monitored by conventional methods.² However, to the best of our knowledge, kinetic studies concerning competitive CO/alkene substitution reactions are not available in the literature, although they are certainly relevant to processes involving both carbon monoxide and olefins, such as hydroformylation and alkene/CO copolymerization.³ On the other hand, the kinetics of exchange of carbon monoxide have been reported for Pt(II), Pd(II), Rh(I), and Ir(I),⁴ and a certain number of data concerning olefin exchange,^{5a–d} or the displacement of an olefin by another olefin,^{5f,g} are available in the literature.

Olefin exchange in $[\text{MCl}_3(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]^-$ (M = Pd, Pt) shows that the second-order rate constant at 298 K (k_2^{298}) in THF as solvent is 9×10^2 and $1.3 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for platinum and palladium,

respectively.^{5c} The CO exchange in $[\text{MCl}_3(\text{CO})]^-$ is considerably slower, k_2^{298} values being, in CDCl₃ as solvent, 3.4×10^{-3} and $5.70 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for platinum and palladium, respectively.^{4a} It is interesting to note that ethene exchange is quite fast for both platinum and palladium, while the reactions involving CO are rather slow, especially for platinum, which is more than 100 times slower than palladium. As these reactions proceed by an associative path, the energy of a pentacoordinated activated complex with respect to the starting compound should play the major role in determining the rate constant. In this connection, it is to be noted that platinum(II) adopts pentacoordination in some alkene or carbonyl complexes normally in the presence of a bidentate nitrogen donor ligand.^{6,7}

In earlier papers we have reported that *cis*-PtCl₂(CO)₂⁸ undergoes CO substitution by cyclohexene or 1-octene (see eq 1) through equilibrium reactions favoring the dicarbonyl.⁹ Here we report the kinetic studies carried out on the same systems operating in 1,2-dichloroethane in the temperature range 273–308 K.



Earlier data have established spectroscopically that only the *cis* geometrical isomer is obtained through reaction 1.⁹ This has been confirmed crystallographically in the case of alkene = cycloheptene.^{9b}

Experimental Section

General Procedures. K₂PtCl₄ was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. or from Chimet S.p.A., Badia al Pino, Arezzo, Italy. Carbon monoxide (research grade) was purchased from Rivoira and purified by passing it through concentrated sulfuric acid and KOH. 1,2-Dichloroethane was freshly distilled from P₄O₁₀ under a dinitrogen atmosphere. Toluene and heptane were distilled from sodium. Benzene-*d*₆ (99.9%) was purchased from Aldrich and distilled after treatment with activated molecular sieves.

IR spectra were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer 1725X Fourier transform spectrophotometer with an IR Data Manager station.

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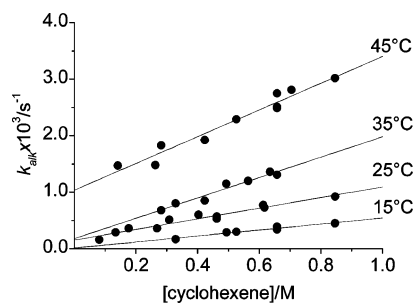


Figure 3. Observed rate constant k_{alk} of reaction 2 vs cyclohexene concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane at different temperatures.

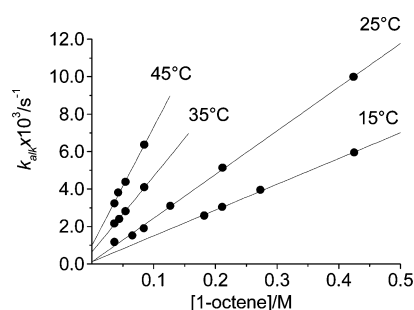


Figure 4. Observed rate constant k_{alk} of reaction 3 vs 1-octene concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane at different temperatures.

of the olefin complexes (shown in Figure 1b for reaction 2) confirms the reversible nature of the processes.

The processes were studied at different olefin concentrations. The kinetic traces, recorded at the suitable wavelength under pseudo first-order conditions, after exclusion of the first few data points, can be described by single exponentials with rate constants k_{alk} .

Figures 3 and 4 report plots of k_{alk} versus the olefin concentration at different temperatures for the direct reactions 2 and 3, respectively. Linear dependences were obtained up to the highest olefin concentrations.

These findings are in agreement with the accepted scheme for ligand substitution in square-planar complexes, as for the rate law of eq 4.

$$k_{\text{alk}} = k_1 + k_{\text{II}}[\text{alkene}] \quad (4)$$

The second-order rate constant k_{II} refers to the olefin-dependent pathway, while k_1 may include contributions related to (a) the reverse reaction, (b) the solvent-dependent substitution pathway, and (c) concurrent decomposition reactions. In our case the intercept values are usually small, the contribution of these paths appearing not to be relevant, and the error is fairly large relative to their magnitude. The relatively high k_1 values at the highest temperatures are probably due to a decomposition reaction.

As reported in Table 1 and Figures 3 and 4, the temperature dependence of the forward reaction was studied between 15 and 45 °C. The overall activation parameters were calculated from Eyring plots (Figure 5) and correspond to $\Delta H^* = 37 \pm 4$ kJ mol⁻¹, $\Delta S^* = -180 \pm 10$ J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹ for reaction 2 and

Table 1. Temperature Dependence of k_1 and k_{II} for the Substitution Reaction of CO by Alkene in *cis*-PtCl₂(CO)₂ Affording the Complexes 1a,b (eqs 2 and 3) in 1,2-Dichloroethane

	$T/^\circ\text{C}$	$10^2 \times k_{\text{II}}/\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	$10^2 \times k_1/\text{s}^{-1}$
reaction 2	15.0	0.053 ± 0.006	0.001 ± 0.003
	25.0	0.094 ± 0.007	0.015 ± 0.003
	35.0	0.18 ± 0.02	0.018 ± 0.009
	45.0	0.24 ± 0.02	0.10 ± 0.01
reaction 3	15.0	1.38 ± 0.03	0.01 ± 0.01
	25.0	2.33 ± 0.05	0.01 ± 0.01
	35.0	4.0 ± 0.1	0.06 ± 0.01
	45.0	6.3 ± 0.3	0.1 ± 0.02

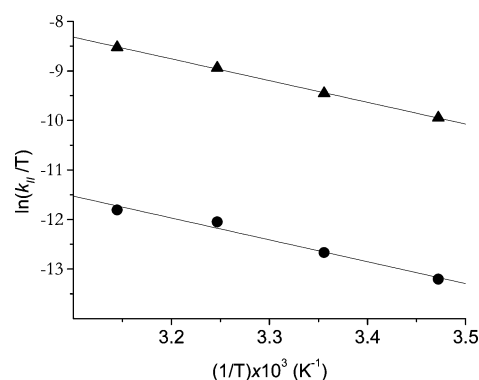


Figure 5. Eyring plots for the forward reactions 2 and 3 carried out in 1,2-dichloroethane at $p = 1$ atm. Solid circles for reaction 2 and triangles for reaction 3 at the following temperatures (± 0.2): 15.0; 25.0; 35.0; 45.0 °C.

$\Delta H^* = 36.5 \pm 0.7$ kJ mol⁻¹, $\Delta S^* = -154 \pm 2$ J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹ for reaction 3. The large negative values of the activation entropies strongly support an associative mechanism. Thus, the activated complex must be characterized by well-formed Pt–alkene and Pt–CO bonds.

The reaction may proceed through one step with synchronous bond formation and bond breaking or, alternatively, with a two-step mechanism and a five-coordinate intermediate (Scheme 1). In the latter case, by applying the steady-state approximation and neglecting the intercepts as discussed above, the expressions 5 and 6 for the pseudo-first-order kinetic constants of the forward (k_{alk}) and the reverse (k_{CO}) reactions, respectively, can be derived.

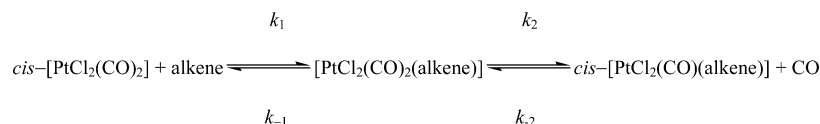
Although we have no spectroscopic or kinetic evidence for the formation of a reaction intermediate, we cannot exclude its presence in a low concentration, as required by the steady-state approximation. For this reason we propose the following scheme (Scheme 1) and the corresponding eqs 5 and 6.

$$k_{\text{alk}} = \frac{k_1 k_2}{k_{-1} + k_2} [\text{olefin}] \quad (5)$$

$$k_{\text{CO}} = \frac{k_{-1} k_{-2}}{k_{-1} + k_2} [\text{CO}] \quad (6)$$

The reverse reactions were studied under pseudo-first-order conditions, the concentration of dissolved carbon monoxide

Scheme 1



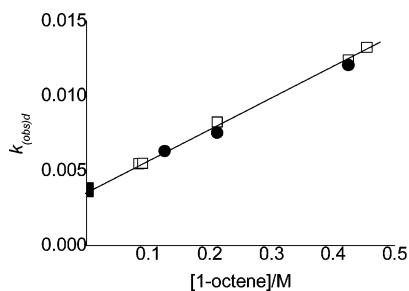


Figure 6. Plot of k_{obsd} vs 1-octene concentration, for the reactions carried out under CO ($p = 1$ atm; $[\text{CO}] = 5.5 \times 10^{-3}$ M) between (a) *cis*-PtCl₂(CO)₂ ($\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$ M) and 1-octene, solid circles, ●; (b) *cis*-PtCl₂(CO)(1-octene) ($\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$ M) and CO in the presence of 1-octene, open squares, □; and in the absence of 1-octene (rectangle). Solvent is 1,2-dichloroethane, $T = 25.0 \pm 0.2$ °C.

being 5.5×10^{-3} M,¹⁰ about 40-fold greater than that of the metal complex. The pseudo-first-order rate constant for the disappearance of the olefin complex was determined from a one-exponential plot of the absorbance versus time up to 80–90% conversion of the reagent with respect to the equilibrium concentration. Data fitting for at least three independent kinetic runs gave a mean value of $k_{\text{CO}} = (3.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$ s⁻¹ for reaction 2 and $k_{\text{CO}} = (3.6 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$ s⁻¹ for reaction 3.

Kinetic runs for the reverse reaction 3 were also carried out in the presence of an excess olefin over the metal complex, under CO at atmospheric pressure at 25.0 °C. The kinetics were largely controlled by one exponential. A very small drift of the absorbance at longer reaction times, likely depending on some side reactions, was observed in the reaction profile only by increasing the concentration of the olefin. By fitting the data of the first part of the reaction to one exponential, the k_{obsd} were determined. Under these conditions, the rate constant is a combination of the forward and reverse reaction constants, $k_{\text{obs}} = k_{\text{alk}} + k_{\text{CO}}$. It is linearly dependent on the concentration of olefin, as shown in Figure 6.

The intercept, $(3.6 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$ M⁻¹ s⁻¹, satisfactorily matches the value of the rate constant for the reaction carried out in the absence of olefin (see above). The slope of $(2.06 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2}$ M⁻¹ s⁻¹ is in good agreement with the result obtained for reaction 3 followed under a dinitrogen atmosphere.

It can be noted that the ratios $\{k_{\text{alk}}/[\text{alkene}]\}/\{k_{\text{CO}}/[\text{CO}]\}$ give the equilibrium constants of eq 2 and 3 [$K_2 = (1.5 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$ and $K_3 = (3.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$ at 25 °C], in good agreement with the data previously reported (calculated from ΔG° at $T = 25$ °C: $K_2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$, $K_3 = 4.5 \times 10^{-2}$).^{9c}

As discussed in the Introduction, the second-order rate constant of the L exchange for the substrates [PtCl₃L]⁻ is reported to be about 10^{-3} M⁻¹ s⁻¹ for L = CO^{4a} and about 10^3 M⁻¹ s⁻¹ for L = C₂H₄,^{5c} the large difference being related to the differences in both activation parameters, ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger , acting in the same direction. Our results show that the CO substitution by a simple olefin in *cis*-PtCl₂(CO)₂ proceeds with a second-order rate constant (10^{-2} – 10^{-3} M⁻¹ s⁻¹) that depends on the nature of the olefin, as expected for an associative process, the terminal olefin 1-octene substituting CO about 10 times faster than the cyclic C₆H₁₀. This difference has to be ascribed to the different activation entropy of the two processes, the terminal olefin showing a less negative value. It is to be noted that the two reverse reactions proceed, probably by a fortuitous combination of factors, essentially with the same rate constant.

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