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Abstract

Selective 1,2-hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes is a challenging problem to solve for transition metal catalysis. Butadiene, specifically, would be a useful substrate because 3-butenylsilane products have promise as superior coupling reagents for hybrid organic/inorganic materials synthesis. In this thesis, we describe the first selective 1,2-hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes, including butadiene.

Chapter 1 describes the relevance of organosilicon compounds to modern applications such as the synthesis of advanced materials and fine chemicals. The history and development of transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation methods are discussed, with emphasis on the current state of understanding of the mechanisms of late-transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation. Known methodologies for the hydrosilylation of dienes and known 1,2-additions to dienes are discussed, highlighting the mechanistic features of these processes that informed the presented work.

In Chapter 2, novel research on the discovery and development of platinum catalysts for the 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of dienes is presented. Discovery of a cyclometallated platinum complex of tri-tert-butylphosphine as a precatalyst enabled the 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes, including butadiene, isoprene, myrcene, and 2,3-dimethylbutadiene. Catalysis proceeds through a Pt(II)/Pt(IV) catalytic cycle and selectivity for 1,2-addition arises from coordinative saturation at catalyst intermediates that prevents formation of π-allyl complexes. Data are presented that support the proposed Pt(II)/Pt(IV) mechanism and exclude more conventional Pt(0)/Pt(II) mechanisms.
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TBA: tetrabutylammonium
TEM: transmission electron microscopy
Tf: trifluoromethanesulfonyl
THF: tetrahydrofuran
TEOS: tetraethylorthosilicate
TLC: thin-layer chromatography
TMOS: tetramethylorthosilicate
TMS: trimethylsilyl
TOF: turnover frequency
Tol: tolyl
o-Tol: ortho-tolyl
TON: turnover number
Tp’: hydridotris(3,5-dialkylpyrazolyl)borate
tR: retention time
UV: ultra-violet light
v/v %: percent by volume
VTMS: vinyltrimethoxysilane
w/w %: percent by weight
X: anionic group or ligand, general
Y: non-hydrolyzable linking group, such as –
    CH₂CH₂CH₂–
Z: zusammen (olefin isomer)
“The struggle itself toward the heights is enough to fill a man's heart.
One must imagine Sisyphus happy.”

~Albert Camus
1. INTRODUCTION

Despite the prevalence of transition-metal catalyzed olefin hydrosilylation methods,\(^1\) no general selective 1,2-hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes has been reported. Conjugated dienes represent a significant selectivity challenge because various coordination and insertion modes are accessible to a conjugated π-system at a transition metal catalyst. The rarity of 1,2-selective additions may result from the preference of transition metals to form π-allyl intermediates upon migratory insertion of dienes into M–X bonds, which leads to 1,4-selectivity.\(^1d,2\) Products of 1,2-selective hydrosilylation, specifically 3-butenylsilanes derived from butadiene, would be valuable as superior coupling reagents to link silicate-based materials to olefin polymers in hybrid materials synthesis.\(^1d,3\) Previously reported catalysts cannot generate 3-
butenyl silanes from an inexpensive and readily-available feedstock, such as butadiene. This thesis describes the first general 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes, including butadiene.

This introduction provides a brief history of transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation and its relevance as a synthetic method in modern applications. Organosilanes produced by hydrosilylation methods are used as building blocks for advanced silicon-based and hybrid organic/inorganic materials and as tools for fine chemical synthesis. Known methods for the hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes are reviewed with an emphasis on the hydrosilylation of butadiene. Known 1,2-selective additions to dienes, including hydroboration, diboration, and hydrogenation reactions, are discussed.

1.1 Importance of Hydrosilylation

Prior to the discovery of transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation, alkyl- and vinylsilanes were obtained by the attack of carbon nucleophiles on silicon halides. The most common method was the addition of a Grignard reagent to a chlorosilane, but other organometallic nucleophiles such as organozinc compounds were also employed. Although effective for the synthesis of simple organosilanes, nucleophilic displacements were limited in scope by the necessity of using highly reactive carbon-based nucleophiles. Use of Grignard reagents and silyl halides for industrial-scale synthesis is also problematic due to halide-induced reactor corrosion. The discovery of transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation broadened the scope of synthetically accessible alkyl- and vinylsilanes. Currently, hydrosilylation

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7 Lai, G. Y. In High-Temperature Corrosion and Materials Applications; ASM International: 2007; Ch. 6.
processes are used on large scale to synthesize organosilicon compounds for a diverse range of applications, from the synthesis of hybrid materials to organic synthesis.\textsuperscript{1,8}

Olefin hydrosilylation is the addition of a silicon-hydride bond across a carbon–carbon double bond, and is among the most important and widely used methods for the synthesis of organosilanes (Eq. 1).\textsuperscript{1,8}

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{R} = \text{H}_{3}\text{SiR'}_{3} \\
\text{HSiR'}_{3}
\end{array}
\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2}}
\begin{array}{c}
\text{H} \\
\text{SiR'}_{3}
\end{array}
\]

(Eq. 1)

Olefin hydrosilylation was originally discovered by Sommer et al. as a radical-mediated reaction (Eq. 2),\textsuperscript{9} but the transformation was not widely adopted until the discovery of transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation by Speier in 1957 (Eq. 3).\textsuperscript{1,8}

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
\text{H}_2\text{C} & \text{CH}_2 & \text{O} & \text{O} & \text{Ph} & \text{Ph} \\
\text{O} & \text{O} & \text{H}_2\text{SiCl}_3 & \text{H}_2\text{SiCl}_3 \\
\text{H}_2\text{C} & \text{CH}_2 & \text{SiCl}_3 & \text{H}_2\text{C} & \text{CH}_2 & \text{SiCl}_3
\end{array}
\xrightarrow{\text{Ph} \text{O} \text{O} \text{Ph} (16 \text{ mol %})}
\begin{array}{c}
\text{H}_2\text{C} \\
\text{SiCl}_3
\end{array}
\text{neat, 45 °C} \rightarrow \text{63 °C} \\
\text{9 h}
\]

(Eq. 2)

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
\text{H}_2\text{C} & \text{CH}_2 & \text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_4 & \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 (1 \text{ ppm}) \\
\text{H}_2\text{SiCl}_3 \\
\text{H}_2\text{C} & \text{CH}_2 & \text{SiCl}_3 & \text{H}_2\text{C} & \text{CH}_2 & \text{SiCl}_3
\end{array}
\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_4+\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 (1 \text{ ppm})}
\begin{array}{c}
\text{H}_2\text{C} \\
\text{SiCl}_3
\end{array}
\text{neat, 100 °C} \\
\text{15 min.}
\]

(Eq. 3)

Since then, transition metal catalysts have been developed for the synthesis of a wide variety of organosilanes with remarkable efficiency and selectivity. Carbon–carbon double and triple bonds as well as carbon–heteroatom multiple bonds are now common substrates for hydrosilylation.\textsuperscript{1} Enantioselective


catalysts with chiral ligands create stereogenic carbon centers through hydrosilylation and provide a facile route to chiral tertiary alcohols.\textsuperscript{10} Hydrosilylation is one of the most mild and functional group-tolerant reactions catalyzed by transition metals and is widely used in the synthesis of fine chemicals and complex organic molecules, as well as on large scale for the production of organosilane building blocks for materials synthesis.

1.1.1. Organosilanes in Sol-Gel Materials Synthesis

Silicon-based materials are used in applications ranging from electronics manufacturing to \textit{in-vivo} drug delivery.\textsuperscript{11} Extensive research in both engineering and chemistry has enabled the precise control of the physical and mechanical properties of silicon-based materials through many synthetic or “bottom up” approaches as well as modification or “top down” methods. Organosilanes are most often used in “bottom up” approaches, specifically in the sol-gel process. Interest in the sol-gel process began with Ebelman\textsuperscript{12} and Graham’s\textsuperscript{13} studies of silica gels in the mid-1800’s, but was not recognized and developed as a practical method for the synthesis of new and existing inorganic materials until the 1980’s.\textsuperscript{14} In sol-gel synthesis, organosilanes are most commonly incorporated to increase hydrophobicity. Recently, however, functionalized organosilanes called coupling agents that covalently bind to both silicate and organic materials have become widespread.\textsuperscript{3b} The resulting organofunctionalized silicates are used as reinforced organic polymers (see page 11), for the immobilization of peptides and metal complex catalysts on


inorganic supports,\textsuperscript{15,16} as agents for derivatizing photo electrodes,\textsuperscript{17} as additives for enhancing the mechanical properties of asphalt,\textsuperscript{18} as scratch-resistant surface coatings for polycarbonate lenses,\textsuperscript{19} as hydrophobic glass fibers for reinforcing cement,\textsuperscript{20} as hydrophobic coatings for industrial and automobile glass,\textsuperscript{21b} as vehicles for pharmaceutical preparations,\textsuperscript{21} and as chromatographic separation solid- and liquid-supports.\textsuperscript{22}

The sol-gel process uses readily available siloxanes, such as tetramethylorthosilicate (TMOS), to form highly ordered silicone materials through a hydrolysis/polycondensation mechanism (Eq. 4).\textsuperscript{14}

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{H}_3\text{CO}-\text{Si}=\text{O} \quad + \ \text{H}_2\text{O} \\
\text{OCH}_3 \quad \text{H}^+ \text{or OH}^- \text{(cat.)} \\
\text{HOCH}_3
\end{array}
\]

(Eq. 4)

All oxygen atoms in the resulting sol-gel material come from water, and the numbers \(m\), \(n\), and \(p\) depend on many formulation conditions, including the water/silane ratio, the concentration of acid or base catalyst, the cosolvent, temperature, method and rate of drying, existence of dopants and other additives,


\textsuperscript{17} Bocarsly, A. B.; Walton, E. G.; Bradley, M. G.; Wrighton, M. S. \textit{J. Electroanal. Chem. Interfacial Electrochem.} 1979, 100, 283.


\textsuperscript{22} Wyndham, K. D.; O'gara, J. E. WO 2008085435 A 1, 2008.
size and shape of the product, and even the nature of the reaction container or support. The mechanism of polycondensation is still unknown, but is thought to proceed by a fast hydrolysis to Si(OH)$_4$ followed by slow condensation. Sol-gel silicates are porous materials with a range of pore sizes centered around the tens of Angstroms and surface areas ranging from a few m$^2$g$^{-1}$ to several hundred m$^2$g$^{-1}$. The surface of the sol-gel material is typically hydrophilic, coated with Si–OH groups and adsorbed water molecules. The complex dependence of material properties on the conditions of formation allows the sol-gel process to be extremely versatile. As a result, sol-gel materials can be prepared for many applications.

Many silicates contain organic molecules that modify the properties or allow for further modification of the material. Three general methods have been developed to incorporate organic molecules into silicate materials, including: (a) entrapment of organic molecules in sol-gel matrices, (b) incorporation of organo- or organofunctional silanes as covalently bonded C–Si building blocks, and (c)

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copolymerization of organic materials with inorganic sol-gel silicates. All three methods show utility for a variety of applications, but method (b), covalent modification, relies most on the availability of a wide range of organosilane building blocks, many of which are formed by transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation reactions.

Synthesis of hybrid organic/inorganic materials by covalent attachment utilizes $R_nSiX_m$ building blocks, where $R$ is a hydrolytically stable organic group and $X$ is a leaving group such as a halide or alkoxide. The most common precursors used in sol-gel synthesis are trialkoxyorganosilanes, $RSi(OR)_3$, which can be diluted with any desired quantity of $Si(OR)_4$ to control the concentration of organic groups, and resulting properties, of the sol-gel material. The $R$ group may be any organic group stable to hydrolysis under the condensation conditions, and can be chosen to modify the network structure, introduce organic functionality into the inorganic network, provide a reactive functional group for later modification, or improve the adhesion of hydrophobic materials.

Inclusion of even simple organic functional groups, such as methyl or phenyl groups, into siloxane condensation polymers can impact the properties of the bulk material. When orthosilicates are replaced by organosilanes in the inorganic polymer network, a coordination site is blocked towards hydrolysis and condensation. The incorporation of organosilanes, therefore, lowers the degree of crosslinking in the inorganic network. Because rates of hydrolysis differ for organosilanes and orthosilicates, the composition of the resulting condensation polymer will not be homogeneous.

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Typically, the orthosilicate will be hydrolyzed faster than the organosilane, creating a core of cross-linked silicate material that includes little organosilane functionality with a layer of organosilane condensed around the core after the orthosilicate concentration is depleted (Scheme 1). For this reason, a common effect of organosilane incorporation into silsesquioxane polymers is to increase the surface hydrophobicity of the silsesquioxane.

Reactive organofunctional groups can add complexity to sol-gel materials through chemical modification or post-modification. These building blocks can be described as \((\text{RO})_3\text{Si}–\text{Y}–\text{A}\), where \(\text{Y}\) is a non-hydrolysable linker such as a propyl hydrocarbon chain and \(\text{A}\) is a reactive organic functional group such as an alkyl chloride, alkyne, or olefin. Functional groups on the surface of silicate materials can undergo subsequent reactions to serve many purposes. Among the reactions of functional group \(\text{A}\) are: crosslinking with existing organofunctional groups, polymerization with added monomer to form a secondary polymeric network, and attachment of new functionality to the surface of the silsesquioxane. The incorporation of organosilanes into silicates and other minerals allows for nearly infinite variation of physical properties, limited only by the availability of new organosilane building blocks.

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30 For studies of hydrolysis of \(\text{Me}_2\text{Si(OEt)}_2\) and TEOS, see: (a) Babonneau, F.; Thorne, K.; Mackenzie, J. D. Chem. Mater. 1989, 1, 554. (b) Babonneau, F. Polyhedron 1994, 13, 1123.


Scheme 1. Synthesis of Hydrophobic Silicate Materials
Polymerizable organosilanes are used in combination with orthosilicates for the synthesis of organic/inorganic hybrid materials.\textsuperscript{25,33} Although the components are subjected to sol-gel processing simultaneously, polymerization of the organic group can take place simultaneously or sequentially. A simultaneous polymerization method is used to synthesize a homogeneous, scratch-resistant, transparent coating for optical polycarbonate lenses.\textsuperscript{19} By subjecting trimethoxy(3-(oxiran-2-ylmethoxy)propyl)silane (GLYMO), TMOS, and a metal alkoxide such as Ti(OEt)\textsubscript{4} or Al(OR)\textsubscript{3} to sol-gel condensation conditions, the construction of silsesquioxane polymer occurs simultaneously with Lewis acid-catalyzed polymerization of the epoxide groups of GLYMO. The result is a homogeneous material comprised of two interpenetrating polymer networks. This approach can also be used with added exogenous organic monomer to increase the conversion of organosilane to organic polymer.\textsuperscript{34} Photochemical polymerization of a curing 3-(trimethoxysilyl)propyl methacrylate (MEMO)/tetrethylorthosilicate (TEOS) gel left approximately 20\% of the methacrylate groups unreacted. Addition of two equivalents of methylmethacrylate during curing, however, resulted in complete polymerization of both the MEMO residues of the gel and the added methylmethacrylate.\textsuperscript{34a}

An example of co-condensation followed by sequential polymerization is the co-polymerization of multiple organofunctional silanes with TEOS for electronics applications. In this material, the inorganic network is first formed by sol-gel processing a mixture of TEOS, MEMO, vinyltrimethoxysilane (VTMS), and GLYMO. Condensation is followed by UV-initiated polymerization of MEMO in selected areas of the material (photo mask or laser writing). The masked, and therefore non-polymerized, areas of the coating are then dissolved away before the GLYMO units are thermally polymerized, which sets and strengthens the coating.\textsuperscript{35} Sequential curing methods of this type are useful


for microsystem technology as passivation and encapsulation coatings for electrical components and as protective coatings for thin-film capacitors.\textsuperscript{36}

Groups can also be incorporated into sol-gel silicates that remain reactive during the material’s end use. For example, materials that function as chemical sensors,\textsuperscript{37} semi-permeable membranes,\textsuperscript{38} chromatographic separation solid phases,\textsuperscript{22} and supports for immobilized transition metal catalysts\textsuperscript{15,16} all require reactive organosilanes at the materials surface to function. For these applications, functional groups such as stimulus-induced chromophores, crown ethers, and amine or phosphine ligands can be used to functionalize the surface of the sol-gel material.

1.1.2. Coupling Agents for Hybrid Materials Synthesis

When an organofunctionalsilane is used to increase adhesion of a silicate surface to a dissimilar material, the organofunctionalsilane is called a “coupling agent.”\textsuperscript{3b} Coupling agents are powerful tools used to strengthen the often-weak interface between materials with different physical properties, such as hydrophobic and hydrophilic materials. Organosilane coupling agents were originally developed to increase the adhesion of organic polymers to glass fibers. Glass fibers are incorporated into organic polymers to increase the strength-to-weight ratio of the resulting materials. Although reinforcement with glass fibers produced materials with desirable physical properties, the interface between the organic and inorganic polymers was quickly eroded by water. Sensitivity to water greatly decreased the utility of early materials.


hybrid materials and organosilanes were explored as adhesion promoters to strengthen the interface. Organosilanes were logical adhesion promoters because the organosilane contains properties of both types of materials. Early coupling reagents such as allyltriethoxysilane and vinyltrichlorosilane were very successful. As a result of coupling agent incorporation, hybrid materials could endure hours of incubation in boiling water without eroding the benefits of glass fiber reinforcement.39

Most coupling agents are thought to form covalent bonds with both silicates and organic materials,40 although examples have been reported in which the formation of covalent bonds is highly unlikely.41 For covalently bonded coupling agents, silane hydrolysis to (HO)₃Si–Y–A is followed by hydrogen-bonding interaction and finally condensation of the organosilanol group with the silicate surface (Scheme 2). The coupling agent, tethered to the surface, then reacts with organic molecules to form covalent bonds to a preexisting or in situ-generated organic polymer (Scheme 3). Covalent bonding of coupling agents to organic polymers has been demonstrated by FT-IR analysis of styrene-diluted polyester, reinforced by methacrylate- and vinylsilane-coated glass fibers.42 Attachment of the organosilanol to the silicate surface was also observed43 and these findings were supplemented by model reactions showing quick and efficient bond formation between organosilanol and triethoxysilanol groups.44


A wide variety of organic functional groups can be incorporated into silane coupling agents for different purposes (Table 1). Functional groups such as alkyl chlorides are useful as coupling reagents for covalent attachment of nucleophilic groups and in polystyrenes, but are more widely used as intermediates in the synthesis of other coupling reagents. The propyl linker in 3-chloropropylsilane coupling agents is necessary to ensure hydrolytic stability of the coupling agent; β-chlorosilanes are easily cleaved by aqueous base to yield ethylene, Cl⁻, and a silanol. Coupling agents bearing unsaturated organofunctional groups such as vinyl, methacryl, or styrenyl groups are most often used to bond silicates with organic polymers. These coupling agents bear reactive olefins that can participate in either initiation or chain growth of olefin-derived polymers. Nucleophilic and electrophilic coupling agents

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are often used as synthetic intermediates to form more complex organofunctional silanes, but can also be used in reinforced epoxide polymers.

Many of the coupling agents shown in Table 1 are synthesized efficiently and in a cost-effective manner by transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation. Despite extensive research in the field of hydrosilylation, however, substantial challenges remain that directly affect the availability of desirable coupling agents. The synthesis of 3-chloropropylsilanes from allyl chloride, for example, remains challenging because of facile allylic rearrangements at the transition metal catalyst.\textsuperscript{1)} Hydrosilylation of the allyl group in allylacrylate also yields a useful coupling agent, but allyl acrylate is a challenging hydrosilylation product because of the multiple unsaturated sites available for hydrosilylation.\textsuperscript{1)} The hydrosilylation of butadiene to generate 3-butenylsilanes is a third process that, although potentially very useful, is challenging with current transition metal catalysts.

3-Butenylsilanes are potentially valuable as coupling agents but cannot be synthesized in a cost-effective manner. Hydrosilylation of butadiene in a 1,2-selective fashion could be a facile route to such coupling agents, but known transition metal catalysts cannot generate the 1,2-hydrosilylation product. Often, transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes is unselective, yielding mixtures of isomeric products and mono- and di-addition products (see page 49). When selective for a single product, known transition metal catalysts add Si–H bonds to dienes in a 1,4-fashion, generating allylsilane products. Although valuable for a number of applications,\textsuperscript{57} allylsilanes are not effective coupling agents for reinforced olefin-derived polymers because of their low activity as initiation sites for olefin polymerization. Terminal olefins generally show much higher activity as initiation sites, but hydrosilylation to form terminal olefins requires non-conjugated diene starting materials which are expensive relative to butadiene. Currently, vinylsilanes are most often used as coupling reagents for


\textsuperscript{57} Luh, T.-Y.; Liu, S.-T. In The Chemistry of Organic Silicon Compounds; Rappoport, Z., Apeloig, Y., Eds.; Wiley: Chichester, 1998; Ch. 30.
olefin-derived polymers despite their low activity towards olefin polymerization, because vinylsilanes can be inexpensively synthesized by hydrosilylation of acetylene.\(^{3b}\)

<table>
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<th>Coupling Agent</th>
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| \(X_3\text{Si} \quad \text{Cl}\) | Synthesis of organosilanes\(^{3b}\)  
| | Polystyrene\(^{45}\) |
| \(X_3\text{Si} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{CH}_3\) | Polyesters\(^{49}\) |
| \(X_3\text{Si} \quad \text{N} \quad \text{H}_2 \quad \text{NH}_2\) | Synthesis of organosilanes\(^{51}\)  
| | Surface hydrophobicity and oleophobicity treatments |
| \(X_3\text{Si} \quad \text{O} \quad \text{O}\) | Synthesis of organosilanes\(^{55}\)  
| | Foam-control agents\(^{56}\)  
| | Reinforced condensation-thermosetting polymers\(^{3b}\) |
| \(X_3\text{Si} \quad \text{SH}\) | Chain-growth regulators\(^{3b}\)  
| | Vulcanizable organic elastomers\(^{53}\) |
| \(X_3\text{Si} \quad \text{OH}\) | Solution stabilizers for silicate corrosion inhibitors\(^{3b}\)  
| | Ionomeric bonding to neutral-matrix polymers\(^{54}\) |
1.1.3. Applications of Organosilanes in Organic Synthesis

Although natural products do not contain silicon, methods that utilize organosilanes have become invaluable in organic synthesis\(^{58}\) for the introduction of C–C and C–O bonds, the reduction of ketones to chiral secondary alcohols, protection of polar functional groups, and more.\(^{15}\) Silicon(IV) is relatively inert towards many reagents but forms strong bonds to electronegative elements such as oxygen and fluorine. This combination of properties allows Si–C and Si–O bonds to be robust functional groups that react chemoselectively under appropriate conditions. Silicon also participates in a number of unique rearrangements driven by the strength of silicon–oxygen bonds. Many of the organosilanes utilized in organic transformations are synthesized by transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation. The expansion of hydrosilylation processes in recent decades has provided a wealth of new organosilanes and facilitated the growth of organosilicon chemistry in organic synthesis. It is beyond the scope of this introduction to provide a comprehensive review of all organic methods that utilize organosilanes; however, to emphasize the importance of organosilane reagents in organic synthesis, select methods will be described briefly in this section.

Organosilicon reagents are widely utilized for C–C bond formation by a variety of transformations including transition metal-catalyzed cross-couplings,\(^{59}\) olefinations,\(^{60}\) allylations,\(^{61}\)


\(^{60}\) For seminal work on the Peterson olefination, see: Peterson, D. *J. J. Org. Chem.* 1968, 33, 780.

rearrangements, and cycloadditions. Among the useful C–C bond forming reactions of organosilicon reagents are the Sakurai allylation and the Peterson olefination reactions.

The Sakurai allylation is a powerful method for the diastereoselective formation of allylic alcohols from ketones and aldehydes. Allyl silanes are readily available by the regioselective 1,4-hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes (see section 1.3). In the Sakurai allylation, Lewis acid activation of a ketone or aldehyde induces addition of the allyl silane to the carbonyl group (Scheme 4). The resulting β-silylcarbocation is stabilized by hyperconjugation and undergoes elimination by attack of an anion on the silicon center to form the product homoallylic alcohol. The Sakurai allylation has been used in the synthesis of many natural products including furaquinocins, (−)-amphidinolide P, and (−)-laulimalide.

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63 For reviews on the use of organosilanes for C–C bond formation in organic synthesis, see: (a) Larson, G. L. In The Chemistry of Organic Silicon Compounds; Patai, S., Rappoport, Z., Eds.; John Wiley & Sons Ltd.: Chichester, 1989; Ch. 11. (b) Larson, G. L. PharmaChem 2010, 9, 26.


The Peterson olefination is a powerful method for the regioselective synthesis of olefins from β-hydroxysilanes, which are formed from silyl ylides and carbonyl groups. For relatively electron-rich substrates, the β-hydroxysilane intermediate is long-lived and can be isolated. Regioselectivity for long-lived β-hydroxysilane elimination is controlled by the reaction pH, allowing the synthesis of either E- or Z-olefins from a single β-hydroxysilane precursor (Scheme 5). Under basic conditions, a stereospecific concerted syn-elimination is thought to proceed through a 4-membered cyclic intermediate and generates a cis- or Z-olefin. Under acidic conditions, an E2-elimination pathway operates and generates the trans- or E-olefin. Electron-poor β-hydroxysilanes, however, eliminate quickly and only the Z-olefin products can be isolated. The Peterson olefination has been used in the synthesis of several natural products, including the synthesis of (+)-maritimol, the macrocyclic core of roseophilin, (+)-brasilenyne, and lancifolol.

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The Tamao-Fleming oxidation transforms a C–Si bond into a C–O bond through peroxyacid or peroxide oxidation. The Tamao-Fleming oxidation is useful for the preparation of enantiomerically enriched alcohols because the oxidation proceeds stereoselectively with retention of configuration at carbon. Carbon–silicon bonds can be formed enantioselectively by asymmetric hydrosilylation methods and are relatively stable under a variety of reaction conditions, which allows a wide variety of chiral alcohols to be prepared by this method. The Tamao-Fleming oxidation has been used in the synthesis of many complex molecules, including syntheses of hydroxylated quinolizidines, (±)-lepadiformine, the core of garsubellin A, and a subunit of tautomycin.

Scheme 5. Peterson Olefination


Many other organic methods utilize organosilanes as starting materials, reagents, or intermediates to accomplish bond formations and isomerizations. These reactions take advantage of the low polarity of the C–Si bond, the ability of the silicon atom to exist as a pentacoordinate silicate, and the thermodynamic driving force of Si–O and Si–F bond formation. However, the use of organosilicon reagents in fine chemical synthesis cannot begin to compete, in terms of scale or global impact, with the industrial production of silicon-based and hybrid organic/inorganic materials. Both areas of application, however, have greatly benefitted from the development of diverse methods for hydrosilylation.

1.2. Transition Metal-Catalyzed Hydrosilylation

1.2.1. Homogeneous Platinum-Catalyzed Hydrosilylation

In 1957, Speier, Webster, and Barnes reported the first example of homogeneous transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation (Eq. 3).\(^1\) Previously only free radicals generated by peroxide decomposition,\(^9\) and heterogeneous metal catalysts such as Pt/C,\(^79\) had been shown to catalyze the addition of Si–H bonds

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Speier et al. discovered that hexachloroplatinic acid was more active and selective in the hydrosilylation of olefins than any previously reported catalyst. In subsequent decades, transition metal catalysis has become the method of choice for the synthesis of alkyl- and vinylsilanes, surpassing in scale all methods except the direct process. Although platinum catalysts are the most commonly reported catalysts on large scale, many other metals can catalyze hydrosilylation. Metal catalysts including noble metals such as palladium, rhodium, ruthenium, and iridium, terrestrially abundant metals like cobalt, nickel, and iron, electrophilic early transition metals, and lanthanides and actinides all


For examples, see: (a) Ojima, I.; Clos, N.; Donovan, R. J.; Ingallina, P. Organometallics 1990, 9, 3127. (b) Ojima, I.; Donovan, R. J.; Clos, N. Organometallics 1991, 10, 2606. (c) Hilt, G.; Lueers, S.; Schmidt, F. Synthesis 2004, 634.

show activity and unique patterns of selectivity in the hydrosilylation of multiple bonds. Today, transition metal catalysts with a variety of supporting ligands can carry out the selective addition of hydrosilanes to olefins, alkynes, carbonyl groups, imines, nitriles, and more.\[^{1c-1i}\] Despite decades of development, however, significant challenges remain, such as the selective hydrosilylation of allylic electrophiles, conjugated dienes, styrenes, and a variety of other potentially useful substrates.\[^{1j,90}\]

In 1957, Speier, Webster, and Barnes reported that hexachloroplatinic acid (Speier’s catalyst, 1) catalyzes the addition of hydrosilanes to carbon–carbon double bonds.\[^{1a}\] Speier’s catalyst carries out the anti-Markovnikov addition of hydrosilanes to a variety of simple olefins (Scheme 7).

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Although many olefins were competent substrates for hydrosilylation reactions, side reactions were observed in some cases.\textsuperscript{91} Internal olefins, such as 2-pentene, were isomerized to the terminal olefin prior to hydrosilylation, yielding 1-silylpentane in high yields.\textsuperscript{1a,91a,92} Allylic electrophiles, such as allyl bromide, underwent an exchange reaction with the hydrosilane reagent to yield propene and a silyl halide.\textsuperscript{91} Some of these challenges, such as the hydrosilylation of internal olefins, have been surmounted by platinum catalysts with added ligands or by catalysts of other metals, such as iridium and rhodium.\textsuperscript{93} Other side-reactions have been more difficult to suppress. For example, the reduction of allyl chloride to propene is still problematic in industrial hydrosilylation reactions. The best catalysts for hydrosilylation of allyl chloride can generate 95\% yield of hydrosilylation products with purities of 99\%, but the catalysts


are not stable for long periods under the reaction conditions and rapidly lose activity as the reaction progresses.\textsuperscript{1,94}

Catalyst loadings for hydrosilylation reactions using Speier’s catalyst can drop as low as $10^{-5}$–$10^{-8}$ moles catalyst per mole of substrate. Despite the high cost of platinum, Speier’s catalyst is used on large scale as a disposable hydrosilylation catalyst because it exhibits extremely high TON (turnover number) and TOF (turnover frequency).\textsuperscript{1c} However, Speier’s catalyst can be dangerous when used on large scale. \textit{In situ} reduction of hexachloroplatinic acid to the active Pt(0) catalyst is unpredictable, which causes reactions catalyzed by Speier’s catalyst to exhibit a long induction period followed by a sudden and potentially dangerous exotherm.\textsuperscript{1c,95} Because heat dissipation is inefficient in large reactors, a sudden exotherm can lead to an explosion or to other undesirable outcomes such as the thermal degradation of the hydrosilylation catalyst.\textsuperscript{1c,96}

Various cocatalysts and ligands have been added to Speier’s catalyst to modify its reactivity and selectivity in the hydrosilylation of olefin substrates.\textsuperscript{1c} Because of the long induction periods during the activation of Speier’s catalyst, cocatalysts such as orthotitanates\textsuperscript{97} or metal chloride salts\textsuperscript{98} are sometimes added to facilitate reduction of the precatalyst to Pt(0). Silanes and unsaturated organic molecules can


also facilitate reduction of the precatalyst.\textsuperscript{99} L-type ligands such as phosphines or amines are added to stabilize the active species toward reductive decomposition or to modify the regioselectivity of hydrosilylation.\textsuperscript{100} For other applications, inhibitors can be added to modify the rate of curing or ageing of hydrosilylation polymers.\textsuperscript{101}

Since early mechanistic investigations implicated a Pt(0/II) or Pt(II/IV) catalytic cycle for hydrosilylation using Speier’s catalyst (see section 1.2.3, page 35), many new Pt(II) and Pt(0) precatalysts have been developed (Figure 1). Platinum(II) catalysts generally take the form LPtCl\textsubscript{2}, where L is an unsaturated π-accepting ligand such as an olefin,\textsuperscript{102,103} an L-type σ-donating ligand such as a phosphine or amines such as phosphines or amines are added to stabilize the active species toward reductive decomposition or to modify the regioselectivity of hydrosilylation.\textsuperscript{100} For other applications, inhibitors can be added to modify the rate of curing or ageing of hydrosilylation polymers.\textsuperscript{101}


\textsuperscript{101} For a representative example, see: Warrick, E. L.; Pierce, O. R.; Polmanteer, K. E.; Saam, J. C. \textit{Rubber Chem. Technol.} 1979, 52, 437.


amine, or a chelating L-type ligand such as 1,5-cyclooctadiene. Platinum(II) precatalysts are reduced in situ to the active catalyst by a similar mechanism to the activation of Speier’s catalyst. Platinum(0) precatalysts typically bear stabilizing phosphine, olefin, or N-heterocyclic


carbene (NHC)\textsuperscript{109,110} ligands. Platinum(0) precatalysts avoid the need for reduction \textit{in situ} and are activated by simple exchange of a stabilizing ligand for a molecule of the unsaturated substrate.

\textbf{Figure 1.} Typical platinum precatalysts for the hydrosilylation of olefins


Today, the most industrially-relevant hydrosilylation catalyst is the olefin-stabilized Pt(0) complex developed by Karstedt in 1973 (2). Karstedt’s catalyst (Figure 1) does not require in situ reduction, is more soluble than Speier’s catalyst in vinylsiloxane polymers and in the alkyl silane products of hydrosilylation, and shows higher activity than Speier’s catalyst in the hydrosilylation of olefins. However, Karstedt’s catalyst decomposes upon dissociation of the weakly-bound vinylsiloxane ligands to form platinum(0) colloids, which reduces catalyst TON and increases the cost of hydrosilylation. L-type ligands such as phosphines and NHCs can protect against catalyst degradation and colloid formation, which increases the TON, but these σ-donating ligands dramatically reduce the TOF. Modification of the dienyl ligand (Figure 1) can increase the activity of the catalyst, but often does not protect against colloid formation. Induction periods are still observed using Karstedt’s catalyst because the vinylsiloxane supporting ligands often bind more strongly to platinum than the unsaturated substrate. During the induction period, the supporting olefin ligands are removed by hydrosilylation or ligand exchange. Although transition metal catalysts bearing a wide variety of ligands have been reported in recent decades, Karstedt’s catalyst is still the most general and widely used catalyst for the hydrosilylation of olefins.

1.2.2. Catalysis by Other Transition Metals

Metal catalysts including noble metals such as palladium, rhodium, ruthenium, and iridium, terrestrially abundant metals like cobalt, nickel, and iron, electrophilic early transition metals, and lanthanides and actinides all show activity and unique patterns of selectivity in the hydrosilylation of multiple bonds.\textsuperscript{1} Despite the high cost of noble metals (Table 2), most industrial hydrosilylation processes still utilize noble metal catalysts for hydrosilylation because of their unsurpassed efficiency and long life. Platinum catalysts are the most commonly used for the hydrosilylation of olefins,\textsuperscript{115} while rhodium catalysts are more efficient for alkyne\textsuperscript{115} and carbonyl\textsuperscript{116} hydrosilylation, palladium is active in the hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes,\textsuperscript{117} and iridium is most selective in the hydrosilylation of allyl electrophiles.\textsuperscript{117}


Table 2. Average Monthly Price of Precious Metals (US$/troy oz.)

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<td>Ruthenium</td>
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After platinum, rhodium is the most common metal used in hydrosilylation catalysts, despite its even higher average cost (Table 2). Rhodium catalysts, while acceptable catalysts for the hydrosilylation of olefins, surpass the efficiency and selectivity of platinum catalysts in the hydrosilylation of alkynes to form cis- or trans-alkenylsilanes (Eq. 5). Rhodium catalysts are also excellent for the hydrosilylation of aldehydes and ketones (Eq. 6). In addition, chiral rhodium catalysts of phosphorus- and nitrogen-based chelating ligands provide high levels of enantioinduction and are used to synthesize chiral...

118 Data are based on Johnson Matthey monthly average prices, obtained from: http://www.platinum.matthey.com/pgm/ prices/, March 15, 2014.


secondary alcohols. Typically, rhodium hydrosilylation catalysts are complexes of σ-donating ligands in the +I or +III oxidation state and the modified Chalk-Harrod cycle utilizing the Rh(I/III) redox couple is generally accepted as the mechanism of hydrosilylation catalyzed by rhodium complexes (see section 1.2.3, Scheme 11).

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\text{H}_3\text{C} = \text{C} = \text{C} = \text{H} \xrightarrow{0.2 \text{ mol} \% [\text{Rh(COD)}_2]\text{BF}_4 \atop 0.4 \text{ mol} \% \text{PPh}_3 \atop 1.3 \text{ equiv. HSiEt}_3 \atop \text{OC(CH}_3)_2, 23 ^\circ \text{C, 30 min.}} \text{H}_3\text{C} - \text{CH} = \text{SiEt}_3 90\% 
\]  
(Eq. 5)

\[
\text{O} \xrightarrow{(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RhCl} \text{ (cat.)} \atop \text{Et}_3\text{SiH} \atop 23 ^\circ \text{C}} \text{OSiEt}_3 98\% 
\]  
(Eq. 6)

Palladium complexes are poor catalysts for the hydrosilylation of olefins, which can be attributed to the facile reduction of Pd(II) complexes to Pd metal by hydrosilanes. Dienes, however, are better ligands for palladium(0) complexes and are good substrates for palladium-catalyzed hydrosilylation (Eq. 7, see section 1.3). Palladium hydrosilylation precatalysts are often Pd(II) complexes of

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phosphine or nitrogen-based ligands and may proceed via either the Chalk-Harrod or modified Chalk-Harrod mechanism.\textsuperscript{125}

![Chemical reaction image]

(Eq. 7)

First-row transition metals are known to catalyze hydrosilylation of a variety of olefins and other carbon-carbon multiple bonds. Most, however, do so with lower TON and/or TOF than the noble metal catalysts. Notable examples of first-row transition metal catalyzed hydrosilylation include the hydrosilylation of styrenes and olefins with bisiminopyridine iron complexes (Eq. 8).\textsuperscript{87b} Well-defined, low-valent iron complexes supported by redox-active ligands also catalyze the hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes (see sections 1.3.3 and 1.3.4).\textsuperscript{2m}

![Chemical reaction image]

(Eq. 8)

Early, electrophilic transition metal complexes, as well as lanthanide and actinide metals, are known to catalyze hydrosilylation through a different mechanism than late transition metal catalysts (see section 1.2.3, Scheme 12). Early transition metals can catalyze the addition of primary silanes to ketones, olefins, and alkynes, but are not as active with more practical tertiary silanes (Eq. 9).\textsuperscript{88b}

![Chemical reaction image]

(Eq. 9)

1.2.3. Mechanism

The study of mechanism in transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation is riddled with challenges. Catalyst loadings are typically extremely low, in the ppm or ppb range with respect to substrates, and catalytic intermediates are highly reactive, short-lived, and unstable. In addition, the turnover-limiting step for many catalysts is ligand dissociation prior to the interaction of the catalyst with substrate, which limits use of kinetic analysis to study the elementary steps of the catalytic cycle.\textsuperscript{1b} Despite these challenges, the broad utility of olefin hydrosilylation has motivated a number of investigations into hydrosilylation mechanisms. Today, several mechanisms at different types of transition metal catalysts are widely accepted. Platinum complexes catalyze hydrosilylation by the Chalk-Harrod mechanism, Rhodium catalysts proceed by a modified version of this mechanism, Ruthenium and Palladium can proceed by either one, and $d^0$ catalysts by a mechanism involving $\sigma$-bond metathesis.

In 1965, Chalk and Harrod proposed a mechanism for platinum-catalyzed hydrosilylation based on similarities they observed to homogeneous hydrogenation reactions (Scheme 8).\textsuperscript{126} The Chalk-Harrod mechanism was proposed based on work with Speier’s catalyst, but is still widely accepted as the mechanism of hydrosilylation using most platinum precatalysts.\textsuperscript{1} In the Chalk-Harrod mechanism, low-valent complex $\text{A}$ oxidatively adds the relatively weak Si–H bond to form silyl hydride complex $\text{B}$. Migratory insertion of the coordinated olefin into the Pt–H bond forms alkyl complex $\text{C}$, which is poised to reductively eliminate the alkyl silane product and regenerate complex $\text{A}$. The Chalk-Harrod mechanism explains many of the authors’ and previous researchers’ observations about the selectivity and rate of hydrosilylation using various substrates.\textsuperscript{1a,91,126} Two key questions they considered are whether the cycle proceeds via a Pt(0/II) cycle or a Pt(II/IV) cycle and whether insertion of the olefin occurs first into the Pt–H or Pt–Si bond of intermediate $\text{C}$.

Chalk and Harrod postulated that reduction of hexachloroplatinic acid to the tetrachloroplatinum(II) dianion activated the precatalyst and proposed a Pt(II/IV) catalytic cycle. In the Pt(II/IV) cycle, it was thought that the purpose of catalyst activation was to reduce the number of chloride ligands on the precatalyst to a 1:1 Pt:Cl ratio. Since this original proposal, careful study of a number of Pt(0), Pt(II), and Pt(IV) precatalysts has established the existence of both Pt(0/II) and Pt(II/IV) catalytic cycles using different precatalysts.

Scheme 8. Chalk-Harrod Mechanism of Olefin Hydrosilylation

Insertion of the coordinated olefin into the Pt–H bond of C rather than the Pt–Si bond can be inferred from several experimental observations and has been supported by theoretical studies. In most hydrosilylation reactions catalyzed by Speier’s and Karstedt’s catalysts, hydrosilylation generates

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exclusively the product of anti-Markovnikov addition. To form the anti-Markovnikov product, insertion of the olefin into the Pt–H bond would generate a terminally-bound alkyl complex (D), whereas insertion into the Pt–Si bond would form an intermediate in which Pt is bound to a more sterically hindered carbon ligand. Additionally, generation of 1-silylalkane products in reactions of internal olefins suggested a metal hydride intermediate that reacts rapidly and reversibly by migratory insertion and β-hydride elimination to form the most stable metal-alkyl complex. Isotope labeling studies show rapid hydrogen/deuterium scrambling into the olefin substrate, which provides further support for the rapid and reversible migratory insertion of olefins into the Pt–H bond prior to reductive elimination.

The intermediates on the Chalk-Harrod cycle are reactive and short-lived, and although a wide variety of stable platinum complexes can be isolated and characterized, isolation of intermediates on the Chalk-Harrod cycle is difficult (Figure 2). Complexes of type A in the Chalk-Harrod cycle (Scheme 8) are still not well-defined. Although many catalytically active Pt(0) complexes are reported that resemble the Pt(0) intermediate on the Chalk-Harrod cycle, all show induction periods in hydrosilylation reactions that exclude these complexes as true catalytic intermediates. In contrast, numerous examples of complexes of type B have been isolated and characterized (Figure 2), including a variety of complexes bearing phosphine ligands (9, 10), a series of complexes of η⁵-cyclopentadienyl ligands (11), and

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a few examples with nitrogen-based σ-donor ligands (12, 13). Although a few examples of iridium and rhodium analogs of intermediate C have been reported, platinum analogs are not known. A select few complexes of type D bearing phosphine ancillary ligands have been reported in the context of hydrosilylation.127,128

In 2002, Roy and Taylor synthesized the first examples of characterized platinum (II) complexes bearing both olefin and silyl ligands (14, 15, Figure 2).128 Hydrosilylation catalyzed by platinum complex 14 does not exhibit an induction period, which suggests that 14 may be an intermediate on the catalytic cycle. In addition, complex 14 is observed unchanged during catalysis. The authors conclude that 14 is likely to be the resting state of the catalyst. Complex 14 could be of type C or A in the Chalk-Harrod cycle (Scheme 8), depending on the redox couple employed in the catalytic cycle. Roy and Taylor showed that complexes 14 and 15 did not undergo migratory insertion of the coordinated COD or other olefins into the Pt–Si bond. Because 14 is the resting state and migratory insertion is not facile at 14, oxidative addition must be the first step in the catalytic cycle, which implicates a Pt(II)/Pt(IV) mechanism. The existence and reactions of 14 and 15 also provide the first experimental evidence that migratory insertion of olefin ligands into Pt–Si bonds is not facile.128

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132 For a complex supported by a Tp’ ligand, see: (a) Reinartz, S.; White, P. S.; Brookhart, M.; Templeton, J. L. Organometallics 2000, 19, 3748. For a complex supported by a bisimine ligand, see: (b) Fang; Scott, B. L.; Watkin, J. G.; Kubas, G. J. Organometallics 2000, 19, 4193.


Figure 2. Synthetic Analogs of Intermediates on the Chalk-Harrod Cycle

A number of theoretical studies of platinum-catalyzed hydrosilylation have confirmed and expanded on the proposed Chalk-Harrod mechanism (Scheme 9).\textsuperscript{127} Oxidative addition of Si–H to Pt(0) has been shown to proceed through a planar transition state that is unlike the asymmetric transition state for C–Si reductive elimination.\textsuperscript{127e} Reductive elimination was predicted to be accelerated by addition of a second equivalent of olefin, which is attributed to transition state stabilization from back-donation into the $\pi^*$ orbital of the olefin ligand. Although reductive elimination has often been assumed to be turnover-limiting,\textsuperscript{135} recent computational results argue that the highest energy barrier may be for a rotation of the alkyl ligand preceding reductive elimination rather than reductive elimination itself.\textsuperscript{136}


Transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation is often accompanied by side-reactions such as olefin isomerization, oligomerization, polymerization, hydrogenation, and dehydrogenative silylation, as well as the dehydrogenative oligomerization of silyl hydrides. The types of side-products observed depend on the identity of the catalyst and substrates as well as the reaction conditions. Catalysis by the Chalk-Harrod mechanism cannot explain all of these byproducts. One that has been especially problematic to rationalize is the formation of vinylsilanes, often observed when reactions are catalyzed by metals other than platinum.137

Scheme 10. Common Side-Products of Transition Metal-Catalyzed Hydrosilylation

The modified Chalk-Harrod mechanism was proposed in 1977 by Wrighton et al. to explain the formation of vinylsilanes in hydrosilylation catalyzed by Fe(CO)$_5$. Wrighton et al. postulated that migratory insertion into the M–Si bond could be faster than migratory insertion into M–H (“Modified Chalk-Harrod Mechanism”, Scheme 11). Duckett et al. later suggested that the M–H bond could be removed in catalyst activation and M–Si migratory insertion could proceed in the absence of a hydride ligand on the metal (“Two-Silicon Mechanism”, Scheme 11). Subsequent studies of rhodium-, iridium-, cobalt-, and iron-catalyzed hydrosilylation reactions have supported Wrighton and

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Duckett’s mechanism proposals. Notably, catalysts based on ruthenium have been reported that can undergo both the Chalk-Harrod and the modified Chalk-Harrod mechanisms depending on the steric environment created by the supporting ligands.\textsuperscript{142}

A computational study of ethylene hydrosilylation by [RhCl(PH\textsubscript{3})\textsubscript{3}] predicts that the modified Chalk-Harrod mechanism is preferred over the Chalk-Harrod mechanism. By comparing the activation barriers for each elementary step in the two mechanisms, the authors found that the C–Si reductive elimination step in the Chalk-Harrod mechanism is predicted to exhibit a higher energy barrier than either of the two potentially turnover-limiting steps in the modified Chalk-Harrod mechanism, olefin insertion into Rh–Si or oxidative addition of H–Si.\textsuperscript{143} Despite the elegant mechanism work described in these studies, there is no fundamental understanding of the reasons why platinum catalysts proceed via the Chalk-Harrod mechanism and other late transition metals by a modified Chalk-Harrod mechanism.\textsuperscript{143}


In 1986, light scattering, TEM, and ESCA data gathered by Lewis et al. in 1986 suggested that molecular precatalysts such as Speier’s and Karstedt’s catalysts generate metal colloids in the presence of hydrosilanes, and that these colloids act as heterogeneous catalysts for hydrosilylation.\textsuperscript{144} Hydrosilylation was inhibited by the addition of metallic mercury, which is a well-accepted test for heterogeneous contributions to catalysis.\textsuperscript{145} Colloidal platinum, rhodium, and other metals were active catalysts for hydrosilylation, which further supported the active colloid hypothesis.\textsuperscript{146} Additionally, metals on solid supports such as Pt/C have long been known to catalyze hydrosilylation.\textsuperscript{147} The accumulated evidence


suggested that colloidal platinum could be the active catalyst in olefin hydrosilylation using Speier’s and Karstedt’s catalysts.

However, Lewis’ later studies using Karstedt’s catalyst refuted their earlier conclusions by providing evidence that metal colloids formed in hydrosilylation reactions only after the depletion of the olefin substrate. This revision was based on EXAFS data showing that the types of Pt–X bonds present in metal colloids after the reaction depended on the stoichiometry of reactants, and that Pt–Pt bonds were not observed during the reaction. Additionally, NMR kinetics experiments showed that the rate of hydrosilylation was inversely proportional to the rate of colloid formation. In combination with previous work, these data elegantly demonstrated that the most active catalyst in hydrosilylation starting from Karstedt’s catalyst is a homogeneous molecular species that decomposes to form platinum colloids at the completion of the hydrosilylation reaction.

Further support for Lewis’s revised conclusions came from the studies of Osborn et al. in which electron-withdrawing olefin ligands increased both the stability and activity of Karstedt’s catalyst. Electron-poor olefins are good ligands Karstedt’s catalyst because the electron-deficient olefin is able to accept electron density through π-back-bonding, which reduces the electron density at the metal center and stabilizes the electron-rich complex. Prior to Osborn et al.’s work, electron-poor olefins were thought to inhibit hydrosilylation using Pt(0) catalysts, but Osborn et al. demonstrated that at higher temperatures the reaction was actually accelerated in the presence of good π-accepting ligands. The effect of the π-acceptors is attributed to stabilization of the homogeneous catalyst towards metal colloid formation, which would lead to higher TOF and TON because a larger proportion of the platinum catalyst remained active during the course of hydrosilylation.

Early transition metals often exist in high oxidation states with a $d^0$ electron count and cannot, therefore, undergo oxidative addition. Without facile two-electron oxidative addition and reductive elimination processes early transition metals, instead, catalyze hydrosilylation by yet other mechanisms (Scheme 12).\textsuperscript{1} Mechanisms based on σ-bond metathesis have been proposed, but comparatively little work has been devoted to the elucidation of mechanism using early transition metal catalysts.\textsuperscript{150} Computational\textsuperscript{151} and some experimental\textsuperscript{150,152} results suggest that more complicated mechanisms may operate for specific catalysts that involve new elementary steps to explain the interaction of a hydrosilane with a metal-alkene complex.


1.3. Transition Metal-Catalyzed Hydrosilylation of Conjugated Dienes

1.3.1. Challenges of Selective Addition to Conjugated Dienes

Conjugated dienes, such as 1,3-butadiene, are potentially desirable substrates for hydrosilylation because butenylsilanes can be used for a variety of applications (see section 1.1). However, hydrosilylation of dienes is less studied than the hydrosilylation of other unsaturated substrates.\textsuperscript{1d,1h} In hydrosilylation reactions, 1,3-dienes can produce a wider range of products than isolated olefins. Selectivity is both unpredictable and highly dependent on the catalyst, substrate, and reaction conditions. Although a number of selective additions to dienes have been reported, most catalysts generate mixtures of isomers that are difficult to separate. The most common products of diene hydrosilylation are 1,2- and 1,4-addition products, but side reactions can generate a variety of others, including diene oligomers and saturated disilanes (Scheme 13).\textsuperscript{1d} In order for dienes to reach their potential as useful substrates for hydrosilylation reactions, methods for predictable and selective hydrosilylation must be developed. This section presents an overview of reported hydrosilylation reactions of 1,3-dienes.
Although 1,3-dienes have been studied as substrates for transition metal-catalyzed addition reactions for decades, selective transformations are relatively rare. The mechanism of diene hydrosilylation is expected to be similar to the Chalk-Harrod mechanism, but achieving selectivity is more difficult with conjugated diene substrates than with isolated olefins because a diene can interact with transition metals through $\eta^2$- or $\eta^4$-coordination. If the diene binds to the catalyst as an $\eta^2$-ligand, we expect to observe similar outcomes to olefin hydrosilylation. However, if the diene binds as an $\eta^4$-ligand, new reaction pathways become available. In addition, relative rates of steps in the catalytic cycle can differ in reactions of dienes (compared to reactions of olefins), which can alter product distributions.
Selectivity for 1,2- or 1,4-addition may rely on the selectivity of the migratory insertion step in the Chalk-Harrod mechanism (Scheme 8). In migratory insertion, an isolated olefin can undergo 1,2- or 2,1-insertion and forms a σ-bound alkyl ligand from either of the available insertion modes. A conjugated diene can form the same σ-bound alkyl complexes, but can also form a stable π-allyl complex upon 2,1- or 1,4-insertion (Scheme 14). Because metal complexes of π-allyl ligands are often thermodynamically preferred over their σ-alkyl isomers, it is unsurprising that selective 1,4-additions to dienes are the most frequently reported. As will be discussed in Chapter 2 (see section 2.1), 1,2-addition may result from steric hindrance or other factors that prevent the formation of π-allyl intermediates.

Other side-reactions observed in the hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes, such as oligomerization, may result from a change in the relative rates of the steps on the Chalk-Harrod cycle. Dienes have lower-energy LUMOs than those of isolated olefins and, therefore, accept electron density through back donation ($d_{M \rightarrow \pi^*}$) more readily. The diene can also bind $\eta^4$- as a bidentate ligand.\footnote{Crabtree, R. H. In The Organometallic Chemistry of the Transition Metals; Wiley: Hoboken, 2005; Ch. 5.} Both characteristics
allow dienes (compared to olefins) to form stronger bonds with electron-rich transition metals. The rate of diene dissociation is likely to decrease upon strengthening of the metal–diene bond, which increases the concentration of the diene-bound intermediates that are implicated in side reactions such as diene dimerization and the formation of 2:1 adducts of olefin:diene (Scheme 14).

Formation of dihydrosilylated products results from competitive hydrosilylation of the reaction products. Many diene hydrosilylation catalysts are also active catalysts for the hydrosilylation of olefins. Because the product of diene hydrosilylation contains a residual carbon–carbon double bond, active catalysts may hydrosilylate the products competitively with the diene substrate. In the Chalk-Harrod mechanism, reductive elimination is likely to be the turnover-limiting step. If binding of the unsaturated substrate and migratory insertion are rapid and reversible then the product ratio would be determined by the rate of reductive elimination, which may be similar for the hydrosilylation of olefins and dienes.

As described in this section, conjugated dienes present a series of unique challenges in the development of selective addition reactions. Although a number of selective additions to dienes have been reported, the mechanism of addition and the mechanism by which selectivity is generated are not understood. The products of 1,3-diene hydrosilylation are versatile organosilanes with potential for use in many applications; however, the utilization of these products in applications demands selective and efficient synthetic methods.

1.3.2. Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

The first hydrosilylation reactions of butadiene were mediated by peroxides, UV-irradiation, or supported metal catalysts.154 Homogeneous metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation of butadiene was reported soon after olefin hydrosilylation, but most catalysts reported in early work are unselective and generate complex mixtures of hydrosilylation products as well as 1:2 and 2:1 adducts of diene:silane. In the

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decades since these early reports, many catalyst have been reported for the hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes that generate either the 1,4-cis- or 1,4-trans-hydrosilylation products, but to our knowledge, no reported catalyst can hydrosilylate butadiene in a 1,2-selective fashion. In Chapter 2, we present the first 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of butadiene.

Early examples of butadiene hydrosilylation reactions were catalyzed by olefin hydrosilylation catalysts such as Speier’s catalyst and were not optimized for yield or selectivity. Hexachloroplatinic acid catalyzes the addition of dimethylchlorosilane to butadiene to give mixtures of mono- and dihydrosilylation products (Eq. 10). Of 1:1 diene:silane adducts, the 1,4-addition product was generated in preference to the 1,2-addition product.2c,155

\[
\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \text{ (cat.)}\quad \xrightarrow{200 \degree C} \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{H}_2\text{C}^\equiv\text{CHCH}^\equiv\text{CH}_2 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{HSiMeCl}_2} \quad \text{H}_2\text{C}^\equiv\text{CHCH}^\equiv\text{CH}_2\text{SiMeCl}_2 \\
\text{major} \quad \text{minor} \quad \text{Cl}_2\text{MeSi} \quad \text{SiMeCl}_2 \\
\text{minor}
\end{array}
\]

(Eq. 10)

The first palladium catalyzed hydrosilylation of butadiene was reported in 1969. Triphenylphosphine complexes of palladium generated a 2:1 adduct of butadiene:trimethylsilane in nearly quantitative yield (Eq. 11).2c,2e,156 With trichlorosilane and a mixture of metallic palladium and triphenylphosphine as catalyst, a 1:1 adduct with selectivity for 1,4-addition was obtained as a mixture of cis- and trans-isomers (Eq. 12).2d,2h In both cases, the active catalytic species was proposed to be (Ph₃P)₂Pd(0), formed in situ from the added precatalysts.

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Palladium catalysts are known to carry out the linear dimerization and oligomerization of butadiene, which suggests that the association and migratory insertion of a dienes is facile at palladium(II) catalysts. If catalysis proceeds by the Chalk-Harrod mechanism, we would expect selectivity for the formation of 1:1 vs. 2:1 adducts to be determined by the relative rates of C–Si reductive elimination (1:1 adducts) to the association and migratory insertion of a second molecule of diene (2:1 adducts). We expect reductive elimination to proceed more quickly at a more electron-poor metal complex. Consistent with this prediction, the formation of 1:1 adducts is observed in reactions of a more electron-withdrawing silane (trichlorosilane) and the formation of 2:1 adducts is observed in reactions of an electron-rich silane (trimethylsilane). These early examples demonstrate that selectivity is not only challenging in the hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes, but also depends on a number of variables including the catalyst, substrate, silane, and reaction conditions.

Although early palladium catalysts were rarely selective for cis- or trans- products, notable exceptions were reported by Capka and Hetflejs, as well as Vaisarova et al. in 1974. Hydrosilylation

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catalyzed by supported or polymeric palladium catalysts generated exclusively cis-1-silyl-2-butenes.\textsuperscript{158}

However, although the selectivity observed in these reactions is high, the catalysts were not stable enough to be recycled after the reaction was complete (Eq. 13).

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\begin{align*}
\text{[Pd]} & \quad \xrightarrow{[\text{Pd}] \text{ (cat.)}} \quad \text{H}_3\text{C}=\text{SiCl}_3 \\
\text{[Pd]} & = \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{N} \\
\text{O}
\end{array} \\
\text{H}_2\text{C} & \quad \text{SiCl}_3 \\
\quad & \quad 86\
\end{align*}
\]

(Eq. 13)

Early examples of nickel-catalyzed diene hydrosilylation employed Ni(0) complexes bearing carbonyl, olefin, and/or phosphine ligands. Ni(0) catalysts for hydrosilylation generally favored 1,4-addition, though side products from oligomerization or diene dimerization were also observed. In general, selectivity is lower than in many palladium-catalyzed reactions. Using Ni(0) catalysts, trimethylsilane can be added to butadiene to form a mixture of allylsilane products, 2:1 diene:silane adducts, and cyclooctadiene (Eq. 14).\textsuperscript{2e} Because Ni(0) catalysts are also known to dimerize and oligomerize 1,3-dienes,\textsuperscript{159} production of cyclooctadiene in this example shows that the rate of dimerization is competitive with that of hydrosilylation at nickel catalysts.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{[Ni]} & \quad \xrightarrow{80 - 120 \degree C} \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{SiMe}_3 \\
\text{H}_3\text{C}=\text{SiMe}_3 \\
\text{H}_3\text{C}=\text{SiMe}_3
\end{array} \\
\text{[Ni]} & = \quad \begin{array}{c}
\text{N} \\
\text{O}
\end{array} \\
\text{H}_2\text{C} & \quad \text{SiMe}_3 \\
\quad & \quad 86\
\end{align*}
\]

(Eq. 14)

When the Ni(0) catalyst is prepared from a Ni(II) precursor and a reductant such as a trialkylaluminum or aluminum hydride reagent, significantly higher activity and selectivity are observed.


in the hydrosilylation of butadiene with trimethylsilane. Depending on the stoichiometry employed in the reaction, up to 95% yield of cis-but-2-enylsilanes (Eq. 15) or 45% cis,cis-octa-2,6-dienylsilanes were achieved (Eq. 16).\textsuperscript{160} Similar to the trend observed in palladium-catalyzed diene hydrosilylation, the use of electron-poor chlorosilanes increased the ratio of hydrosilylation products to side products in nickel-catalyzed reactions.

\begin{align*}
&\text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3 + \text{HMe} \xrightarrow{\text{Ni(acac)}_2, \text{AlEt}_3} \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{C} - \text{SiMe}_3, \quad 95\% \\
&\text{(Eq. 15)}
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
&\text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{SiMe}_3 + \text{HMe} \xrightarrow{\text{Ni(acac)}_2, \text{AlEt}_3} \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{C} - \text{SiMe}_3, \quad 45\% \\
&\text{(Eq. 16)}
\end{align*}

Early rhodium-catalyzed hydrosilylation of butadiene also produced mixtures that depended on the electronic properties of the silane. With trimethylsilane, RhCl(PPh\textsubscript{3})\textsubscript{3} (Wilkinson’s catalyst) produced a mixture of 1,2- and 1,4-addition products along with bissilylbut-2-ene (Eq. 17).\textsuperscript{2c,161} The bissilylbut-2-ene could result from a combination of hydrosilylation and dehydrogenative silylation. Triethoxysilane, however, generated a mixture of but-2-enylsilanes as the sole products (Eq. 18).\textsuperscript{161}

\begin{align*}
&\text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{SiMe}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{RhCl(PPh}_3)_\text{3Cl}} \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{C} - \text{SiMe}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{SiMe}_3 + \text{Me}_3\text{Si} - \text{C} = \text{C} - \text{SiMe}_3 \\
&\text{(Eq. 17)}
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
&\text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{Si(OEt)}_3 \xrightarrow{[\text{Rh}]} \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{C} = \text{Si(OEt)}_3 \\
&[\text{Rh}] = \text{RhCl(PPh}_3)_\text{3Cl}, \text{RhCl(PPh}_3)_\text{2(CO)}\text{Cl}, \text{RhCl(PPh}_3)_\text{2(CO)}\text{H}, \\
&\text{RhCl(PPh}_3)_\text{2(Cp)}, \text{RhCl(PPh}_3)_\text{2(3CH)} \\
&\text{(Eq. 18)}
\end{align*}


Cobalt catalysts such as $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ (Eq. 19) and $\text{CoX}_2$ activated by $\text{NaAlH}_2(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3)_2$ produced complex mixtures with both trimethyl- and triethoxysilane (Eq. 20). 

\[ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{SiMe}_3 \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{C}^{\text{SiMe}_3}_n \text{SiMe}_3 \]

\[ \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{Si(OR)}_3 \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{C}^{\text{Si(OR)}_3}_n \text{Si(OR)}_3 \]

(Eq. 19)

(Eq. 20)

1.3.3. **Hydrosilylation of Substituted Dienes**

A wide variety of dienes are interesting substrates for hydrosilylation. However, many reported examples are limited to the few commercially available substrates including isoprene, myrcene, ocimene, 1,3-pentadiene, cyclopentadiene, 1,3-cyclohexadiene, and a handful of others. Of these, isoprene is by far the best-studied substrate for hydrosilylation. Because few functionalized dienes are commercially available, and because dienes are relatively challenging to synthesize, the substrate scope and functional group tolerance of many diene hydrosilylation reactions has not been evaluated. Instead, attention is often on the activity and/or regioselectivity of various transition metal catalysts.

Because substitution on the diene backbone creates a more hindered dienyl ligand at the metal prior to migratory insertion, substituted dienes are less likely to generate 2:1 diene:silane adducts than butadiene; however, 1:2 diene:silane adducts are still observed with some catalysts. Substitution also desymmetrizes the diene such that a wider range of constitutional isomers may be formed. Although more catalysts have been reported that generate single products in the hydrosilylation of substituted dienes than of butadiene, mixtures are still the most common result of diene hydrosilylation. Regioselective reactions predominantly form allylsilane products. Few isolated examples of 1,2-selective addition to substituted dienes have been reported and are discussed in section 1.3.5.

The first transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes reported the addition of trichloro- and trimethylsilane to isoprene using Speier’s catalyst.\textsuperscript{2a,2b,2g} The 1,4-addition products were obtained when trichlorosilane was used (Eq. 21), but trimethylsilane produced a complex mixture (Eq. 22). Early examples using Speier’s catalyst for the hydrosilylation of pentadiene\textsuperscript{2g} (Eq. 23) also selected for 1,4-addition.

\begin{equation}
\text{CH}_3\text{C} \quad \text{HSiCl}_3 \quad \text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \quad \text{(cat.)} \quad \text{165}^\circ\text{C}
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\text{CH}_3\text{C} \quad \text{HSiMe}_3 \quad \text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \quad \text{(cat.)} \quad \text{165}^\circ\text{C}
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\text{CH}_3\text{C} \quad \text{HSiMeCl}_2 \quad \text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \quad \text{(cat.)} \quad \text{93}^\circ\text{C}
\end{equation}

Because of the high temperatures needed to hydrosilylate dienes with Speier’s catalyst, side products from Diels-Alder addition were sometimes observed (Eq. 24).\textsuperscript{163}

\begin{equation}
\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \quad \text{(cat.)} \quad \text{250}^\circ\text{C}
\end{equation}

Using palladium-phosphine catalysts, substituted dienes such as 1,3-pentadiene (Eq. 25), isoprene (Eq. 26), myrcene (Eq. 28), and ocimene (Eq. 29) gave 1:1 diene:silane adducts, with selectivity for 1,4-addition in most cases. In the case of ocimene, a mixture of products is isolated, perhaps due to the increased steric hindrance at the trisubstituted olefin of the 1,3-diene, reducing the proportion of η⁴-bound vs. η²-bound diene.

\[ \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{CH}_2 + \text{HSiCl}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4 \text{ (cat.)}} \text{CH}_3\text{C} = \text{CH} - \text{SiCl}_3 , 81\% \]  
(Eq. 25)

\[ \text{CH}_3\text{C} = \text{CH} + \text{HSiCl}_3 \xrightarrow{[\text{Pd}] \text{ (cat.)}} \text{CH}_3\text{C} = \text{CH} - \text{SiCl}_3 , 70\% \]  
(Eq. 26)

\[ \text{CH}_3\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{CH}_2 + \text{HSiCl}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4 \text{ (cat.)}} \text{CH}_3\text{C} = \text{CH} - \text{SiCl}_3 , 83\% \]  
(Eq. 27)

\[ \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} - \text{CH}_2\text{C} = \text{C} + \text{HSiCl}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Pd(PhCN)}_2\text{Cl}_2 \text{ (cat.)}, \text{Ph}_3\text{P} + \text{Pd(PhCN)}_2\text{Cl}_2} \text{Cl}_3\text{Si} - \text{CH}_3 , 81-90\% \]  
(Eq. 28)

Palladium catalysts also achieved the first asymmetric hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes in 1972. In this case, the chiral ligand employed was either menthylidiphenylphosphine or neomenthylidiphenylphosphine and both cyclopentadiene and 1,3-cyclohexadiene were hydrosilylated using trichlorosilane to give optically

active products (Eq. 30). Since this report, many examples asymmetric diene hydrosilylation have been reported using palladium complexes of chiral monodentate or chiral bidentate phosphine ligands.

\[
\text{[Structure diagram showing active products]} \quad \text{(Eq. 30)}
\]

While Ni(II) complexes such as Cp₂Ni, NiCl₂, and Ni(acac)₂ did not catalyze the addition of trimethylsilane to butadiene,\(^{2,\text{h}}\) related CpNiPh(PPh₃) and (Ph₃P)₂NiCl₂ catalyze the addition of electrophilic silanes such as trichloro- and triethoxysilanes to substituted 1,3-dienes (Eq. 31).\(^{167}\) Many other examples demonstrate that electron-poor silanes are necessary for hydrosilylation using Ni(0) or Ni(II) precatalysts, which suggests that either oxidative addition or reductive elimination should be the turnover-limiting step for nickel catalysis.\(^{160a,168}\)

\[
\text{[Structure diagram showing catalysis]} \quad \text{(Eq. 31)}
\]

Catalysts of rhodium and cobalt also show poor selectivity in many examples of diene hydrosilylation. When selectivity is observed using rhodium and cobalt complexes, 1,4-addition predominates and often mixtures of cis- and trans-olefins are obtained. In reactions of unsymmetrically


substituted dienes, isomeric 1,4- and 4,1-addition products are obtained. The best examples of regioselective rhodium-catalyzed hydrosilylation of isoprene are shown in Eq. 32 and Eq. 33.

![Chemical structure of reaction products](image)

(Eq. 32)

A notable example of selective 1,4-hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes was developed recently by Wu et al. using a low-valent iron catalyst. The iron catalyst, supported by redox-active iminopyridine ligands, adds triethoxy-, triethyl-, and methyldiethoxysilane in a 1,4-fashion to a variety of substituted 1,3-diene substrates (Eq. 34).

![Chemical structure of reaction products](image)

(Eq. 34)

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170 For a representative example of Co-catalyzed hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes, see: Cornish, A. J.; Lappert, M. F.; Nile, T. A. J. Organomet. Chem. 1977, 136, 73.

1.3.4. Development of Selective Additions to Conjugated Dienes in the Ritter Research Group

Several selective transformations of 1,3-dienes catalyzed by low-valent iron complexes have been developed in the Ritter research group, including the addition of α-olefins, hydroboration, hydrosilylation, and polymerization. All of these transformations are selective for 1,4-addition and a defining feature is catalyst-controlled regioselectivity that can be modified by variation of the iminopyridine ligand of the catalyst. Recent work on the polymerization of isoprene led to interest in the 1,2-addition mode, which has been pursued in the work described in Chapter 2.

Addition of α-olefins to conjugated dienes was the first reaction of 1,3-dienes reported by the Ritter group. In this transformation, an iron (II) precatalyst was reduced in situ to form a low-valent iron catalyst in the presence of substrates (Eq. 35). Olefination of dienes proceeded with >99:1 regioselectivity for olefin E/Z configuration and selectivity for 1,4-addition was as high as >98:2 for some substrates.\textsuperscript{172}

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Ar} & + \text{R} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{LFeCl}_2 \text{(cat.)}} \quad \text{Ar} \quad \text{CH}_3 \\
& \quad \text{Mg}^0 \text{(cat.)} \\
& \quad \text{23} \text{ °C, Et}_2\text{O} \\
& \quad \text{up to >99:1 E/Z}  \\
& \quad \text{up to >98:2 regioselectivity}
\end{align*}
\]

(Eq. 35)

1,4-Selective hydroboration of 1,3-dienes was subsequently developed using a similar catalyst system. Variations of the substituents on the iminopyridine ligand gave either 1,4-addition (Eq. 36) or 4,1-addition (Eq. 37) with >99:1 selectivity in both examples. Selectivity may be controlled by steric hindrance between substituents on the diene substrate and the ligand. Although basic functional groups arrested the reaction, ester, acetal, and ether groups were tolerated.\textsuperscript{173}


Hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes was developed soon after, as discussed above on page 58. In this report, Wu et al. demonstrate not only catalyst-controlled selectivity in the 1,4-hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes, but also utilize a well-defined low-valent iron catalyst. With this catalyst, Wu et al. were able to investigate the mechanism of 1,4-hydrosilylation.²

Most recently, a 1,4-selective polymerization of isoprene was developed by the Ritter research group using a similar iminopyridine iron catalyst.¹⁷⁴ Selectivity for 1,4-insertion to form either the cis-(Eq. 38) or trans-olefin (Eq. 39) in the growing polymer chain was controlled by variation of the ligand on the iron catalyst. Selectivity was also observed for 3,4-insertion with some ligands (Eq. 40). Because 3,4-insertion of isoprene into a growing polymer chain represents the addition of C–C bonds in a 1,2-selective fashion, we were inspired to investigate similar catalysts and, ultimately, new strategies for achieving 1,2-addition to conjugated dienes.

1.3.5. 1,2-Selective Additions to Conjugated Dienes

Of the many transition metal-catalyzed addition reactions of 1,3-dienes, very few demonstrate selectivity for 1,2-addition. Most yield primarily 1,4-addition products, likely due to the thermodynamic favorability of π-allyl metal complexes over σ-alkyl isomers. Examples of 1,2-selective addition reactions include transition metal-catalyzed hydroboration, diboration, hydrogenation, and hydrosilylation, but only three examples show generality for 1,2-selective addition; in all other reported examples, selectivity for 1,2-addition is isolated to a single substrate.

Transition metal catalysts may be more likely to generate 1,4-addition products of 1,3-dienes because π-allyl metal complexes are thermodynamically preferred over σ-alkyl complexes for many transition metals. Because reductive elimination is turnover limiting, intermediates D and D’ (Scheme 14) should reach an equilibrium that reflects the relative stability of the two metal complexes. The concentration of intermediates D and D’, which immediately precede reductive elimination, are likely to influence the product ratio unless the reaction operates under Curtin-Hammet conditions. Because most transition metal catalysts thermodynamically prefer a π-allyl (intermediate D’) over a σ-alkyl ligand

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175 For seminal work on Curtin-Hammet kinetics, see: (a) Curtin, D. Y. Rec. Chem. Prog. 1954, 15, 111. For a review, see: (b) Seeman, J. I. Chem. Rev. 1983, 83, 83.
(intermediate \(D\)), the relative proportion of \(D'\) in solution should be much greater, which can explain the selectivity for 1,4-addition at most transition metal catalysts.

1,4-Hydrosilylation predominates in addition reactions catalyzed by palladium and rhodium catalysts, while the few examples of 1,2-hydrosilylation are catalyzed by platinum complexes. The only example of 1,2-selective hydrosilylation that produces a single product utilizes \(\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_4\) and adds \(\text{Cl}_2\text{MeSiH}\) to 1,3-pentadiene to generate 3-pentenylsilane in 86% yield (Eq. 41).

\[
\text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} = \text{CH}_2 + \text{HSiMeCl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{(Ph}_3\text{P})_4\text{Pt (cat.)}} \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} = \text{C} = \text{SiMeCl}_2
g_{45 \degree C, 18h} 86\%
\]

(Eq. 41)

Limited 1,2-selective addition of trichlorosilane to butadiene has been described by Rericha and Capka using the same platinum-phosphine catalyst (Eq. 42). This example is notable as higher selectivity for 1,2-addition is observed than in other reported reactions of butadiene, but the low overall yield (5%) after 5 hours at 95 °C renders this method impractical for preparation of 3-butenylsilanes.

\[
\text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} = \text{C} = \text{H} + \text{HSiCl}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{(Ph}_3\text{P})_4\text{Pt (cat.)}} \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} = \text{C} = \text{SiCl}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{C} = \text{C} = \text{SiCl}_3
\]

\(g_{95 \degree C, 5h} 6:1, 5\% \text{ yield}\)

(Eq. 42)

Other catalysts can also produce mixtures in which the 1,2-hydrosilylation product is the major component, but isomers are also generated in significant quantities. A similar precatalyst to that from Eq. 41 and Eq. 42, which is likely to generate the same active species \textit{in situ}, forms both the 1,2-mono- and the dihydrosilylation products of isoprene, but the product of 1,4-hydrosilylation is not observed (Eq. 43).

\[
\text{CH}_3 + \text{HSiMeCl}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{(Ph}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pt(C}_2\text{H}_4) (\text{cat.})} \text{Cl}_2\text{MeSiCH}_3 + \text{Cl}_2\text{MeSiCH}_3\text{SiMeCl}_2
\]

(Eq. 43)

In the case of Speier’s catalyst, hydrosilylation of myrcene with trichlorosilane is partially selective for the 1,2-addition product, but also produces over-silylated products (Eq. 44).\textsuperscript{177} In contrast, other silanes and dienes show 1,4-selectivity with Speier’s catalyst, indicating that regioselectivity is substrate-dependent.

The most general 1,2-selective addition reported to date is the diboration of conjugated dienes by an olefin-supported platinum(0) catalyst, originally reported in 1997 by Ishiyama et al. as the 1,2-diboration of pentadiene.\textsuperscript{178} In this report, while Pt(dba\textsubscript{2}) catalyzed the 1,2-addition of \textit{bis}-pinacolatodiboron to pentadiene (Eq. 45), the platinum phosphine precatalyst Pt(PPh\textsubscript{3})\textsubscript{4} generated exclusively 1,4-addition products (Eq. 46).

An enantioselective variation was later developed by Kliman et al. that produced enantioenriched 1,2-addition products of a variety of diene substrates with pinicolatodiboron (Eq. 47), which can be further elaborated through reactions of the C–B bonds to form diols, alcohols, and other synthetically useful building blocks.\textsuperscript{179}


A single example of 1,2-selective hydroboration has been reported using a nickel-phosphine catalyst and catecholborane (Eq. 48). Although no mechanistic proposal is provided, this hydroboration is also generally selective for 1,2-addition across butadiene, isoprene, myrcene, and trans-pentadiene.  

\[
\text{R}^1 \quad \text{R}^2
\]

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\begin{align*}
\text{Pt(dba)}_3 \text{ (cat.)} & \quad \text{L}^+ \\
& \quad \text{THF} \\
& \quad 60^\circ \text{C}, 12 \text{h} \\
& \quad \text{PinB} \quad \text{BPin} \\
& \quad 55\text{--}90\% \\
& \quad \text{up to } 96\% \text{ ee}
\end{align*}
\]

(Eq. 47)

1,2-Selective partial hydrogenation of dienes has also been reported using a platinum catalyst. Bertani et al. synthesized an allylplatinum hydride precatalyst that was stable below −20 °C (Eq. 49). When warmed, the allylplatinum hydride complex reductively eliminates propene, which suggests that LPt\(_0\)\(\text{(diene)}\) is the active form of the catalyst. Dienes such as butadiene, isoprene, and 2,3-dimethylbutadiene were partially hydrogenated to the terminal olefin products under these conditions. Under these conditions, no butane was detected and isolation of other butene isomers was not reported.  

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{R}^1 \quad \text{R}^2
\end{align*}
\]

(Eq. 49)

\[
[\text{H}_2, -78 \, ^\circ \text{C}] \quad \text{H} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{C}
\]


2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The aim of this research was the development of a transition metal catalyst for the 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes, including butadiene. Butenylsilanes, such as the product of 1,2-hydrosilylation of butadiene, can act as coupling reagents to covalently link the surface of silicate-based sol-gel materials with hydrophobic olefin polymers. Coupling reagents contain a silicon group with hydrolysable ligands and an α-olefin from which olefin polymerization can be initiated. Although vinyltriethoxysilane and 1-hexenyltriethoxysilane are currently used as coupling reagents, vinyl silanes are less active than α-olefins for initiating olefin polymerization and hexenylsilanes are produced from an expensive feedstock. If butenylsilanes could be synthesized from butadiene by transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation, an efficient and practical method for industrial scale synthesis, butenylsilanes could function as an inexpensive, active coupling agent for hybrid materials synthesis.

Previous work has demonstrated the capricious nature of 1,3-diene substrates in transition metal-catalyzed hydrosilylation reactions. As discussed in section 1.3.5 (page 61), specific challenges exist for achieving selective addition to 1,3-dienes at transition metal catalysts. Selective 1,4-additions to dienes can be achieved with known catalysts by utilizing the thermodynamic favorability of metal-allyl intermediates (products of 1,4- or 2,1-migratory insertion) over their σ-alkyl isomers (products of 1,2-migratory insertion). In contrast, 1,2-selective addition to conjugated dienes is rare. General methods for

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1,2-addition are limited to three examples and the factors leading to 1,2-selectivity in these cases are not understood.\(^4\) Few isolated examples of 1,2-hydrosilylation for specific substrates or as part of product mixtures have been reported, but 1,2-selectivity is substrate-dependent and does not extend to butadiene in any reported case.\(^3\)\(^6\) In this work, we propose that a transition metal catalyst that excludes formation of π-allyl intermediates upon migratory insertion of 1,3-dienes would result in catalyst-controlled 1,2-selective addition.

This chapter describes the discovery and development of cyclometallated-phosphine complexes of Pt(II) that catalyze the 1,2-selective addition of triethoxysilane to butadiene and other 1,3-dienes. The first section describes the strategy we employed in our investigation of 1,2-selective hydrosilylation. Next we describe the discovery of platinum catalysts for 1,2-selective hydrosilylation. The last section discusses possible mechanisms for 1,2-selective hydrosilylation, describes experimental evidence for a Pt(II)/Pt(IV) catalytic cycle, and presents evidence against certain other mechanisms.

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\(^5\) For reviews of 1,3-diene hydrosilylation, see: (a) Ojima, I.; Kogure, T. *Rev. Silicon, Germanium, Tin Lead Compd.* **1981**, *5*, 7. (b) Ojima, I.; Patai, S., Rappoport, Z., Eds.; Wiley: Chichester, 1989; Ch. 25.

2.1. **Strategy for 1,2-Selective Hydrosilylation Catalyzed by Transition Metals**

Our strategy for developing a selective 1,2-hydrosilylation of 1,3-dienes stems from our hypothesis that transition metal-catalyzed 1,4-addition reactions proceed via π-allyl complex intermediates (see Scheme 14 in Chapter 1, page 47). As demonstrated in Scheme 14, the 1,4-addition pathway proceeds via an allyl complex, which has been drawn as the π-bound isomer (1,4-insertion). The 1,2-addition pathway, instead, proceeds via a non-conjugated homoallyl complex that reacts like a σ-alkyl ligand (1,2-insertion). One way to block the 1,4-addition pathway would be to prevent the formation of π-bound allyl complexes.

One of the simplest differences between a σ-alkyl ligand and a π-allyl ligand is the number of coordination sites the ligand occupies at the metal center (Scheme 15). A σ-alkyl (or σ-allyl) ligand is a simple X-type 2e− donor and requires only one coordination site. A π-bound allyl ligand is an X,L-type 4e− donor and requires two coordination sites. We hypothesized that by restricting the number of available coordination sites the π-bound allyl isomer would be excluded.

![Scheme 15. Coordination of Allyl and Alkyl Ligands to Transition Metals](image)

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Scheme 16. Migratory Insertion Modes of Conjugated Dienes Bound to Transition Metals

A second mechanism for the formation of 1,4-addition products exists through a 2,1-migratory insertion to form a σ-allyl complex (Scheme 16). Were the formation of a σ-bound allyl complex thermodynamically favored over the formation of a σ-bound alkyl ligand, 1,4-addition would be preferred over 1,2-addition without the formation of π-allyl intermediates. σ-Bound allyl complexes experience energetic stabilization from conjugation, but the σ-alkyl complex proposed for 1,2-addition is bound at a terminal carbon while the proposed σ-allyl is bound at an internal carbon. Platinum–carbon bonds are destabilized by steric interactions with other groups bound to the ligated carbon. We hypothesized that a Group 10 transition metal catalyst would favor 1,2-insertion over 2,1-insertion as has been demonstrated in the literature for isolated olefins.

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7 Fleming, I.; Wiley: Chichester, 2007; p.19–21.


A final consideration in the design of a 1,2-selective hydrosilylation reaction is the chemoselectivity of the migratory insertion step. In order for the 1,2-addition product to be formed, migratory insertion into M–H must be preferred over M–Si. Although the Chalk-Harrod mechanism is well-established for platinum complexes, the lighter Group 10 metals may catalyze hydrosilylation via the modified Chalk-Harrod mechanism. We proposed that by adding an oxyanion to the ligand backbone, the silicon ligand could be reversibly tethered as a pentacoordinate silicate, which would reduce the rate of migratory insertion into the M–Si bond and encourage insertion into the M–H bond (Scheme 17). We initially selected iminopyridine ligands because of their tunability, ease of synthesis, and the suggestion of 1,2-selectivity observed in the polymerization of isoprene at an iminopyridine iron complex.

Scheme 17. Strategy for the 1,2-Selective Hydrosilylation of Conjugated Dienes

2.2. Development of Platinum Catalysts for 1,2-Selective Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

2.2.1. Catalyst Discovery

A collection of bidentate iminopyridone ligands and other bidentate ligands with pendant hydroxyl groups were synthesized and tested as ligands for Group 10 metals in the hydrosilylation of butadiene. Although many complexes of nickel were efficient 1,4-selective hydrosilylation catalysts, no 1,2-selective hydrosilylation was observed starting from a nickel precursor. Several ligands showed modest selectivity for 1,2-addition (up to 3:1 1,2::1,4-addition) in combination with Pd(II) and Pt(II) precursors, but yields of hydrosilylated products were low (<10%) in all cases (Figure 3). Control experiments showed that the hydroxyl group on the ligand was unnecessary for 1,2-selectivity.

the significant variations in steric demand and coordination geometry, yield and selectivity did not significantly change from one ligand to another within this set.

![Chemical Diagram]

**Figure 3.** Early ligands for the 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of butadiene

After determining that the pendant hydroxyl group was unnecessary to achieve 1,2-selectivity, we investigated other common monodentate and bidentate ligands for platinum, including phosphine ligands and NHC ligands. In general, the strong σ-donor ligands shown in Table 3 resulted in higher yields of hydrosilylation products than the nitrogen-based ligands shown in Figure 3. Notably, ligands with similar size and electronic properties showed selectivity for different products when tested as ligands for platinum-catalyzed hydrosilylation. For example, the hydrosilylation of butadiene using tri-tert-butylphosphine was selective for 1,2-addition, but the very similar tricyclohexylphosphine was selective for 1,4-addition. The difference between the ligands that showed selectivity for 1,2-addition and the ligands that showed selectivity for 1,4-addition seemed, based on these comparisons, not to be one of electronic properties, steric demand, or ligand structure. Instead, we hypothesized that the determining
factor may be the ready accessibility of a C–H bond at a distance of 3–4 bonds from the σ-donating atom of the ligand, which would allow for facile cyclometallation to form a bidentate metallacycle in situ.

Table 3. Ligands Demonstrating 1,2- vs. 1,4-Selectivity in the Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

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Late transition metals such as palladium and platinum are known to insert into C–H bonds of coordinated ligands to form 4, 5, or 6-membered metallacycles, a process called cyclometallation. The mechanism by which cyclometallation occurs has not been rigorously established but C–H cleavage is thought to occur by oxidative addition, electrophilic substitution mechanisms, or through a multi-centered σ-bond metathesis depending on the nature of the metal and the ligand. For platinum complexes, most

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Cyclometallation events are thought to proceed through an agostic interaction between the metal and the C–H bond followed by C–H oxidative addition and proton removal by reductive elimination (H–X, H–R) or deprotonation (Scheme 18). Cyclometallation is slow at C–H bonds that are sterically hindered, so primary C–H bonds react faster than secondary or tertiary C–H bonds. However, bulk elsewhere in the ligand structure accelerates metallation by forcing other C–H bonds close to the metal center. The formation of 5-membered platinacycles is often kinetically preferred, but 4- and 6-membered metallacycles are known at a variety of metals.

Scheme 18. Mechanism of Cyclometallation at Pt(II) Complexes

The ligands shown in Table 3 that demonstrated 1,2-selectivity in the hydrosilylation of butadiene exhibit accessible primary or aryl C–H bonds 3–5 bonds away from the σ-donor atom. Their similar counterparts that showed 1,4-selective hydrosilylation are hindered or substituted at the same positions, which either removes the necessary C–H bond from the ligand entirely or creates steric hindrance that would slow the cyclometallation process. As an example, consider the similar ligands tricyclohexylphosphine and tri-tert-butylphosphine. Both phosphines are bulky and electron rich. However, tri-tert-butylphosphine contains primary C–H bonds while tricyclohexylphosphine only contains secondary and tertiary C–H bonds. Complexes of Pt(II) with tri-tert-butylphosphine are known

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to cyclometallate rapidly,\textsuperscript{15} while, to our knowledge, no examples of tricyclohexylphosphine cyclometallated by platinum have been reported.

To test our hypothesis that cyclometallation was the critical event leading to 1,2-selective hydrosilylation, we prepared cyclometallated complexes of Pt(II) with tri-tert-butylphosphine that contained one or two phosphine ligands\textsuperscript{15b} and tested them as precatalysts for the hydrosilylation of butadiene. Complex 16 was more selective for 1,2-addition than the \textit{in situ} generated catalyst and gave higher yields of hydrosilylation products, while complex 17, bearing two phosphine ligands, was completely unreactive. These data suggest that cyclometallation onto the phosphine ligand is beneficial for 1,2-hydrosilylation, and that the second equivalent of phosphine ligand used for \textit{in situ} catalyst formation acts as a base to facilitate cyclometallation, rather than as a second ligand for platinum.

Scheme 19. Synthesis of Cyclometallated Precatalysts for the Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

2.2.2. Hydrosilylation of 1,3-Dienes by Cyclometallated Platinum Complexes

Upon activation with methylmagnesium chloride, cyclometallated platinum complex 16 catalyzed the selective 1,2-hydrosilylation of butadiene with 10:1 selectivity for 1,2-addition (Eq. 50) and a turnover frequency (TOF) of 480/h at 50 °C.

Precatalyst 16 is air- and moisture-stable and can be used for catalysis without special purification. Activation of precatalyst 16 with MeMgCl was performed at −45 °C in dichloromethane, at which temperature transmetallation from the Grignard reagent proceeds more quickly than reaction with solvent. For hydrosilylation, diene and silane were added to the pre-activated catalyst solution and the vessel was sealed and heated to 50 °C until the reaction was complete. Butenylsilane products (18) were isolated by distillation of the reaction mixture without additional purification.

(Eq. 50)
Hydrosilylation using precatalyst 16 was also selective for 1,2-addition of triethoxysilane to other 1,3-dienes including isoprene, myrcene, and 2,3-dimethylbutadiene (Table 4).\textsuperscript{16} A pre-activated form of the catalyst (19, \textit{vide infra}) was found to give higher yields in the hydrosilylation of substituted dienes. This difference may result from more efficient catalyst activation in the presence of butadiene than in the presence of substituted dienes.\textsuperscript{17} Selectivity for 1,2-addition increases with the bulk of the diene substituents, ranging from 10:1 (butadiene) to 90:1 (2,3-dimethylbutadiene). However, steric hindrance at the 1,3-diene results in lower conversion to hydrosilylation products at 50 °C and temperatures up to 125 °C are necessary to achieve full conversion with substituted dienes. Presumably, increasing the steric bulk around the 1,3-diene slows the rate of diene association to the platinum complex and leads to a greater proportion of catalyst decomposition.

\textsuperscript{16} Data for substrate hydrosilylation was obtained with the help of visiting graduate student Jonas Börgel.

\textsuperscript{17} We have observed that the reaction of 16 with methylmagnesium chloride and triethoxysilane to form 19 (\textit{vide infra}) is cleaner in the presence of butadiene than in its absence, although the butadiene is not incorporated into the product (19). Combined with the observation that 19 is a more efficient catalyst for substituted dienes than \textit{in situ} activated 16, these data suggest that catalyst activation benefits from the presence of an unhindered diene, and that substituted dienes are not able to confer this benefit as strongly as butadiene.
Table 4. 1,2-Selective Hydrosilylation of Substituted Dienes

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\begin{align*}
\text{Hydrosilylation of unsymmetrically substituted dienes primarily yields the product of 1,2-addition to the less-hindered olefin of the diene, but site selectivity in this case is not perfect (~9:1 for isoprene, ~13:1 for myrcene). The ratio of addition to the unsubstituted:substituted olefin also changes with the identity of the precatalyst used in hydrosilylation. Hydrosilylation of isoprene gave a 17:1 ratio using precatalyst 16 (and lower overall yield) but only 9:1 using 19, which suggests that catalyst activation is a crucial determining step for product outcomes (Table 5).}
\end{align*}
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Table 5. Comparison of Precatalysts 16 and 19 for Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

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<tr>
<th>Precatalyst</th>
<th>Yield</th>
<th>Ratio 20:25:26</th>
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<tr>
<td>16 + MeMgCl</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>17:1:1</td>
<td>18:1</td>
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<tr>
<td>19 + MgCl₂(THF)₂</td>
<td>89%</td>
<td>15:1.5:1</td>
<td>16:1</td>
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The substrates in Table 4 display few functional groups, and accordingly, functional group tolerance is low. Many Lewis basic groups (amines, sulfides, pyridines, etc.) shut down catalysis, likely by binding to either the platinum catalyst or its counterion (see section 2.3.3 below). Functional groups such as esters (23) do not interfere with catalysis, but hydrosilylation of the carbonyl group competes with hydrosilylation of the diene to form an additional byproduct (Eq. 51).
Norbornadiene is not a conjugated 1,3-diene, but is a difficult substrate for hydrosilylation using most catalysts. The angle strain of the [2,2,1]-bicycle is relieved by hydrosilylation of one or both double bonds because the relative difference from the ideal bond angle for an sp²-carbon when constrained in the [2,2,1]-bicycle is greater than the relative difference for an sp³-carbon. The angle strain present in the norbornadiene substrate results in a lower kinetic barrier for addition to the olefins of norbornadiene than to other non-conjugated dienes, and many transition metal hydrosilylation catalysts are not able to select for monoaddition. Precatalyst 16 adds triethoxysilane to norbornadiene once, in high overall yield (95%), but produces a tricyclic byproduct in roughly equal proportions to the desired monoaddition product (Eq. 52). The nortricyclene product is a known byproduct in the hydrosilylation of norbornadiene by platinum catalysts.¹⁸

![Reaction Scheme](image)

(Eq. 52)

Surprisingly, the hydrosilylation of 1,3-trans-pentadiene with precatalyst 19 was not selective for 1,2-addition, but instead yielded mainly 1,4-hydrosilylation products (Eq. 53). Pentadiene is the only substrate that underwent hydrosilylation but was not selective for 1,2-addition. This result is especially surprising given that one of the few reported examples of 1,2-hydrosilylation of conjugated dienes reports cis- and trans-1,3-pentadiene as the only substrate for which 1,2-selective addition is observed.¹⁹ We do not know why we observe 1,4-addition in the case of 1,3-pentadiene, but we speculate that the addition of


triethoxysilane may initially occur in a 1,2-fashion and that the 1,4-product is generated by rapid isomerization, perhaps by another catalytically-active platinum species in solution.²⁰

Many substrates were inactive in hydrosilylation catalyzed by platinate 19. We found that styrene derivatives are prone to polymerization under the conditions of hydrosilylation, and catalyst deactivation was rapid, resulting in low overall conversion and a mixture of products. Steric hindrance of the 1,3-diene slowed down the rate of hydrosilylation and substituted dienes required elevated temperatures to reach full conversion. Other substrates, such as nopadiene, were too hindered to reach full conversion even at 125 °C and showed, instead, the formation of byproducts such as dehydrosilylation at elevated temperatures. Allyl chloride, a challenging substrate in olefin hydrosilylation, was reactive towards hydrosilylation using precatalysts 16 and 19, but resulted in complex mixtures of products.

2.3. Mechanism of 1,2-Selective Hydrosilylation

2.3.1. Activation of Platinum Catalyst 16

Activation of precatalyst 16 with two equivalents of methylmagnesium chloride at −45 °C generates electron-rich, anionic Pt(II) complex 32 (Scheme 20). By ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy, broad peaks resembling those of the product (32) are observed after several hours at −45 °C, which sharpen

upon warming to 23 °C. When the reaction is relatively concentrated, such as during the preparation of 32 for isolation, a white solid (MgCl₂(THF)₂) precipitates upon warming from −45 °C to 23 °C. Together, these observations suggest that an aggregate of 32 and MgCl₂(THF)₂ forms at low temperature, which releases MgCl₂(THF)₂ when warmed to 23 °C.

Platinate 32 reacts with triethoxysilane to give platinate 19, presumably by oxidative addition of triethoxysilane to form a transient Pt(IV) intermediate and subsequent reductive elimination of methane (Scheme 20). Consistent with this hypothesis, we observe methane in the ¹H NMR spectrum of this reaction. Platinites 19 and 32 are isolable as air- and moisture-sensitive aggregates with MgCl₂(THF)₂ and have been characterized by ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy as well as by x-ray diffraction (19). Both 19 and 32 are competent precatalysts for 1,2-selective hydrosilylation, which indicates that these complexes are intermediates on the catalyst activation pathway.

Scheme 20. Activation of Precatalyst 16

Precatalyst 19 further reacts with triethoxysilane to form as yet unidentified products (Scheme 21). We propose that precatalyst 19 further reacts with triethoxysilane by oxidative addition (E) to afford, after reductive elimination of methane (observed by GCMS), active catalyst A. Pt(IV) intermediate E has a second accessible C–H reductive elimination pathway, which releases the cyclometallated arm of the
phosphine ligand to form monodentate tri-tert-butylphosphine and leads to catalyst decomposition (Scheme 20). Consistent with this analysis, formation of unbound P(‘Bu)₃ was observed during the early stages of hydrosilylation for precatalysts 16, 19, and 32.

Scheme 21. Proposed Mechanism of Catalyst Activation and Degradation

2.3.2. Proposed Mechanism for 1,2-Selective Hydrosilylation

We propose a Pt(II/IV) catalytic cycle to rationalize the observed selectivity for 1,2-addition (Scheme 22). Catalyst activation provides an electron-rich anionic Pt(II) complex (A) that can undergo oxidative addition of triethoxysilane to form coordinatively saturated Pt(IV) intermediate B. Because B is coordinatively saturated, a ligand must dissociate prior to diene coordination (C). Importantly, because the phosphine contained in the bidentate ligand is the only ligand which can readily dissociate from B, the incoming diene is restricted to η²-coordination. 1,2-Migratory insertion forms linear alkyl complex D, which may dissociate a ligand (such as the phosphine) to form a pentacoordinate complex prior to reductive elimination of the desired 1,2-hydrosilylation product and regeneration of A.

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Scheme 22. Proposed Mechanism of 1,2-Selective Hydrosilylation

Oxidative addition to anionic platinate A is predicted to be slow, both because A is four-coordinate in a square planar geometry$^{22}$ and because oxidative addition of Pt(II) to the +IV oxidation state is relatively difficult compared to oxidation of Pt(0) to Pt(II). Experiments with related platinates 19 and 32 demonstrated that oxidative addition is slow and is only observed for relatively oxidizing reagents, such as triethoxysilane (Table 6). Other silanes such as triethyl-, dimethylphenyl-, and triphenylsilane did not react with 32 at 50 °C. Another common oxidant, pinacolatodiboron, reacted only slowly and the product mixture showed only decomposition to unbound tri-tert-butylphosphine. All reactions with 32 resulted in decomposition to free tri-tert-butylphosphine except that of triethoxysilane, which forms precatalyst 19 (Scheme 20). We propose that the magnesium counterion of 32 coordinates to the oxygen

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atoms of triethoxysilane, which increases the electrophilicity of the Si–H bond and facilitates oxidative addition (see section 2.3.3).

**Table 6. Reactivity of 32 with Oxidants**

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<th>Oxidant</th>
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<tr>
<td>HSi(OEt)₃</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HSiEt₃</td>
<td>(no reaction)</td>
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<tr>
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<td>(no reaction)</td>
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<td>HSiPh₃</td>
<td>(no reaction)</td>
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<tr>
<td>HSiCl₃</td>
<td>P(tBu)₃ (decomposition)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(PinB)₂</td>
<td>P(tBu)₃ + 32 (partial decomposition)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

From intermediate B (Scheme 22), phosphone dissociation would result in a coordinatively unsaturated Pt(IV) anion that can coordinate a molecule of butadiene. Importantly, all other ligands coordinated to platinum in intermediate C are non-dissociable, which restricts the diene to η²-coordination. Migratory insertion of the coordinated diene could proceed into the Pt–H bond, the Pt–C bond, or one of the Pt–Si bonds. As discussed in section 1.2.3 of the introduction, platinum catalysts favor olefin insertion into Pt–H and are likely to form the terminal alkyl complex by 1,2-insertion.²³,²⁴ Complex

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D is drawn with the phosphine ligand coordinated to platinum, forming a hexacoordinate octahedral platinum complex. We propose that coordination of the phosphine ligand could slow the reverse reaction by preventing β-hydride elimination of the linear alkyl ligand. By preventing the reverse reaction, the chances of a low-probability but thermodynamically preferred π-allyl complex forming are further reduced.

Previous work investigating the mechanism of reductive elimination from octahedral Pt(IV) complexes shows that reductive elimination from a hexacoordinate complex is likely to be much slower than from a pentacoordinate complex. Accordingly, we propose that dissociation of the phosphine ligand from D forms a pentacoordinate complex that undergoes reductive elimination to release butenylsilane 18 and regenerate active catalyst A. This dissociation can also explain the decomposition pathway proposed in Scheme 21 because phosphine dissociation removes the stabilizing influence of the bidentate ligand and increases the likelihood that the cyclometallated carbon is removed from the metal by reductive elimination.

2.3.3. Counterion Effect

Our data suggest that the catalyst counterion plays an active role in catalysis. We propose that the Mg²⁺ counterion assists reductive elimination from electron-rich Pt(IV) (32 → A, D → A) by binding to

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triethoxysilyl ligands of the Pt(IV) anion. Magnesium ions could also promote catalyst activation and/or hydrosilylation by binding to (EtO)₃SiH prior to oxidative addition, which would increase the electrophilicity of the Si–H bond and facilitate oxidative addition (32 → A, A → B). Lewis acids have been shown to promote both oxidative addition²⁶ and reductive elimination²⁵a,²⁷ at transition metal complexes.

**In situ** generation of precatalyst 19 results in a visibly homogeneous solution at the concentrations used for catalysis. This solution presumably contains precatalyst 19 and one equivalent of dissolved MgCl₂(THF)₂, which is produced by catalyst activation and remains dissolved during hydrosilylation. When precatalyst 19 is synthesized for isolation, higher concentrations are employed at which MgCl₂(THF)₂ precipitates and is removed by filtration. Isolated precatalyst 19 shows significantly reduced activity and selectivity in the hydrosilylation of butadiene (Table 7), which suggests that the loss of additional magnesium in solution has a negative effect on both activity and selectivity in hydrosilylation. Notably, much of the loss in activity and selectivity when using isolated 19 can be recovered by adding MgCl₂(THF)₂ and ligand quantities of THF (Table 7). We attribute the slight difference in yield with 19 + MgCl₂(THF)₂ compared to the in situ generated catalyst (from 16 + 2 MeMgCl) to the low solubility of MgCl₂(THF)₂ in the chlorinated solvents used for hydrosilylation. We attempted to test this hypothesis by removing additional magnesium salts from the reaction mixture by


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adding ligand-quantities of 1,4-dioxane. Dioxane binds strongly to MgX₂ salts and is reported to induce precipitation even at low concentrations. Addition of 1,4-Dioxane further reduces conversion in the hydrosilylation of butadiene with isolated 19 (Table 7). X-ray data show that multiple aggregates of 19 with Mg²⁺ salts are formed under different conditions and we postulate that the aggregation of 19 with additional equivalents of magnesium salts is crucial for 1,2-selectivity in hydrosilylation and for achieving an acceptable reaction rate with precatalysts 16, 19, and 32.

To further confirm our assertion that the identity of the counterion is important for catalysis, we attempted to synthesize analogues of 32 with Li⁺ and K⁺ counterions by varying the reducing agent used for activation of 16 (Table 7). Although other Grignard reagents such as EtMgCl and PhMgCl show similar activity and selectivity in hydrosilylation, reducing agents with other cations such as Li⁺ and K⁺ show decreased activity and markedly reduced 1,2-selectivity in the hydrosilylation of butadiene. Separate experiments have verified that MeLi and BnK transmetallate two alkyl groups to platinum, forming anionic complexes. We attribute the failure of Li⁺ and K⁺ cations to facilitate hydrosilylation to their oxophilicity and higher energy of solvation, which would reduce the favorability of cation interaction with the oxygen atoms of the triethoxysilyl group.

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Table 7. Effect of Counterion on the Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

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\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2; 25 \text{ min.} \\ -45 \degree \text{C} \rightarrow 50 \degree \text{C}
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<th>Precatalyst</th>
<th>M–R</th>
<th>Additive</th>
<th>Yield(^a)</th>
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<td>BnK</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>19%</td>
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\(^a\) Yield and selectivity determined by integration of 1H NMR resonances corresponding to the alkenyl hydrogen atoms vs. TMS\(_2\)O (internal standard).
\(^b\) Yield corresponds to conversion as no other products are observed.
\(^c\) Isolated yield; reaction halted by 10 \(\mu\) L N,N\(^\prime\)-DMEDA after 25 min.
\(^d\) Addition of MgCl\(_2\)(THF)\(_2\) simulates conditions for catalysis with precatalyst 16.

X-ray diffraction data from two single crystals of 19 grown under different conditions show an interaction of Mg\(^{2+}\) with the oxygen atoms of the triethoxysilyl ligand (Figure 4, Figure 5). However, the aggregation state of 19 with additional MgCl\(_2\)(THF)\(_2\) in the two structures is different. The diffraction data shown in Figure 4 were obtained from a single crystal grown from a saturated solution of THF/pentane. Under these conditions, the counterion to the platinate of 19 can best be described as Mg\(_2\)Cl\(_3\)(THF)\(_3\)\(^+\). The diffraction data shown in Figure 5 were obtained from a crystal grown from a
saturated solution of 19 in MeCN. During crystallization from MeCN, a single molecule of Mg\(^{2+}\) coordinates two molecules of platinate, and no additional MgCl\(_2\) salts are found. Aggregation of additional equivalents of MgCl\(_2\)(THF)\(_2\) to 19 may effectively tether a second Lewis acidic MgCl\(_2\)(THF)\(_2\) molecule to a molecule of catalyst. If Lewis acid activation of (EtO)\(_3\)SiH is necessary for efficient oxidative addition, then aggregation of additional magnesium atoms to the active species may be crucial for catalysis.

Other silanes that lack Lewis basic ligands are unreactive and unselective in hydrosilylation using precatalyst 16 (Table 8), which supports the concept of Mg\(^{2+}\) co-catalysis through an interaction with the oxygen atoms of triethoxysilane. Conversion increases with the electrophilicity of the silane, with the exception of triethoxysilane, which shows higher conversion than expected based on its electrophilicity. Triethoxysilane is also the only silane with Lewis basic ligands that could potentially coordinate the magnesium counterion. Triethoxysilane is also the only silane to show selectivity for 1,2-addition to butadiene, which may result from either more efficient catalyst activation or from an effect of Mg\(^{2+}\) on the relative rates of steps in the catalytic cycle.
Figure 4. X-ray structure of precatalyst 19 showing aggregation with MgCl₂(THF)₂. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, H-atoms are omitted for clarity.

Figure 5. Second x-ray structure of precatalyst 19 showing change in counterion aggregation. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, H-atoms are omitted for clarity.
Table 8. Effect of Silane on Hydrosilylation Using Precatalyst 19

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<th>Silane</th>
<th>Yield</th>
<th>1,2-:1,4-addition</th>
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<td>(EtO)$_3$SiH</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Et$_3$SiH</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Cl$_3$SiH</td>
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Anionic platinum(II) complexes with alkyl ligands have been reported, most commonly with ligand-centered anions (Figure 6).$^{29,30}$ Reported platinates in which the platinum bears the negative charge also contain Lewis basic groups on the ligand that coordinate to the counter-cations. Stabilization of the cation is proposed to allow for the isolation and crystallization of the complexes.


Figure 6. Previously reported anionic platinum(II) complexes containing both platinum-centered and ligand-centered anions.

In the case of complexes 19 and 32, the lack of additional Lewis basic sites for counterion coordination seems to be crucial for catalytic activity. Precatalysts prepared in the presence of ligand quantities of Lewis basic molecules (for example: pyridine, SMe₂) showed little to no conversion in the hydrosilylation of butadiene (Table 9). Because the coordination sphere of Pt(II) is effectively saturated with four ligands, it is unlikely for the additional Lewis base to be acting as a ligand for platinum. Instead, we propose that added Lewis bases interact with the Mg²⁺ counterion or with aggregated molecules of MgCl₂. With other stabilizing ligands available, the Mg²⁺ or aggregated MgCl₂ may not interact with the oxygen atoms of the triethoxysilyl group to provide the essential Lewis-acid co-catalysis for hydrosilylation. When few other Lewis bases are available, interaction with the relatively hindered oxygen atoms of the triethoxysilyl group may be favored.

To further test whether loss of Lewis acidity was the cause of low conversion in the presence of additional Lewis bases, we synthesized a platinate precatalyst with a non-coordinating cation (33) by precipitation of MgX₂ with 1,4-dioxane in the presence of tetrabutylammonium bromide (Eq. 54).
Platinum complex 33 is inactive as a precatalyst for the hydrosilylation of butadiene, similar to complexes 34 and 34. However, addition of exogenous MgCl₂(THF)₂ to reactions catalyzed by precatalysts lacking Lewis acidic counterions improves both the conversion and the 1,2-selectivity in the hydrosilylation of butadiene (Table 9).

Even weak Lewis bases such as acetonitrile and THF reduce conversion when present in solvent quantities. A screen of reaction solvents shows that coordinating solvents, such as THF, are poor solvents for hydrosilylation (Table 10). Extremely non-polar solvents also slow down catalysis, but we attribute this effect to poor solubility of the charged precatalysts in these solvents.
Table 9. Performance of Catalysts Containing Additional Lewis Bases

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<th>Precatalyst</th>
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<sup>a</sup> Yield and selectivity determined by integration of <sup>1</sup>H NMR resonances corresponding to the alkenyl hydrogen atoms vs. TMS<sub>2</sub>O (internal standard).  
<sup>b</sup> Yield corresponds to conversion as no other products are observed.  
<sup>c</sup> Isolated yield; reaction halted by 10 μL N,N’-DMEDA after 25 min.
Table 10. Effect of Solvent on 1,2-Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

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2.3.4. Platinacycle Size

Most reported complexes containing a platinacycle are 5-membered ring platinacycles,⁴¹ which suggests that a 5-membered platinacycle is likely to be more stable than the 4-membered platinacycle in precatalysts 16, 19, and 32. Because precatalysts 16, 19, and 32 decompose during catalyst activation, we hypothesized that 5-membered ring analogs of these precatalysts could be more stable towards decomposition during catalyst activation and, therefore, show greater activity and selectivity as catalysts for hydrosilylation of dienes. To test this hypothesis we synthesized several analogs of 32 containing a 5-membered ring platinacycle structure. Unlike precatalyst 16, platinacycles with 5-membered rings were

insoluble in organic solvents as chloride-bridged dimers. To obtain complexes with higher solubility, the chlorides were abstracted with silver(I) trifluoromethanesulfonate to form cationic bis-acetonitrile complexes. From the cationic complexes, synthesis of anionic dimethylplatinate precatalysts could be achieved with methylmagnesium chloride in a straightforward manner. This synthetic pathway is shown for precatalyst 37 below in Scheme 23 and was also used to synthesize precatalysts 38 and 39.

![Scheme 23. Synthesis of 5-Membered Platinacycle Precatalysts](image)

Platinates 37 through 39 were tested as precatalysts for hydrosilylation (Table 11). Although the conditions used in each reaction are not identical, none of the precatalysts perform better than precatalyst 16. Evidence from in situ $^{31}$P NMR observation of reactions using precatalyst 37 suggests that the initial activation steps, which involve oxidative addition of triethoxysilane to Pt(II) anions, are slow and that some quantity of the precatalyst is trapped as a silylmethylplatinate during catalysis (Scheme 24). Because a four-coordinate square planar Pt(II) complex should undergo oxidative addition slowly, it is likely that for oxidative addition to platinates 32 and 37 the phosphine ligand must first dissociate. Because a 5-membered platinacycle does not contain as much angle strain as a 4-membered platinacycle, dissociation of the phosphine in the 5-membered platinacycle should be slower, and thus lead to slower oxidative addition, as we observe for platinate 37. Deceleration of oxidative addition would also affect the rate of hydrosilylation using precatalyst 37. Although we are unable to distinguish the

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32 For seminal work on the concept of angle strain/ring strain, see: Von Baeyer, A. Ber. Dtsch. Chem. Ges. 1885, 18, 2278.

effect of the 5-membered platinacycle on reaction rate from the effect of the platinacycle on catalyst activation, a reduced rate of hydrosilylation using 37 is consistent with phosphine dissociation as a step on the catalytic cycle prior to the turnover limiting step, as we have proposed in Scheme 22.

Table 11. Comparison of 5-Membered Platinacycle Precatalysts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Precatalyst</th>
<th>Reaction Conditions</th>
<th>Hydrosilylation Yield</th>
<th>1,2-:1,4-Addition</th>
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<tr>
<td><img src="image1" alt="Precatalyst 37" /></td>
<td>0.5 mol % 37, 2.0 mol % MgCl₂(THF)₂, 10 μL THF, 0.5 mL DCM, −45 °C → 50 °C, 25 min.</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>9:1</td>
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<td><img src="image2" alt="Precatalyst 38" /></td>
<td>0.5 mol % 38, 0.5 mol % MgCl₂(THF)₂, 10 μL THF, 0.5 mL DCM, −45 °C → 50 °C, 25 min.</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>4:1</td>
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<tr>
<td><img src="image3" alt="Precatalyst 39" /></td>
<td>1.0 mol % 39, 0.5 mL DCM, −45 °C → 50 °C, 30 min.</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>6:1</td>
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* Yield and selectivity determined by integration of ¹H NMR resonances corresponding to the alkenyl hydrogen atoms vs. TMS₃O (internal standard).  
*b Yield corresponds to conversion as no other products are observed.  
*c Isolated yield; reaction halted by 10 μL N,N'-DMEDA after 25 min.
2.3.5. Evidence Against a Chalk-Harrod-Like Pt(0)/Pt(II) Catalytic Cycle

Platinum catalyzed hydrosilylation reactions typically proceed by the Chalk-Harrod mechanism, which typically involves a Pt(0)/Pt(II) redox couple (see section 1.2.3).

The Pt(II)/Pt(IV) catalytic cycle we have proposed for the 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of dienes using precatalysts 16, 19, and 32 is not common for platinum-catalyzed hydrosilylation reactions. Given the near ubiquity of Pt(0)/Pt(II) catalytic cycles in homogeneous hydrosilylation processes, we carefully considered the possibility of a Chalk-Harrod-like Pt(0)/Pt(II) catalytic cycle for hydrosilylation using precatalysts 16, 19, and 32.

A Chalk-Harrod-like Pt(0)/Pt(II) catalytic cycle starting from precatalysts 16, 19, and 32 is shown in Scheme 25. Presumably, catalyst activation would proceed by reductive elimination of methyltriethoxysilane from precatalyst 19 to afford an electron-rich Pt(0) anion. Oxidative addition of triethoxysilane affords 5-coordinate Pt(II) complex B'. Platinum (II) shows a strong energetic preference for a square planar geometry, so butadiene may reversibly dissociate from intermediate B'. Intermediate B' is unlikely, however, to coordinate butadiene in an η⁴-fashion, because η⁴-coordination would generate

a formally 20 $e^-$ complex and require rearrangement to an energetically unfavorable octahedral geometry. Migratory insertion from intermediate B’ is most likely to proceed with 1,2-selectivity to form intermediate C’ because only one olefin of the diene is coordinated to the platinum center in B’. However, were 1,4-insertion to take place, a 5-coordinate complex would result which is energetically unfavorable for $d^8$ transition metals such as Pt(II). Intermediate C’ would then undergo reductive elimination to form the product alkenylsilane and regenerate A’.

Scheme 25. Chalk-Harrod-Like Pt(0)/Pt(II) Mechanism for Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

The mechanism shown in Scheme 25 is plausible because it would account for the observed selectivity for 1,2-addition using precatalysts 16, 19, and 32. Intermediate C’, the product of 1,2-migratory insertion of butadiene, is a $d^8$, square planar complex which should be energetically favored over the 5-coordinate complex that would result from 1,4-migratory insertion. Density functional theory
calculations predict the difference in ground-state stability to be approximately 5 kcal/mol, favoring the product of 1,2-insertion (Figure 7).

Figure 7. Optimized structures and calculated ground-state energies for the products of 1,2- vs. 1,4-migratory insertion. Calculations performed at the B3PW91 level of theory, using a basis set that includes SDD quasirelativistic pseudopotentials on Pt (MWB60) extended by polarization functions (Pt: f, 0.993), and 6-31G(d,p) on H, C, O, Si, P.

To test for a Chalk-Harrod-like Pt(0)/Pt(II) mechanism for 1,2-selective hydrosilylation using 16 and its derivatives, we attempted to synthesize several proposed intermediates on this catalytic cycle (Scheme 25) including A’ and D’ (complex 36). Upon two-electron reduction, precatalysts 16, 19, and 32 would bear a negative charge on the platinum center because the cyclometallated phosphine ligand includes a non-dissociable X-type ligand. Stable platinum(0) complexes typically bear electron-withdrawing or π-acceptor ligands, even when neutral, and the cyclometallated phosphine ligand is instead a strong σ-donor. To our knowledge, only a single anionic Pt(0) complexed by σ-donating phosphine or carbon ligands has been reported. This complex bears a tridentate ligand and can only be accessed with strong reducing agents such as Na. Although we attempted to synthesize butadiene or COD-stabilized Pt(0) anions from 16 and related precursors, we were not able to observe a Pt(0) complex.

Synthesis of platinate D’ was attempted via a dialkylplatinate intermediate similar to 32, but this route was unsuccessful because the alkenyl ligands underwent hydrosilylation faster than the platinate underwent oxidative addition (Scheme 26). Instead, we synthesized 36 from a neutral precursor bearing coordinated MeCN, an easily displaced L-type ligand (Scheme 27). As a ligand, MeCN is not a strong σ-donor or a strong π acceptor and it dissociates readily from Pt(II). Neutral complexes bearing MeCN

ligands were prone to decomposition in solvents other than acetonitrile, as well as when subjected to vacuum for prolonged periods. Complex 36 was not stable to isolation and was formed *in situ* for testing as a hydrosilylation catalyst. We propose that 36 is unstable to isolation, unlike 19 and 32, because no additional equivalents of MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ are present during the synthesis. Likewise, when 19 is synthesized from intermediate 42 and one equivalent of methylmagnesium chloride, 19 also exhibits partial decomposition upon isolation.

Scheme 26. Attempted Synthesis of 36 via Dialkenylplatinate Intermediate 43
Platinum complex 36 did not show any improvement in yield or selectivity over precatalysts 16, 19, and 32 in the hydrosilylation of butadiene, and complex 36 decomposed to tri-tert-butylphosphine during hydrosilylation. Because precatalysts 16, 19, and 32 show significant catalyst decomposition during activation, adding an equivalent amount of precatalyst 36 should result in a much larger proportion of active catalyst if 36 is an intermediate on the catalytic cycle. Because 36 showed no improvement in yield or selectivity over precatalysts 16, 19, and 32, complex 36 cannot be an intermediate on the catalytic cycle (Table 12).
Table 12. Performance of Precatalyst 36 Compared to 16, 19, and 32

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Precatalyst</th>
<th>Additive</th>
<th>Yield\textsuperscript{a,b}</th>
<th>1,2:1,4\textsuperscript{e}</th>
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<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>MeMgCl</td>
<td>86%\textsuperscript{c}</td>
<td>10:1</td>
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<tr>
<td>32</td>
<td>MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}\textsuperscript{d}</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>9:1</td>
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<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}\textsuperscript{d}</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>9:1</td>
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<tr>
<td>36</td>
<td>MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}\textsuperscript{d}</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>10:1</td>
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\textsuperscript{a} Yield and selectivity determined by integration of \textsuperscript{1}H NMR resonances corresponding to the alkenyl hydrogen atoms vs. TMS\textsubscript{2}O (internal standard). \textsuperscript{b} Yield corresponds to conversion as no other products are observed. \textsuperscript{d} Addition of MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2} mimics standard conditions for preactivated precatalysts.

Platinum complex 36 also did not undergo reductive elimination of butenylsilane when heated to 50 °C in the presence of butadiene for 5 minutes. Because ~30 catalyst turnovers occur during this time during the hydrosilylation of butadiene using precatalyst 16, the inability of 36 to undergo reductive elimination even once in this time kinetically excludes reductive elimination from 36 (C' \rightarrow A') as a step on the catalytic cycle (Eq. 55).
2.3.6. Alternate Mechanism Proposals

Mechanism investigation requires the careful consideration and evaluation of many potential pathways because a mechanism can never be proven, only supported, by experimental data. Other mechanisms for the transformation reported herein have been proposed, the most relevant of which are Pt(0)/Pt(II) catalysis from neutral platinum complexes and heterogeneous catalysis by platinum nanoparticles or colloids. In this section we present data for the 1,2-hydrosilylation that are not consistent with either of these mechanisms.

Precatalyst degradation could produce a neutral monodentate phosphine complexe of Pt(0) as the active catalyst (Eq. 56).

The formation of tri-tert-butylphosphine as a catalyst degradation product suggests that cyclometallation is lost during catalyst activation or degradation using precatalysts 16, 19, and 32, and we are unable to determine which from direct observation of platinum species during the reaction. To determine whether reduction of Pt(II) to Pt(0) and/or loss of cyclometallation is the critical step in catalyst activation, we tested a Pt(0) precursor with and without tri-tert-butylphosphine as a precatalyst for the hydrosilylation of butadiene. Karstedt’s Catalyst\(^{36}\) is a commonly-used Pt(0) olefin hydrosilylation catalyst, and is known to allow for ready complexation with added ligands. Karstedt’s Catalyst was not selective for 1,2-addition,

alone or in the presence of P(Bu)$_3$. If formation of Pt(0) or loss of cyclometallation were the critical event in catalyst activation, we would expect to see selectivity for 1,2-addition from a Pt(0) phosphine catalyst generated by another method.

Table 13. Investigation of Pt(0) Precatalysts for Hydrosilylation of Butadiene

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Precatalyst</th>
<th>Additive</th>
<th>Yield$^a$</th>
<th>1,2:1,4$^a$</th>
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<tr>
<td>MeMgCl</td>
<td>86%$^{b,c}$</td>
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<td>None</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>1:10</td>
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<td>P(Bu)$_3$</td>
<td>3%</td>
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$^a$ Yield and selectivity determined by integration of $^1$H NMR resonances corresponding to the alkenyl hydrogen atoms vs. TMS$_2$O (internal standard).  
$^b$ Yield corresponds to conversion as no other products are observed.  
$^c$ Isolated yield; reaction halted by 10 μL N,N'-DMEDA after 25 min.

Degradation of homogeneous precatalysts can generate catalytically active metal nanoparticles and this mechanism must be carefully evaluated in reactions where catalyst degradation is observed.$^{37,38}$

Addition of elemental mercury often disrupts catalysis at nanoparticle surfaces because mercury dissolves many metals, such as platinum, to form stable alloys. When nanoparticles are dissolved in metallic

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mercury, the nanoparticles are effectively isolated from the solution and cannot act as catalysts.\textsuperscript{39} In the case of hydrosilylation using precatalyst 19, addition of mercury showed only a mild effect on the observed selectivity and conversion. We conclude that catalysis by nanoparticulate platinum is unlikely to be the major pathway for hydrosilylation. However, because all precatalysts showed decomposition during activation, we were unable to obtain reproducible kinetic data to determine a rate law and we do not speculate as to the turnover-limiting step or the reversibility of proposed steps on the catalytic cycle.

Table 14. Effect of Hg\textsuperscript{0} on Hydrosilylation Using Precatalyst 19

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<tr>
<th>Precatalyst</th>
<th>Additive</th>
<th>Yield\textsuperscript{a}</th>
<th>1,2:1,4\textsuperscript{a}</th>
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<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>MeMgCl</td>
<td>86%\textsuperscript{b,c}</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}\textsuperscript{d}</td>
<td>60%\textsuperscript{b}</td>
<td>9:1</td>
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<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Hg\textsuperscript{0} + MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}</td>
<td>52%\textsuperscript{b}</td>
<td>8:1</td>
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\textsuperscript{a} Yield and selectivity determined by integration of \textsuperscript{1}H NMR resonances corresponding to the alkenyl hydrogen atoms vs. TMS\textsubscript{2}O (internal standard). \textsuperscript{b} Yield corresponds to conversion as no other products are observed. \textsuperscript{c} Isolated yield; reaction halted by 10 μL N,N'-DMEDA after 25 min. \textsuperscript{d} Addition of MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2} simulates conditions for catalysis with precatalyst 16.

Other mechanism possibilities exist, including variations on both Pt(0/II) and Pt(II/IV) cycles. However, none that we have considered explain the unprecedented selectivity for 1,2-hydrosilylation that we observe using precatalysts 16, 19, and 32. Specifically, none is expected to prevent the formation of π-

allyl intermediates. We propose that the platinacycle, which contributes both a non-dissociable ligand and a negative charge to the complex, is a key component that induces coordinative saturation and prevents π-allyl formation. In addition, the high electron density of platinates 16, 19, and 32 allows access to the +IV oxidation state, which is not typical for platinum catalysts under the reducing conditions generated by large quantities of hydrosilane that are necessary for hydrosilylation.
3. CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

This Ph.D. thesis has described the discovery and development of the first general 1,2-selective hydrosilylation of butadiene and other 1,3-dienes. Selectivity for 1,2-addition results from coordinative saturation at catalyst intermediates that prevents the formation of π-allyl complexes. Although the current best catalyst activity and selectivity are insufficient for application in commercial organosilane production, future development could enable the synthesis of butenylsilane coupling agents for a variety of materials applications.

The biggest challenge remaining is one of catalyst stability and selectivity. Degradation of homogeneous precatalysts during catalyst activation limits our understanding of the mechanism by which 1,2-selective addition is achieved and hinders the development of better catalysts. With a clearer understanding of the mechanism of 1,2-hydrosilylation, catalysts with higher selectivity for 1,2-addition and potentially higher TON and TOF could be developed. Future work on this system could focus on the development of a precatalyst that undergoes activation cleanly, without degradation.

The fundamental advance described in this work is the development of a transition metal catalyst that avoids the formation of π-allyl complexes during catalysis. The thermodynamic favorability of π-allyl complexes has a strong influence on selectivity in many catalytic cycles. Future development of the concepts investigated in this thesis could lead to catalysts of the lighter transition metals, such as palladium or nickel, that are able to exclude π-allyl complex formation and selectively catalyze challenging transformations such as 1,2-hydrosilylation of dienes, allyl electrophiles, and other difficult substrates.

There are a number of other processes for which π-allyl formation controls reaction selectivity or causes the formation of undesired side products. This thesis has highlighted the 1,4-selective hydrosilylation of dienes as an example, but there are a number of other transformations, some conducted
on extremely large scale for commercial synthesis, which would benefit from the development of catalysts that avoid π-allyl complex formation. Future work could investigate the hydrosilylation of allyl chloride, allyl acrylate, or styrene as potentially impactful substrates.
4. EXPERIMENTAL

4.1. Materials and Methods

Reactions were carried out under ambient atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All air-sensitive compounds and reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen using standard Schlenk and glovebox techniques. All glassware was stored in an oven or flame-dried prior to use. Anhydrous solvents were obtained either by filtration through drying columns on an mBraun system (Et₂O, DCM, Pentane, Toluene), by distillation from CaH (MeCN, DCE) or Na/benzophenone (Benzene, THF), or dried over 4Å molecular sieves (PhCN, TMS₂O). Purified compounds were further dried under high vacuum (0.01–0.05 Torr). Yields refer to purified and spectroscopically pure compounds unless otherwise stated. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using EMD TLC plates pre-coated with 250 μm thickness silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates and visualized by fluorescence quenching under UV light and KMnO₄ stain. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel (230-400 mesh) purchased from Silicycle Inc.

NMR spectra were recorded on either a Varian Unity/Inova 600 spectrometer operating at 600 MHz for ¹H acquisitions, a Varian Unity/Inova 500 spectrometer operating at 500 MHz and 125 MHz for ¹H and ¹³C acquisitions, respectively, or a Varian Mercury 400 spectrometer operating at 400 HMz, 375 MHz, and 162 MHz for ¹H, ¹⁹F, and ³¹P acquisitions, respectively. Chemical shifts for ¹H and ¹³C acquisitions are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (¹H: CDCl₃, δ 7.26; (CD₃)₂SO, δ 2.50; CD₃CN, δ 1.94; (CD₃)₂CO, δ 2.05), (¹³C: CDCl₃, δ 77.16; CD₃CN, δ 1.32, (CD₃)₂SO, δ

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Chemical shifts for $^{31}$P acquisitions are reported in ppm with $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ as the external standard ($^{31}$P: CDCl$_3$, $\delta$ 0). Chemical shifts for $^{19}$F acquisitions are reported in ppm with CFCl$_3$ as the external standard ($^{19}$F: CDCl$_3$, $\delta$ 0). Data are reported as follows: s = singlet, br = broad, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, m = multiplet; coupling constants in Hz; integration. All deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, dried over 4Å molecular sieves (MS), and degassed by the freeze-pump-thaw method prior to use.

High-resolution mass spectra were obtained at the Harvard University Mass Spectrometry Facilities. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker Maxis Impact q-TOF. Low-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu GCMS–QP2010S equipped with an SHRXI-5MS column (30 m × 0.25 mm i.d. × 0.25 μm film thickness) operated under the following heating program: initial temperature 50 °C followed by a ramp of 20 °C/min to a final temperature of 250 °C which was held for 5 min. GC analysis was performed on an Agilent 7890A GC equipped with an HP-5 cross-linked methyl silicone column (30 m × 0.32 mm i.d. × 0.25 μm film thickness) operating under the following heating programs. Program 1: initial temperature of 50 °C followed by a ramp of 20 °C/min to a final temperature of 250 °C and held for 5 min. Program 2: initial temperature of 50 °C followed by a ramp of 2.5 °C/min to 85 °C followed by a ramp of 20 °C/min to a final temperature of 250 °C. Retention times are reported in minutes followed by the integration. The butenylsilanes described herein were purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation using a Büchi B-585 Kugelrohr.

All reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich or Strem Chemicals unless otherwise noted. Butadiene and isoprene were dried with dibutylmagnesium and distilled prior to use. Myrcene and norbornadiene were distilled, dried over 4Å MS, and degassed by the freeze-pump-thaw method prior to use. Triethoxysilane, triethyilsilane, and dimethylphenylsilane were distilled and degassed by the freeze-pump-thaw method prior to use. Triethylamine was dried over CaH$_2$, distilled, and degassed by sparging.

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with argon prior to use. Bis-benzonitrileplatinum (II) chloride,\textsuperscript{4} 4-chlorobut-1-ene\textsuperscript{5}, 3-butenylmagnesium chloride in THF,\textsuperscript{6} benzylpotassium,\textsuperscript{7} and MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}\textsuperscript{8} were prepared according to previously reported methods. Other chemicals were used as received.

\textbf{Safety note regarding triethoxysilane:} Triethoxysilane has been reported to form flammable gases upon exposure to hydrosilylation catalysts.\textsuperscript{9} A recommended substitute for triethoxysilane is diethoxymethylsilane.

4.2. Synthesis of Platinum Complexes

\[ \kappa^2-((^{t}\text{Bu})_2\text{PCMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{PtCl}_2 \] (16)

Platinum precatalyst 16 was prepared according to the method of Clark et al.\textsuperscript{10} In a dry, N\textsubscript{2}-filled glovebox, Pt(PhCN)\textsubscript{2}Cl\textsubscript{2} (1.18 g, 2.49 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and dichloromethane (2.5 mL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. While stirring, a solution of P(\textit{t}Bu\textsubscript{3}) (1.01 g, 4.98 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) in dichloromethane (3.0 mL) was added dropwise.

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Dichloromethane (3 × 1.5 mL) was used to rinse the vial that had contained the phosphine solution and the rinsate was added to the reaction mixture. After 30 min., the solids had dissolved to form a clear red solution that faded to pale yellow after 72 hours at 23 °C. The solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation to 25% of its initial volume, then diluted with ethanol (10 mL) and stirred for 20 min. at 23 °C, at which time a colorless precipitate was observed. Centrifugation followed by decantation of the supernatant yielded a colorless solid that was washed with EtOH (2 × 10 mL) and hexanes (3 × 10 mL) to yield the title compound as a colorless solid (0.832 g, 0.964 mmol, 77% yield). The product was used as obtained, but if desired, 16 can be recrystallized by cooling a saturated solution of 16 (toluene, 50 °C) at −35 °C for 24 hours to yield clear, colorless crystals.

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): 1.56–1.41 (m, 48H), 1.36 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H} = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H} = 7.4$ Hz, 1.2H). $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): 55.0 (d, $^3$J$_{P-C} = 27.6$ Hz), 38.4 (d, $^3$J$_{P-C} = 17.5$ Hz), 38.3 (d, $^3$J$_{P-C} = 17.5$ Hz), 32.5–30.5 (m), −0.66 (d, $^3$J$_{P-C} = 27.6$ Hz), −0.85 (d, $^3$J$_{P-C} = 27.6$ Hz). $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): −15.5 ($^1$J$_{P-Pt} = 3761$ Hz), −15.9 ($^1$J$_{P-Pt} = 3747$ Hz). Spectroscopic data match those reported for the title compound as a 2:1 mixture of head-to-tail and head-to-head dimeric structures.

$\kappa^2$-(("Bu)$_2$PCMe$_2$CH$_2$)PtCl(P("Bu)$_3$) (17)

Preparation of compound 17 was adapted from the procedure of Clark and Goel.$^{10}$ In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, (PhCN)$_2$PtCl$_2$ (100. mg, 0.212 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), HP("Bu)$_3$BF$_4$ (123 mg, 0.424 mmol, 2.00 equiv.), 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (84 μL, 77 mg, 0.64 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), benzene (1 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The clear yellow solution was stirred for 14 hours at 23 °C, then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with
hexanes (2 × 2 mL) and the extracts filtered through glass wool and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the title compound as a colorless solid.

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, C$_6$D$_6$, 23 °C, δ): 1.67 (d, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 12.4 Hz, 27H), 1.54 (d, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 12.8 Hz, 6H), 1.52 (d, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 11.7 Hz, 18H), 1.27 (dt, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 17.2 Hz, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 2.6 Hz, 2H). $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, C$_6$D$_6$, 25 °C, δ): 68.9 ($^1$J$_{P-Pt}$ = 2696 Hz, $^2$J$_{P-P}$ = 383 Hz), −10.2 ($^1$J$_{P-Pt}$ = 2359 Hz, $^1$J$_{P-Pt}$ = 383 Hz).

$[\kappa^2-((^t\text{Bu})_2\text{PCMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{Pt(CH}_3)_2][\text{Mg(THF)}_4]_n$ (32)

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, Pt-chloride dimer 16 (50.0 mg, 58.0 µmol, 1.00 equiv.), dichloromethane (1.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. and methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.28 M, 71.3 µL, 0.232 mmol, 4.00 equiv.) was added. The reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and the vial was removed from the cold well and stirred at 23 °C for 90 seconds to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The solution was stirred at −45 °C for 3 hours, then at 23 °C for 30 min., at which time precipitation of a white solid was observed. Filtration through glass wool afforded a clear colorless solution which was diluted with benzene (1.5 mL) and concentrated in vacuo to half the original volume. The remaining solution was frozen at −45 °C and the resulting solid was lyophilized. The title compound was isolated as a white powder (73.3 mg) containing the product and aggregated MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$. The product could not be purified by recrystallization due to the high solubility of 32 in organic solvents and the high lattice energy of MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$. Attempts to purify 32 by crystallization yielded decomposition of 32 and crystalline magnesium salts. The tendency of 32 to
aggregate with $\text{MgCl}_2(\text{THF})_2$ and its resistance to further purification by recrystallization prevented us from obtaining satisfactory results from elemental microanalysis. Reaction yield and purity were determined in a separate experiment from $^1\text{H}$ NMR integrations relative to an internal standard.

**Yield determination:**

In a dry, $\text{N}_2$-filled glovebox, Pt-chloride dimer 16 (25.4 mg, 29.0 µmol, 1.00 equiv.) and dichloromethane-$d_2$ (0.5 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial to form a clear colorless solution. The vial was cooled at $-45 \, ^\circ\text{C}$ in a $\text{CO}_2/\text{iPrOH}$-cooled cold well for 30 min. and methylmagnesium chloride in THF ($c = 3.33 \, \text{M}, 35.7 \, \mu\text{L}, 0.119 \, \text{mmol}, 4.00 \, \text{equiv.}$) was added. The reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and the vial was shaken for 90 seconds at 23 $^\circ\text{C}$ to dissolve frozen droplets of the Grignard reagent. The reaction vial was cooled $-45 \, ^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 hours, then warmed at 23 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min., at which time precipitation of a white solid was observed. The reaction vial was unsealed and 1,5-cyclooctadiene (internal standard, 7.2 µL, 6.4 mg, 59 µmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added and the contents of the vial mixed thoroughly. The white mixture was transferred to an NMR tube which was sealed with a plastic cap and electrical tape. $^1\text{H}$ NMR analysis showed the title compound, 32, in 98% yield relative to the internal standard. $^{31}\text{P}$ NMR of this sample showed only the signal for the title compound.

**NMR Spectroscopy:**

$^1\text{H}$ NMR (600 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 $^\circ\text{C}$, $\delta$): 4.08 (s, br, 12H), 1.94 (s, br, 12H), 1.42 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 11.2 \, \text{Hz}, 24\text{H}$), 0.60 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 13.5 \, \text{Hz}, 2J_{\text{P-H}} = 61.0 \, \text{Hz}, 2\text{H}$), 0.36 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 4.7 \, \text{Hz}, 2J_{\text{P-H}} = 47.0 \, \text{Hz}, 2\text{H}$), 0.16 (d, $^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 2.9 \, \text{Hz}, 2J_{\text{P-H}} = 30.5 \, \text{Hz}$). $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 $^\circ\text{C}$, $\delta$): 70.0, 54.8 (d, $J_{\text{P-C}} = 25.3 \, \text{Hz}$), 36.0, 35.0 (s, $J_{\text{P-C}} = 43.7 \, \text{Hz}$), 32.0, 25.5, 20.1 (d, $J_{\text{P-C}} = 19.9 \, \text{Hz}, J_{\text{P-C}} = 452.4 \, \text{Hz}$), $-9.3$ (d, $J_{\text{P-C}} = 88.2 \, \text{Hz}$), $-17.5$ (s, $J_{\text{P-C}} = 279.9 \, \text{Hz}$). $^{31}\text{P}$ NMR (162 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 $^\circ\text{C}$, $\delta$): 9.4 ($^3J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 1814 \, \text{Hz}$).
The title compound can be prepared from Pt-chloride dimer 16 or from dimethyl platinate 32. In this procedure, we describe *in situ* generation of dimethyl platinate 5 followed by transformation to silyl methyl platinate 19.

*Formation of platinate 32:*

In a dry, N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, Pt-chloride dimer 16 (50.0 mg, 58.0 μmol, 1.0 equiv.), dichloromethane (1.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO<sub>2</sub>/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.28 M, 71.3 μL, 0.232 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added, the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, and the vial was removed from the cold well and shaken at 23 °C for 90 seconds to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The solution was stirred at −45 °C for 3 hours, then at 23 °C for 30 min., at which time precipitation of a white solid was observed.

*Silylation to form platinate 19:*

The reaction vial was chilled at −45 °C for 30 minutes, then butadiene (100 μL) and triethoxysilane (112 μL, 99.7 mg, 0.609 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) were added. The solution was stirred for 60 min. at 23 °C. Filtration through glass wool afforded a clear, pale yellow solution which was reduced in volume to ~3 mL *in vacuo*, diluted with benzene (5 mL), and frozen at −45 °C before the resulting solid was lyophilized. The title compound was isolated as a pale yellow powder (499 mg). Attempts to purify 6 by recrystallization yielded mixtures of crystals containing crystals of 19 in multiple aggregation modes (see X-ray Crystallographic Analysis section) and crystalline magnesium salts. The tendency of 6 to aggregate
with MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ and its resistance to further purification by recrystallization prevented us from obtaining satisfactory results from elemental microanalysis. Reaction yield and purity was determined in a separate experiment from $^1$H NMR integrations relative to an internal standard.

**Yield determination:**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, 16 (25.4 mg, 29.0 µmol, 1.00 equiv.) and dichloromethane-$d_2$ (0.5 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial to form a clear colorless solution. The vial was cooled to −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. and methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.33 M, 35.7 µL, 0.119 mmol, 4.00 equiv.) was added. The reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and the vial was removed from the cold well and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The solution was stirred at −45 °C for 3 hours, then at 23 °C for 30 min., at which time precipitation of a white solid was observed. The reaction vial was stirred at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (20 µL) and triethoxysilane (11.4 µL, 10.1 mg, 62.0 µmol, 2.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction stood at 23 °C for 3 hours. The vial was unsealed and 1,5-cyclooctadiene (internal standard, 7.2 µL, 6.4 mg, 59 µmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added. The vial contents were thoroughly mixed and transferred to an NMR tube which was sealed with a plastic cap and electrical tape. $^1$H NMR analysis showed the title compound, 19, in 85% yield relative to the internal standard.

**NMR Spectroscopy:** $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): 4.02 (s, br, 12H), 3.90 (q, 9H) 1.95 (s, br, 12H), 1.49 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 11.2 Hz, 6H), 1.43 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 11.2 Hz, 18H), 0.36 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 4.7 Hz, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 47.0 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, 9H), 0.63 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 14.7 Hz, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 68.1 Hz), 0.33 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 5.28 Hz, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 66.9 Hz). $^{13}$C NMR (125 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): 69.7, 57.8, 36.2 (s, $J_{P-C}$ = 38.2 Hz), 34.9, 32.4, 31.9, 17.9, 17.7. $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): 16.6 ppm ($^1$J$_{P-P}$ = 1421 Hz).

**Preparation of x-ray quality crystals:**

Single crystals suitable for x-ray diffraction were grown in a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox from a saturated acetonitrile or THF/hexanes solution of 19. THF/hexanes conditions: in a 4 mL scintillation vial, 19 (25.0 mg) was dissolved in THF (0.5 mL) and the resulting clear solution was filtered through a plug of glass
wool and diluted with hexanes (3 mL) before cooling at −30 °C for one week, forming block-like colorless crystals. *Acetonitrile conditions:* in a 4 mL scintillation vial, 19 (50.0 mg) was suspended in MeCN (0.5 mL) to form a suspension. The suspension was filtered through glass wool to remove undissolved solids and cooled at −30 °C for 4 weeks to yield colorless needle-like crystals. X-ray data are included in x-ray data analysis section.

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[({k^2-}^{t\text{Bu}})_{2}\text{PCH}_2\text{CHMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{PtCl}_2]^{11}_1(40)
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Preparation of 40 was adapted from the method of Mason et al.\textsuperscript{11} In a dry, N\textsubscript{2}-filled glovebox, (PhCN)\textsubscript{2}PtCl\textsubscript{2} (441 mg, 0.934 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), dichloromethane (1.9 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C, forming a yellow suspension. Di-\textit{tert}-butylneopentylphosphine (241 µL, 202 mg, 0.934 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine (124 µL, 114 mg, 0.934 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction vial was sealed with a polyethylene-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C in an aluminum heating block for 16.5 hours, cooled at 23 °C for 5 min., and opened under ambient atmosphere. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation, then 2-methoxyethanol (1.9 mL) was added and the resulting suspension was stirred at 100 °C for 24.5 hours. Centrifugation followed by decantation of the supernatant yielded a residue that was washed with methanol (2 × 1 mL) and hexanes (1 mL) to afford the title compound as a colorless solid (370. mg, 0.415 mmol, 89% yield).

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 25 °C, \(\delta\)): 2.00 (d, \(^2J_{\text{P-H}} = 105\) Hz, 4H), 1.73 (d, \(^2J_{\text{P-H}} = 8.72\) Hz, 4H), 1.40 (d, \(^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 13.7\) Hz, 36H), 1.21 (s, 12H). \(^{13}\)C NMR (125 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 25 °C, \(\delta\)): 42.9 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 7.60\) Hz), 37.0 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 3.21\) Hz), 35.0 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 27.5\) Hz), 31.9 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 8.82\) Hz), 31.2, 29.6–29.5 (m). \(^{31}\)P NMR (162 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 25 °C, \(\delta\)): 69.7 (\(^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 4977\) Hz), 69.5 (\(^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 5005\) Hz).

Spectroscopic data shows the title compound as a 1:2.5 mixture of head-to-head and head-to-tail dimeric structures.

\[\text{[(κ}^2-(\text{tBu})_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{Pt(MeCN)}_2][\text{OTf}]\ (41)\]

Platinum complex 40 (250 mg, 0.280 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), AgOTf (144 mg, 0.560 mmol, 2.00 equiv.), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL amber-colored scintillation vial. Acetonitrile (5.5 mL) was added at 23 °C to form a white suspension, which was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and stirred at 23 °C for 12 hours. The vial was opened and the white suspension filtered through a plug of glass wool to yield a clear, colorless solution. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and dichloromethane (2 mL) was added. The resulting suspension was filtered through a plug of celite and the colorless filtrate was concentrated by rotary evaporation. The colorless solid was purified by recrystallization from a saturated solution in acetonitrile/diethyl ether cooled at −30 °C to yield the title compound as a white powder (269 mg, 0.419 mmol, 75%).

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 25 °C, \(\delta\)): 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.95 (d, \(^2J_{\text{P-H}} = 95.9\) Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, \(^2J_{\text{P-H}} = 9.19\) Hz, 2H), 1.35 (d, \(^3J_{\text{P-H}} = 14.1\) Hz, 18H), 1.18 (s, 6H). \(^{13}\)C NMR (125 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 25 °C, \(\delta\)): 125.5 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 321\) Hz), 119.4 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 15.5\) Hz), 43.3 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 6.51\) Hz), 36.6 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 33.2\) Hz), 35.4 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 28.4\) Hz), 35.4 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 28.4\) Hz), 32.6 (d, \(^1J_{\text{P-C}} = 9.05\) Hz), 29.8
(d, J\textsubscript{P-C} = 3.05 Hz), 28.4. \textsuperscript{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CD\textsubscript{2}Cl\textsubscript{2}, 25 °C, δ): 69.4 (\textsuperscript{1}J\textsubscript{P-Pt} = 4604 Hz). \textsuperscript{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CD\textsubscript{2}Cl\textsubscript{2}, 25 °C, δ): −78.8.

Anal: calcd for C\textsubscript{38}H\textsubscript{34}F\textsubscript{3}N\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{3}P\textsubscript{Pt}S: C, 33.70; H, 5.34; N, 4.37; found: C, 33.84; H, 5.22; N, 4.28.

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[(\kappa^2(\text{tBu})\text{PCH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{Pt(Me)}_2][\text{MgCl(THF)}_3] \quad (37)
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In a dry, N\textsubscript{2}-filled glovebox, platinum complex 41 (97.5 mg, 0.152 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), toluene (1.0 mL) and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial, forming a white suspension. The mixture was stirred at −45 °C in a CO\textsubscript{2}/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. and methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.28 M, 93.0 µL, 0.304 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) was added. The reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and the vial was removed from the cold well and shaken for 90 seconds to dissolve frozen droplets of the Grignard reagent. The suspension was stirred at −45 °C for 2 hours, then at −30 °C in the glovebox freezer for 14 hours, at which point precipitation of a dark solid was observed. Filtration through glass wool afforded a clear colorless solution which was concentrated in vacuo to yield the title compound as a colorless solid (103 mg) containing the product and aggregated MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}. The product could not be purified by recrystallization due to the high solubility of 37 in organic solvents and the high lattice energy of MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2}. Attempts to purify 37 by crystallization yielded decomposition of 37 and crystalline magnesium salts. The tendency of 37 to aggregate with MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2} and its resistance to further purification by recrystallization prevented us from obtaining satisfactory results from elemental microanalysis. Reaction yield and purity were determined in a separate experiment from \textsuperscript{1}H NMR integrations relative to an internal standard.
Yield determination:

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum complex 41 (31.3 mg, 48.9 µmol, 1.00 equiv.), toluene-$d_8$ (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The suspension was stirred at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. and methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.33 M, 29.4 µL, 97.8 µmol, 2.00 equiv.) was added. The reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and the vial was shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The resulting suspension was stirred at −45 °C for 2 hours, then at −30 °C for 8 hours in the glovebox freezer. The vial was unsealed and 1,5-cyclooctadiene (internal standard, 10.0 µL, 8.82 mg, 81.0 µmol, 1.66 equiv.) was added. The suspension was thoroughly mixed and transferred to an NMR tube which was sealed with a plastic cap and electrical tape. $^1$H NMR analysis showed the title compound, 37, in 97% yield relative to the internal standard.

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): 4.02 (s, br, 8H), 1.93 (s, br, 8H) 1.81 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 7.70 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 12.1 Hz, 18H), 1.20–0.92 (m, 8H), 0.42 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 3.91 Hz, $^2$J$_{Pt-H}$ = 43.3 Hz, 3H), 0.19 (d, $^2$J$_{Pt-H}$ = 28.0 Hz, 3H). $^{13}$C NMR (100 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25 °C, δ): 70.2, 49.9 (d, $J_{P-C}$ = 570 Hz), 43.7 (d, $J_{P-C}$ = 14.6 Hz), 41.2 (d, $J_{P-C}$ = 26.3 Hz), 35.0 (d, $J_{P-C}$ = 6.10 Hz), 30.3 (d, $J_{P-C}$ = 6.48 Hz), 25.8, −3.47 ($J_{P-C}$ = 106 Hz), −13.9. $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 25°C, δ): 70.8 ($^1$J$_{P-Pt}$ = 2412 Hz).

$$\left[\kappa^2-(Bu)_{2}PCMe_{2}CH_{2})Pt(NCMe)_{2}\right]$$ (44)

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum complex 16 (0.500 g, 0.579 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), AgOTf (0.297 g, 1.16 mmol, 2.00 equiv.), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and acetonitrile (10 mL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C to form a white suspension. After 10 minutes, the suspension was filtered
through glass wool to yield a clear, colorless filtrate. Concentration of the filtrate yielded the title compound as a colorless crystalline solid (0.701 g, 1.12 mmol, 96%). The title compound was used as obtained, but could be further purified by recrystallization. A saturated solution of 44 in MeCN at 23 °C was layered with Et₂O and cooled at −30 °C for 24 hours to yield colorless crystals.

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C, δ): 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, ³Jₚ₋H = 14.1 Hz, 18H), 1.47 (d, ³Jₚ₋H = 14.7 Hz, 6H), 1.37 (d, ³Jₚ₋H = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C, δ): 122.8, 120.1, 119.2, 119.1, 37.5 (d, Jₚ₋C = 18.4 Hz), 31.7, 31.1, 3.1 (d, Jₚ₋C = 9.2 Hz), 3.0, 3.3 (d, ²Jₚ₋C = 26.1 Hz). One resonance was not observed. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C, δ): −17.5 (¹J₋P = 3451 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C, δ): −78.9. Anal: calcd for C₁₇H₃₂F₃N₂O₃PPtS: C, 32.54; H, 5.14; N, 4.46; found: C, 32.63; H, 5.01; N, 4.48.

[(κ²-("Bu)₂PCMe₂CH₂)PtCH₃(NCMe)] (45)

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 44 (50.0 mg, 80.0 μmol, 1.00 equiv.), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and acetonitrile (1.0 mL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C to form a clear, colorless solution. The solution was cooled to −40 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. and methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.25 M, 24.6 μL, 0.080 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added. The reaction vial was sealed with a polyethylene-lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The resulting solution was stirred at −40 °C for 15 minutes, then at 23 °C for 15 min. The vial was opened and the solution diluted with diethyl ether (6.0 mL), then pentane (6.0 mL), at which time a white precipitate was observed. Filtration through glass wool yielded a clear,
colorless solution. Evaporation of the solvent in vacuo afforded the title compound as a colorless crystalline solid (34.6 mg, 96% yield).

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CD$_3$CN, 23 °C, δ): 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.45–1.37 (m, 24H), 1.14 (d, $^3$J$_{P$–H} = 14.4 Hz, $^2$J$_{P$–H} = 98.3 Hz, 2H), −0.01 (d, $^3$J$_{P$–H} = 7.4 Hz, $^2$J$_{P$–H} = 71.4 Hz, 3H). $^{13}$C NMR (125 MHz, CD$_3$CN, 25 °C, δ): 55.2 (d, $^3$J$_{P$–C} = 20.7 Hz), 37.0, 33.6 (s, $^3$J$_{P$–C} = 60.9 Hz), 32.1 (d, $^3$J$_{P$–C} = 4.6 Hz), 4.6 (d, $^3$J$_{P$–C} = 17.8 Hz), −2.3 (d, $^3$J$_{P$–C} = 105.2 Hz). $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_3$CN, 25 °C, δ): 21.8 ($^1$J$_{P$–$P$} = 1359 Hz). Anal: calcd for C$_{15}$H$_{32}$NPPt: C, 39.82; H, 7.13; N, 3.10; found: C, 39.58; H, 6.87; N, 3.05.

$$\left[\left(\kappa^2-(\text{tBu})_{2}\text{PCMe}_2\text{CH}_2\right)\text{Pt(\text{Si(\text{OEt})}_3)(\text{NCMe})}\right] \quad (42)$$

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum complex 45 (100.0 mg, 0.2210 mmol, 1.000 equiv.), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and acetonitrile (2.0 mL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The clear, colorless solution was cooled at −40 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Triethoxysilane (40.8 μL, 36.3 mg, 0.221 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added and the solution was stirred at 23 °C for 1 hour, then cooled to −30 °C for 14 hours in the glovebox freezer, at which time a tan-colored crystalline precipitate was observed. The supernatant was decanted and the crystals were washed with cold MeCN (2 × 0.2 mL) and dried in vacuo to yield the title compound as a tan-colored crystalline solid (97.4 mg, 0.162 mmol, 73%). After solvent removal, continued exposure of the product to vacuum resulted in discoloration and decomposition (observed by $^1$H and $^{31}$P NMR). Although obtained as a single isomer, the title compound isomerizes rapidly in solution at 23 °C to form the diastereomer in which the silicon ligand is trans to the phosphine.
NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (600 MHz, CD$_3$CN, 23 °C, δ): 3.74 (q, $J = 48.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $^3J_{P-H} = 13.5$ Hz, 18H), 1.42 (d, $^3J_{P-H} = 13.5$ Hz, 6H), 1.11 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 9H), 0.58 (d, $^3J_{P-H} = 10.6$ Hz, $^2J_{P-H} = 48.1$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}$C NMR (125 MHz, CD$_3$CN, 25 °C, δ): 57.0, 54.6 (d, $J_{P-C} = 35.0$ Hz), 37.1 (d, $J_{P-C} = 14.9$ Hz), 35.9 (s, $J_{P-C} = 45.5$ Hz), 31.8, 28.1 (s, $J_{P-C} = 28.8$ Hz), 19.4 (d, $J_{P-C} = 22.0$ Hz). One signal not observed. $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_3$CN, 25 °C, δ): −3.4 ($^1J_{P-P} = 3578$ Hz). Anal: calcd for C$_{20}$H$_{44}$NO$_3$PPtSi: C, 39.99; H, 7.38; N, 2.33; found: C, 39.89; H, 7.12; N, 2.33.

[(κ²-(tBu)$_2$PCMe$_2$CH$_2$)Pt(Si(OEt)$_3$)(CH$_2$CH$_2$CH=CH)$_2$] (36)

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum complex 42 (25.0 mg, 55.0 µmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added to a 4 mL scintillation vial and cooled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Pre-cooled dichloromethane-$d_2$ (0.5 mL) was added at −45 °C to form a pale yellow solution. 3-Butenylmagnesiumchloride in THF (c = 1.15 M, 48.0 µL, 55.0 µmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and shaken at 23 °C for 90 seconds to dissolve any frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The pale yellow solution was stirred at −45 °C for 30 min., then at 23 °C for 30 min. The contents of the reaction vial were transferred to a screw-capped NMR tube for analysis. Attempts to isolate 36 by diluting the reaction solution with benzene (3 mL) then freezing the solution at −45 °C and lyophilizing the resulting solid in vacuo resulted in partial decomposition. The title compound was used for catalysis as obtained, without isolation.

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 23 °C, δ): 6.02–5.84 (m, 1H), 4.75 (d, 19.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, 8.58 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (q, $^3J_{H-H} = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 3.73 (s)*, 2.39 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s)*, 1.51 1.35 (m, 24H), 1.22 (t, $^3J_{H-H} = 7.4$ Hz, 9H), 0.68 (d, $^3J_{P-H} = 14.8$ Hz, $^2J_{P-H} = 55.4$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}$C NMR (125 MHz,
CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 23 °C, δ): 109.1, 68.7*, 57.8, 37.9, 36.6, 35.2, 32.6, 32.3, 26.1*, 18.5, 18.2, 2.27. One signal not observed. $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 23 °C, δ): 13.49 (s, $^1$J$_{Pt-P}$ = 1300 Hz). *Signals correspond to THF co-solvent from in situ generation of 36.

$[\kappa^2-(tBu)_2P(C_6H_4-ortho-CH_2)PtCl]_2$ (46)

Complex 46 was synthesized by the method of Cheney and Shaw.$^{12}$ In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, ligand 47 (250. mg, 1.06 mmol, 2.00 equiv.), (PhCN)$_2$PtCl$_2$ (250. mg, 0.529 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), dichloromethane (2 mL), and a Teflon-coated stirring bar were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial. The resulting solution was stirred at 23 °C for 4 days, then the vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in an aluminum heating block for 4 days, at which point a tan-colored solid had precipitated. The suspension was opened under ambient atmosphere, volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was suspended in EtOH (4 mL). Centrifugation, followed by decantation of the yellow supernatant, afforded the title compound as a tan solid which was washed with EtOH (2 × 10 mL) and hexanes (2 × 10 mL) and dried in vacuo (146 mg, 59%). The title compound was isolated as a 3:2 mixture of head-to-tail and head-to-head dimeric structures.

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, 23 °C, δ): 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, $^2$J$_{Pt-H}$ = 114 Hz), 3.42 (s, $^2$J$_{Pt-H}$ = 111 Hz), 1.44 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 14.4 Hz), 1.43 (d, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 14.4 Hz). $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl$_3$, 23 °C, δ): 71.6 ($^1$J$_{P-P}$ = 5051 Hz), 71.5 ($^1$J$_{P-P}$ = 5098 Hz). These data are consistent with previously reported spectral data.

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[κ²-(tBu)₂P(C₆H₄-ortho-CH₂)Pt(NCMe)₂][OTf] (48)

The synthesis of complex 48 was modified from the method of Cheney and Shaw.¹² In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 46 (25.6 mg, 27.0 μmol, 1.00 equiv.), AgOTf (14.1 mg, 55.0 μmol, 2.00 equiv.), MeCN (1.0 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial. The suspension was stirred for 7 hours at 23 °C, then DCM (1.0 mL) was added and the white suspension was filtered through a plug of glass wool. The colorless filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting colorless gel was triturated with Et₂O and dried in vacuo to afford the title compound as a colorless solid (34.0 mg, 93%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 23 °C, δ): 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, J_p-H = 102 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, J_p-H = 14.8 Hz, 18H). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 23 °C, δ): 71.6 (J_p-Pt = 4695 Hz). ¹⁹F (376 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): −80.1.

[κ²-(tBu)₂P(C₆H₄-ortho-CH₂)PtMe₂][MgCl] (38)

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 48 (34.0 mg, 51.0 μmol, 1.00 equiv.), dichloromethane (1.0 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 20 min., then methylmagnesiumchloride in THF (c = 3.26 M, 32 μL, 0.10 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added. After shaking
the vial at 23 °C for 30 seconds to dissolve frozen droplets of the Grignard reagent, the vial was chilled at −35 °C for 20 hours in a freezer. Three more portions of methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.26 M, each: 16 μL, 51. μmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added at −45 °C. Each addition was followed by 24 hours at −35 °C. The reaction vial was warmed at 23 °C for 30 min, at which point a white solid had precipitated. Filtration through glass wool and concentration of the filtrate under reduced pressure afforded a solid, which was triturated with Et₂O (0.5 mL) and dried in vacuo to afford the title compound (25.4 mg, 75%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 7.61 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, br, 24H), 3.00 (s, 2J_Pt–H = 100 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (s, 2J_Pt–H = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.93 (s, br, 24H), 1.33 (d, 3J_P–H = 12.5 Hz, 18H), 0.26 (d, 2J_P–H = 67 Hz, 3J_P–H = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 74.51 (1J_P–P = 2406 Hz).

\textbf{[κ²-(o-Tol)₂P(C₆H₄-ortho-CH₂)PtCl]₂ (49)}

Complex 49 was synthesized by the method of Ferrer et al.¹³ Under ambient atmosphere, (PhCN)₂PtCl₂ (81.1 mg, 0.172 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), P(o-Tol)₃ (52.3 mg, 0.172 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), degassed 2-methoxyethanol (1.0 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The atmosphere of the vial was purged with dry N₂, then the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and heated at 100 °C in an aluminum heating block for 2 hours. DIPEA (30 μL) was added and the mixture turned black. The precipitate was collected by centrifugation and decantation of the solvent and washed with EtOH (2 × 1 mL) and hexane (2 × 1 mL), then dried in vacuo to afford the title

compound as a white solid (73.7 mg, 80%). Due to insolubility in common organic solvents, this material was taken forward in the synthesis of 50 without spectroscopic characterization.

\[ [\kappa^2-(\text{o-Tol})_2P(C_6H_4-\text{ortho-CH}_2)Pt(NCMe)_2][\text{OTf}] \text{ (50)} \]

The method for synthesizing 50 was adapted from that of Ferrer et al.\textsuperscript{13} In a dry, \( \text{N}_2 \)-filled glovebox, platinum complex 49 (68.4 mg, 69.0 \( \mu \)mol, 1.00 equiv.), AgOTf (32.9 mg, 128 \( \mu \)mol, 2.00 equiv.), MeCN (1.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated stirring bar were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial. The suspension was stirred for 12 hours at 23 °C, then DCM (1.0 mL) was added and the white suspension was filtered through a plug of glass wool. The colorless filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting colorless gel was triturated with \( \text{Et}_2\text{O} \) and dried \textit{in vacuo} to afford the title compound as a colorless solid (76.6 mg, 78%).

NMR Spectroscopy: \( ^1\text{H} \) NMR (400 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 23 °C, \( \delta \)): 7.55–6.90 (m, 12H), 3.45 (s, \( ^2J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 99 \) Hz), 2.61 (s, br, 3H), 2.52 (s, br, 3H), 2.15 (s, 6H). \( ^{31}\text{P} \) NMR (162 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 23 °C, \( \delta \)): 17.0 (\( ^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 4673 \) Hz).

\[ [\kappa^2-(\text{o-Tol})_2P(C_6H_4-\text{ortho-CH}_2)PtMe_2][\text{MgCl}] \text{ (39)} \]

In a dry, \( \text{N}_2 \)-filled glovebox, platinum complex 50 (76.6 mg, 105 \( \mu \)mol, 1.00 equiv.), toluene (1.0 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a \( \text{CO}_2/\text{PrOH} \)-cooled cold well for 20 min., then methylmagnesiumchloride in
THF (c = 3.25 M, 65 μL, 0.21 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added. After shaking the vial at 23 °C for 30
seconds to dissolve frozen droplets of the Grignard reagent, the vial was chilled at −35 °C for 24 hours in
a freezer. The reaction vial was warmed at 23 °C for 30 min, at which point a white solid had precipitated.
Filtration through glass wool and concentration of the filtrate under reduced pressure afforded a solid,
which was triturated with Et₂O (0.5 mL) and dried \textit{in vacuo} to afford the title compound.

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\text{H NMR}\) (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 7.50–6.65 (m, 12H), 3.88 (s, br, 8H), 2.69 (s,
br, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H), 1.85 (s, br, 8H), 0.70 (s, br, \(^2\text{J}_{\text{Pt-H}} = 42\) Hz, 3H), 0.22 (s, br, \(^2\text{J}_{\text{Pt-H}} = 35\) Hz, 3H).
\(^{31}\text{P NMR}\) (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 37.1 (\(^1\text{J}_{\text{P-Pt}} = 2254\) Hz).

\[\text{[(κ²-(Bu)₂PCMe₂CH₂)PtBn₂][K]} \text{ (51)}\]

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, Platinum dimer 16 (10.0 mg, 12.0 μmol, 1.00 equiv.), benzylpotassium (6.0
mg, 46.0 μmol, 4.00 equiv.), benzene (1 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4
mL glass scintillation vial. The resulting yellow solution was stirred at 23 °C for 4 days, then filtered
through a plug of glass wool and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting yellow solid was
recrystallized from benzene/hexanes to yield the title compound as a yellow crystalline solid (10.2 mg,
72%).

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\text{H NMR}\) (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 23 °C, δ): 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.04 (t, \(J = 7.4\) Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t,
\(J = 7.4\) Hz, 2H), 6.66 (t, \(J = 6.8\) Hz, 1H), 6.57 (t, \(J = 7.0\) Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, \(^3\text{J}_{\text{Pt-H}} = 3.5\) Hz, \(^2\text{J}_{\text{Pt-H}} = 80.0\) Hz,
2H), 2.69 (d, \(^3\text{J}_{\text{Pt-H}} = 10.5\) Hz, \(^2\text{J}_{\text{Pt-H}} = 97.1\) Hz, 2H), 1.44 (d, \(J = 12.1\) Hz, 6H), 1.39 (d, \(J = 10.9\) Hz, 18H),
0.97 (d, \(J = 13.3\) Hz, 2H). \(^{31}\text{P NMR}\) (162 MHz, CDCl₃, 23 °C, δ): 8.3 (\(^1\text{J}_{\text{P-Pt}} = 1738\) Hz).
[(κ²-(^Bu)₂PCMe₂CH₂)]Pt(CH₂CH₂CH=CH₂₂)[Li] (43)

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 16 (100. mg, 116 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), benzene (5.0 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. and butenyllithium in hexanes (c = 0.26 M, 2.3 mL, 0.58 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was added. The vial was warmed at 23 °C for 2 hours, then chilled at −45 °C. Triethoxysilane (50. μL, 45 mg, 0.27 mmol, 2.3 equiv.) was added and the vial was warmed at 23 °C. The resulting yellow suspension was filtered through a plug of glass wool, frozen at −45 °C, and the frozen solution was lyophilized under reduced pressure to afford a gelatinous yellow solid. Trituration with hexanes (2 mL) afforded the product as an off-white solid (20.0 mg, 34%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 6.43 (s, br) 6.16 (s, br), 5.1 (m, br), 4.9 (m, br), 2.6 (s, br). Other peaks obscured by solvent. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 10.7 (¹Jₚ-Pt = 1601 Hz).

Addition of Lewis basic molecules that bind to Li⁺ sharpened the ¹H NMR spectrum of the title compound and these spectral data are reported for addition of 12-crown-8: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 6.6 (m, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.0 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (t, J = 13.7 Hz, 2H), 3.3
(s, 30H), 2.9 (m, br, 2H), 2.2 (d, \(J = 2.7\) Hz, 2H), 2.1 (d, \(J = 6.2\) Hz, 4H), 1.8 (d, \(J = 11.3\) Hz, 6H), 1.7 (d, \(J = 10.5\) Hz, 18H), 1.45–1.10 (m, 8H), 0.95–0.78 (m, 4H).

\[\text{[(κ}^2-(\text{Bu})_2\text{PCMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{Pt(py)}_2]\text{][OTf]} \ (52)\]

In a dry, \(\text{N}_2\)-filled glovebox, platinum dimer \(16\) (0.100 g, 0.116 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), benzene (3 mL), and a Teflon-coated stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial at 23 °C. A separate vial was charged with AgOTf (59.5 mg, 0.232 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) and acetonitrile (1 mL), forming a clear, colorless solution. The solution of AgOTf was added to the solution containing platinum dimer \(16\) while stirring, at which point a white solid precipitated. Pyridine (37 μL, 36.6 mg, 0.463 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added and the white suspension was stirred for 5 min. before it was filtered through glass wool. The clear, colorless filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound as a colorless solid (0.128 g, 78%).

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\text{H NMR}\) (400 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): 8.77 (d, \(J = 6.3\) Hz, 2H), 8.45 (m, 2H), 7.89 (t, \(J = 8.3\) Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, \(J = 6.6\) Hz, 2H), 1.57 (d, \(J = 14.2\) Hz, 6H), 1.46 (m, 20H).

\(^{31}\text{P NMR}\) (162 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): \(-13.8\) \((\text{i}_{\text{P-Pt}} = 3125\) Hz). \(^{19}\text{F NMR}\) (376 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): \(-78.9\).

\((\text{κ}^2-(\text{Bu})_2\text{PCMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{Pt(CH}_3\text{)(py)} \ (53)\)
In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 52 (204 mg, 0.290 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), benzene (7 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was chilled at −45 °C for 15 min., then MeMgCl in THF (c = 3.25 M, 0.290 mL, 0.290 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added and the vial was warmed at 23 °C for 30 min. The white suspension was filtered through celite and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the title compound as a colorless solid (133.5 mg, 94%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 23 °C, δ): 8.82 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (m, 2H), 2.01 (d, J₂Pt-H = 92.4 Hz, J₃Pt-H = 15.2 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 6H), 1.35 (d, 11.3 Hz, 18H), 1.08 (d, J₂Pt-H = 71.4 Hz, J₃Pt-H = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): 26.4 (J₁P-p₃ = 1274 Hz).

(κ²-[(Bu)₂PCMe₂CH₂]Pt(Si(OEt)₃)(py) (54)

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 53 (359 mg, 0.732 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), THF (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was chilled at −45 °C for 15 min. and triethoxysilane (135 μL, 120. mg, 0.732 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added. The vial was warmed at 23 °C for 2 hours, then the clear colorless solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the title compound as a white solid (459. mg, 98%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 23 °C, δ): 8.99 (m, 2H), 6.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 3.58 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 1.61 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 18H), 1.56 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 6H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 9H), 0.83 (d, J₂Pt-H = 48.4 Hz, J₃Pt-H = 10.1 Hz, 2H). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 23 °C, δ): −5.28 (J₁P-p₃ = 3171 Hz).
In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum complex 54 (459. mg, 0.719 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), benzene (5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was chilled at −45 °C for 30 min., then butenylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 1.15 M, 625 μL, 0.719 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added and the vial was warmed at 23 °C for 30 min. The clear red solution was frozen, then lyophilized under reduced pressure. The residue was triturated with pentane (10 mL) to afford the title compound as a white solid (542 mg., 43%).

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, C$_6$D$_6$, 23 °C, δ): 9.0–8.6 (s, br., 2H), 6.89–6.71 (s, br, 1H), 6.65–6.49 (s, br, 2H), 6.33–6.05 (m, br, 1H), 5.08–4.74 (m, 2H), 4.07–3.86 (m, br, 6H), 3.75–3.59 (s, br, 4H), 3.0–2.74 (m, br, 2H), 1.68 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 6H), 1.56 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 18H), 1.45–1.10 (m), 0.95–0.75 (m). $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 23 °C, δ): 14.0 ($^1$J$_{P$–Pt} = 1262 Hz).

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum complex 34 (10.0 mg, 13.0 μmol, 1.00 equiv.), tetrabutylammonium bromide (4.3 mg, 13 μmol, 1.00 equiv.), THF (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial to form a clear, colorless solution. Dioxane (1.0 mL) was added and the resulting white suspension was stirred at 23 °C for 12 hours, then
filtered. The clear, colorless filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound as an orange residue. The title compound was used without further isolation or purification.

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, \(\text{C}_6\text{D}_6\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): 6.64 (m, 1H), 5.28 (d, \(J = 17.1\) Hz, 1H), 5.0 (d, \(J = 8.3\) Hz, 1H), 4.5–4.3 (m, 14H), 3.08 (s, 8H), 2.10–2.25 (m, 2H), 1.78 (d, \(J = 12.7\) Hz, 6H), 1.68 (d, \(J = 10.2\) Hz, 18H), 1.53 (t, \(J = 6.8\) Hz, 9H), 1.45–1.25 (m, 16H), 0.96 (t, \(J = 7.8\) Hz, 12H). \(^{31}\)P NMR (162 MHz, \(\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): 11.3 (\(\text{J}_{\text{P-Pt}} = 1243\) Hz).

\([(\kappa^2-\{\text{Bu}\}_2\text{PCMe}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{Pt(SMe}_2\text{)}_2]\text{[OTf]}\) (55)

Under ambient atmosphere, platinum dimer 16 (320.4 mg, 0.371 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), THF (3 mL), and a Teflon-coated stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial at 23 °C. A separate vial was charged with AgOTf (191 mg, 0.742 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) and THF (1 mL), forming a clear, colorless solution. The solution of AgOTf was added to the solution containing platinum dimer 16 while stirring, at which point a white solid precipitated. The suspension was filtered through glass wool to afford a clear, colorless filtrate. Dimethylsulfide (272 μL, 230 mg, 3.71 mmol, 10.0 equiv.) was added and the colorless solution was stirred for 5 min. and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the title compound as a colorless solid.

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, \(\text{C}_6\text{D}_6\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): 2.48–2.32 (m, 12H), 1.45–1.32 (m, 26H). \(^{31}\)P NMR (162 MHz, \(\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): −14.6 (\(\text{J}_{\text{P-Pt}} = 2816\) Hz).
In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 55 (250.0 mg, 0.373 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), benzene (6 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was chilled at −45 °C for 15 min., then MeMgCl in THF (c = 3.25 M, 115 μL, 0.373 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added and the vial was warmed at 23 °C for 30 min. The white suspension was filtered through celite and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the title compound as a colorless solid (177 mg, 95%).

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, C\(_6\)D\(_6\), 23 °C, δ): 2.01 (s, \(^3\)J\(_{Pt-H}\) = 24.2 Hz, 6H), 1.80 (d, \(^2\)J\(_{Pt-H}\) = 90.5 Hz, \(^3\)J\(_{P-H}\) = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (d, J = 12 Hz, 6H), 1.35 (d, J = 11.3, 18H), 0.98 (d, \(^2\)J\(_{Pt-H}\) = 70.6 Hz, \(^3\)J\(_{P-H}\) = 7.4 Hz, 3H). \(^{31}\)P NMR (162 MHz, CD\(_2\)Cl\(_2\), 23 °C, δ): 22.8 (\(^1\)J\(_{P-Pt}\) = 1292 Hz).

\((\kappa^2-\text{('Bu)}_{2}\text{PCMe}_{2}\text{CH}_{2})\text{Pt(TH}_3\text{(SMe}_2\text{)}\text{)}\) (56)

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 57 (122 mg, 0.258 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), THF (6.0 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was chilled at −45 °C for 15 min. and triethoxysilane (48 μL, 42 mg, 0.258 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added. The vial was warmed at 23 °C for 2 hours, then the clear colorless solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the title compound as a white solid (133 mg, 83%).
NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, C$_6$D$_6$, 23 °C, δ): 4.15 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H), 2.42 (s, $^2$J$_{Pt-H}$ = 29 Hz, 6H), 1.98 (d, $^2$J$_{P-H}$ = 67 Hz, $^3$J$_{P-H}$ = 17 Hz, 2H), 1.6 1.3 (m, 33H). $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, CD$_2$Cl$_2$, 23 °C, δ): −32.9 ($^1$J$_{P-Pt}$ = 736 Hz).

$$[(\kappa^2-(^tBu)_2PCMe_2CH_2)Pt(Si(OEt)_3)(CH_2CH_2CH=CH_2)][MgCl(SMe_2)]$$ (34)

Compound 34 was synthesized and used for hydrosilylation in situ without isolation. Attempts to isolate 34 resulted in isomerization and decomposition.

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum complex 57 (66 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), benzene (5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was chilled at −45 °C for 30 min., then butenylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 1.15 M, 92 μL, 0.11 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added and the vial was warmed at 23 °C for 30 min. The product was analyzed by $^{31}$P NMR, determined to contain a mixture of two isomers, and used in hydrosilylation without isolation.

NMR Spectroscopy: $^{31}$P NMR (162 MHz, C$_6$D$_6$, 23 °C, δ): 23.3 (s, $^1$J$_{P-Pt}$ = 1102 Hz), 9.5 (s).
4.3. Synthesis of Butenylsilanes by Hydrosilylation

3-Butenyltriethoxysilane (18)

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (119.5 mg, 0.1380 mmol, 0.2500 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and dichloromethane (15 mL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF was added (c = 3.28 M, 168 μL, 0.552 mmol, 1.00 mol %) and the vial was sealed with a polyethylene-lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The reaction mixture was stirred at −45 °C for 3 hours then at 23 °C for 30 min., at which time precipitation of a white solid was observed. The vial was chilled at −45 °C for 30 min then its contents were transferred to a pre-cooled, 100 mL Schlenk vessel. A Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, butadiene (7.00 mL, 4.48 g, 83.0 mmol, 1.50 equiv.), triethoxysilane (10.2 mL, 9.07 g, 55.2 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), and dichloromethane (7.0 mL) were added and the Schlenk vessel was sealed and removed from the glovebox. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for one hour, then cooled at 23 °C for 5 min. The tube was opened under ambient atmosphere and the contents decanted into a 50 mL round-bottom flask. Solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the product was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation (5 Torr, 85 °C) to yield butenyltriethoxysilane as a mixture of 1,2- and 1,4-addition products (10.2 g, 10:1 1,2:-1,4-addition, 85%). Ratio of 1,2:-1,4-addition products determined to be 10:1 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal.
corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals for cis- and trans-isomers correspond to 2H) and 91:9 by GC analysis (HP-5, 6 psi, Program 1): \( t_R \) (major, 18) = 3.44 min. (90.6), \( t_R \) (minor, 58) = 3.59 min. (9.3).

NMR Spectroscopy: 
\[ ^1H \text{ NMR (600 MHz, CD}_2\text{Cl}_2, 25 °C, } \delta: 5.92 (m, 1H), 5.40–5.20 (m)*, 5.0 (dd, \^3J_H-H = 17.3 Hz, \^2J_H-H = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dd, \^3J_H-H = 10.0 Hz, \^2J_H-H = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.8 (q, \^3J_H-H = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.2 (t, \^3J_H-H = 7.0 Hz, 9H), 1.63–1.72 (m)*, 1.60–1.54 (m)*, 0.7 (m, 2H). \]
\[ ^13C \text{ NMR (125 MHz, CD}_2\text{Cl}_2, 25 °C, } \delta: 141.7, 113.2, 58.8, 27.5, 18.7, 10.2. \]


### 3-Methyl-3-butenyltriethoxysilane (20)

![Chemical Reaction Diagram](Image)

In a dry, N\(_2\) filled glovebox, platinum complex 19 (15.8 mg, 24.0 µmol, 1.00 mol %), MgCl\(_2\)(THF)\(_2\) (12.4 mg, 51.8 µmol, 2.16 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (2 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 µL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C to form a white suspension. The reaction vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO\(_2/i\)PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Isoprene (240 µL, 163 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (443 µL, 394 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was capped with a polyethylene-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The reaction mixture was stirred at 75 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 12 h. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The product was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation (145 °C, 5 Torr) to afford the title compound as a colorless liquid (493 mg, 2.13 mmol, 89% yield). Ratio of 20:25:26 determined to be 15:2:1 by GC analysis (HP-5, 6 psi, Program 2): \( t_R \) (minor, 25) = 12.15 (8.7), \( t_R \) (minor, 26) = 14.1 (5.8), \( t_R \) (major, 20) = 14.4 (85.5).
NMR Spectroscopy: $^1\text{H}$ NMR (600 MHz, CDCl$_3$, 25 °C, δ): 5.90–5.80 (m)*, 5.21–5.12 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz)**, 4.97 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 17.0$ Hz)*, 4.85 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.8$ Hz)*, 4.70 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (q, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.0$ Hz)**, 2.42 (sept, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 6.5$ Hz)**, 2.17–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s)**, 1.62 (s)**, 1.55 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.2$ Hz)**, 1.24 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.8$ Hz), 9H), 1.09 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.0$ Hz)*, 0.83–0.74 (m, 2H), 0.69 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.2$ Hz)*, 0.65 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$ Hz)*. $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl$_3$, 25 °C, δ): 148.1, 108.6, 58.5, 30.7, 22.4, 18.5, 8.8. HRMS-FIA(m/z) calcd for C$_{11}$H$_{24}$O$_3$SiNa [M+Na]$^+$, 255.1387; found, 255.1381. *Signals correspond to minor isomer triethoxy(2-methylbut-3-en-1-yl)silane (25). **Signals correspond to minor isomer triethoxy(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)silane (26).

*Catalysis using precatalyst 16*

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (10.4 mg, 12.0 μmol, 0.50 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and dichloromethane (1.0 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/PrOH-cooled cold well to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at −45 °C for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.28 M, 14.6 μL, 48.0 μmol, 2.00 mol %) was added and the reaction vessel was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The vial was cooled at −45 °C for 2.5 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 20 min. Isoprene (241 μL, 166 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (443 μL, 394 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction vessel was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 75 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 12 hours. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The product was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation (150 °C, 5 Torr) to afford the title compound (20 + 25 + 26 only, 363 mg, 1.56 mmol, 65% yield) as a mixture with residual triethoxysilane (12 w/w %). Ratio of 20:25:26 determined to be 17:1:1 by $^1\text{H}$ NMR integration of peaks in the alkenyl region (5.18–5.14 ppm for triethoxy(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)silane (26) signal corresponds to 1H; 4.97–4.94 for triethoxy(2-methylbut-3-en-1-yl)silane (25) signal corresponds to 1H; 4.71–4.67 for 3-methyl-3-butenyltriethoxysilane (20) signal corresponds to 2H).
Triethoxy(7-methyl-3-methyleneoct-6-en-1-yl)silane (21)

In a dry, N₂ filled glovebox, platinum complex 19 (16.1 mg, 24.4 µmol, 1.02 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (12.2 mg, 51.0 µmol, 2.13 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (2 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 µL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The reaction vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Myrcene (414 µL (total), 329 mg, 2.10 mmol (myrcene only), 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (443 µL, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction vial was sealed with a polyethylene-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The reaction mixture was stirred at 75 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 12 hours. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. Purification by bulb-to-bulb distillation (200 °C, 5 Torr) afforded the title compound as a colorless liquid (543 mg, 1.81 mmol, 89% yield). The commercial myrcene used in this experiment contains 15% other terpene isomers with identical mass and similar boiling point. Yield and catalyst loading are based on myrcene content of starting material only. Ratio of 21:59:60 determined to be 53:4:1 by GC analysis (HP-5, 6 psi, Program 2): tₑ (minor, 59) = 6.23 (7.6), tₑ (major, 21) = 6.67 (90.7), tₑ (minor, 60) = 8.78 (1.7).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, δ): 5.70–5.62 (m)*, 5.20 (td, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz)**, 5.15–5.07 (m, 1H), 5.04–4.91 (m)*, 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 3.81 (q, 3J_H–H = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.28–2.16 (m)*, 2.14–2.02 (m, 6H), 1.98–2.01 (m)**, 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz)**, 1.23 (t, 3J_H–H = 7.0 Hz), 0.82–0.77 (m, 2H), 0.76–0.72 (m)*. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, δ): 151.8, 131.6, 124.4, 107.7, 58.5, 36.0, 29.1, 26.7, 25.8, 18.4, 17.8, 8.6. HRMS-FIA(m/z) calcd for C₁₆H₃₂O₃SiNa
[M+Na]⁺, 323.2022; found, 323.2013. *Signals correspond to minor isomer triethoxy(6-methyl-2-vinylhept-5-en-1-yl)silane (59). **Signals correspond to minor isomer (E)-(3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl)triethoxysilane (60).

(2,3-Dimethylbut-3-en-1-yl)triethoxysilane (22)

In a dry, N₂ filled glovebox, platinum complex 19 (21.4 mg, 32.4 µmol, 1.35 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (12.1 mg, 50.5 µmol, 2.10 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloroethane (2 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 µL) were added to a 20 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The reaction vial was chilled at –38 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. 2,3-Dimethylbutadiene (274 µL, 198 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (443 µL, 394 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction vial was sealed with a polyethylene-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The reaction mixture was stirred at 125 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 12 hours. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. Purification by bulb-to-bulb distillation (110 °C, 5 Torr) afforded the title compound as a colorless liquid (512 mg, 2.08 mmol, 87%). Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 90:1 by GC analysis (HP-5, 6 psi, Program 2): tᵣ (major, 22) = 4.29 (98.9), tᵣ (minor, 61) = 4.48 (1.1).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, δ): 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.82 (q, J_H-H = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 2.46–2.39 (m, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J_H-H = 7.0 Hz, 9H), 0.88–0.64 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, δ): 152.6, 108.0, 58.4, 36.1, 22.0, 19.2, 18.4, 17.5. HRMS-FIA(m/z) calcd for C₁₂H₂₆O₃SiNa [M+Na]⁺, 269.1543; found, 269.1537.
Benzyl 4-methylene-6-(triethoxysilyl)hexanoate (23)

In a dry, N₂ filled glovebox, platinum complex 19 (15.8 mg, 12.0 µmol, 0.500 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (11.5 mg, 48.0 µmol, 2.00 mol %), dichloromethane (2 mL), THF (10 µL), and a Teflon-coated stirring bar were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then the mixture was transferred to a 20 mL scintillation vial containing benzyl 4-methylenehex-5-enoate (519 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (443 µL, 2.40 mmol, 220. mg, 1.00 equiv.) was added before the vial was sealed with a polyethylene-lined cap. The sealed reaction vial was removed from the glovebox and the mixture was stirred at 75 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 12 h. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by Kugelrohr distillation (250 °C, 4 Torr) afforded the title compound as a colorless liquid (464 mg, 51%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 23 °C, δ): 7.38–7.31 (m, 5H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.74 (d, J = 58.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (q, J = 6.98 Hz, 6H), 2.53–2.33 (m, 4H), 2.13–2.10 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.01 Hz, 9H), 0.78–0.75 (m, 2H).
(1R,4R)-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2S-yltriethoxysilane (24)

In a dry, N₂ filled glovebox, platinum complex 19 (16.7 mg, 12.7 µmol, 0.529 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (12.1 mg, 50.5 µmol, 2.10 mol %), a Teflon-coated stirring bar, dichloromethane (2 mL), and THF (10 µL) were added to a 20 mL glass scintillation vial to form a pale yellow suspension. The vial was chilled at –45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 10 min., then norbornadiene (243 µL, 2.40 mmol, 220. mg, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (443 µL, 2.40 mmol, 394 mg, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The vial was sealed with a polyethylene-lined cap and removed from the glovebox, then the mixture was stirred at 75°C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 6 h. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by Kugelrohr distillation (140 °C, 5 Torr) afforded the title compound as a colorless liquid (581 mg, 2.27 mmol, 95%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, 23 °C, δ): 6.03–5.99 (m, 4H), 3.84 (q, J = 7.00 Hz, 6H), 3.78 (q, J = 7.02 Hz, 6H), 3.03–3.01 (m, 1H), 2.89–2.86 (m, 1H), 1.87 (ddd, J = 11.0, 9.71, 3.74 Hz, 1H), 1.56–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.27–1.25 (m, 1H), 1.23 (t, J = 6.98 Hz, 9H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.00 Hz, 9H), 1.16–1.01 (m, 6H), 0.81–0.79 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C, δ): 135.4, 134.8, 58.5, 58.4, 51.0, 44.3, 42.3, 35.9, 31.7, 31.6, 28.8, 27.1, 20.9, 18.4, 12.1, 10.4, 10.4. HRMS-FIA(m/z) calcd for
C\textsubscript{13}H\textsubscript{2}O\textsubscript{3}SiNa [M+Na]+, 279.1387; found, 279.1382. Spectroscopic data shows the title compound as a 55:45 mixture of 28:29, which correspond to previously reported spectral data.\textsuperscript{14}

**(E)-Triethoxy(pent-2-en-1-yl)silane (30)**

In a dry, N\textsubscript{2}-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (10.4 mg, 12.0 μmol, 0.50 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and dichloromethane (1.0 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at −45 °C in a CO\textsubscript{2}/iPrOH-cooled cold well to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at −45 °C for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.28 M, 14.6 μL, 48.0 μmol, 2.00 mol %) was added and the reaction vessel was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The vial was cooled at −45 °C for 2.5 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 20 min. 1,3-trans-Pentadiene (240 μL, 164 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (443 μL, 394 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction vessel was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 12 hours. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation (0.215 g, 39%). The product was analyzed by \textsuperscript{1}H NMR; ratio of 30:31 determined to be 9:1 by \textsuperscript{1}H NMR integration of peaks in the alkyl region. These data correspond to reported spectral data.

NMR Spectroscopy: $^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$, 23 °C, δ): 5.5–5.3 (m, 2H), 3.95–3.75 (q, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 6H), 2.06 (quint., $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.62 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 9H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

4.4. Synthesis of Reagents, Ligands, and Substrates

2-Methyl-6-methyleneoct-7-ene-2,3-diol (63)

The synthesis of 63 was adapted from the method of Wu et al.\textsuperscript{15} To AD-mix (50.3 g, 0.685 g/mmol myrcene) in 1.2:1 v/v tBuOH/H$_2$O (550 mL) at 23 °C was added methanesulfonamide (7.19 g, 76.0 mmol, 1.03 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously until the mixture became homogeneous, then myrcene (10.0 g, 12.59 mL, 73.4 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 21.5 h. To the reaction mixture was added Na$_2$S$_2$O$_3$ · 5 H$_2$O (155 g, 624 mmol, 8.50 equiv.) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at 23 °C. Water (100 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na$_2$SO$_4$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was used for the synthesis of 63 without further purification.

4-Methylenehex-5-enal (64)

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\begin{align*}
\text{H}_3\text{C} & \text{CH}_3 \quad \text{OH} \\
\text{OH} & \quad \text{MnNH}_2 \\
\text{NaIO}_4 & \\
1:1 \text{THF:} \text{H}_2\text{O} & \\
23 \degree \text{C}, 3.5 \text{ h} & \\
\end{align*}
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The synthesis of 64 was adapted from the method of Wu et al.\textsuperscript{15} To the residue of 63 carried through from dihydroxylation (11.3 g, 66.4 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in 1:1 v/v THF/H\textsubscript{2}O (644 mL) was added NaIO\textsubscript{4} (42.6 g, 199 mmol, 3.00 equiv.) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3.5 h at 23 °C. Water (100 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et\textsubscript{2}O (3 \times 150 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 \times 60 mL), dried over Na\textsubscript{2}SO\textsubscript{4}, filtered, and concentrated carefully under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with 5% v/v EtOAc/hexanes to give the title compound as a colorless oil (1.70 g, 15.4 mmol, 21% over two steps).

NMR Spectroscopy: \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl\textsubscript{3}, 25 °C): 9.79 (t, J = 1.53, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.06–5.05 (m, 1H), 5.00–4.99 (m, 1H) 2.67–2.53 (m, 4H). These spectroscopic data correspond to previously reported data.

4-Methylenehex-5-enoic Acid (65)

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\begin{align*}
\text{H}_3\text{C} & \text{CH}_3 \quad \text{OH} \\
\text{NaClO}_2, \text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 & \\
2\text{-methyl-2-butene} & \\
1:1 \text{t-BuOH:H}_2\text{O} & \\
23 \degree \text{C}, 1 \text{ h} & \\
\end{align*}
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The synthesis of 65 was adapted from the method of Wu et al.\textsuperscript{15} In air, NaH\textsubscript{2}PO\textsubscript{4} \cdot H\textsubscript{2}O (2.26 g, 16.4 mmol, 1.50 equiv.), 2-methyl-2-butene (2.32 g, 3.52 mL, 33.1 mmol, 3.04 equiv.), and NaClO\textsubscript{2} (0.990 g, 10.9 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added to a solution of 4-methylenehex-5-enal (64) (1.20 g, 10.9 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in 1:1 v/v t-BuOH/H\textsubscript{2}O (22 mL). The reaction was stirred at 23 °C for 1.5 h, diluted with sat.
Na₂CO₃-solution (15 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 × 10 mL) and EtOAc (1 × 10 mL). Hydrochloric acid (3 M in H₂O, 15 mL) was added to the aqueous layer and it was extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent afforded the title compound as a yellow oil (648 mg, 5.14 mmol, 47%).

NMR Spectroscopy: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): 6.38 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H) 1H), 2.58–2.55 (m, 4H). These spectroscopic data correspond to previously reported data.¹⁵

**Benzyl 4-methylenehex-5-enoate (62)**

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\begin{align*}
\text{BnBr} & \quad \text{K₂CO₃} \\
\text{DMF} & \quad 23 \degree C, 12 h \\
\text{60% yield}
\end{align*}
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4-Methylenehex-5-enoic acid (64, 647.8 mg, 5.14 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was dissolved in DMF (5.0 mL). Benzyl bromide (0.730 mL, 1.06 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) and potassium carbonate (1.28 g, 9.23 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 23 °C for 12 h. Ethyl acetate (10 mL) and H₂O (5 mL) were added. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O (3 × 10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel 5% v/v EtOAc/hexanes afforded the title compound as colorless liquid (0.668 g, 3.09 mmol, 60%).

TLC (5% v/v EtOAc/hexanes): \( R_f = 0.30 \). NMR Spectroscopy: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): 7.37 (m, 5H), 6.37 (dd, J = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 2.60–2.57 (m, 4H). ^13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): 173.1, 144.7, 138.5, 136.1, 128.7, 128.4, 116.3, 113.7, 66.4, 33.1, 26.5.
**Di-tert-butyl-ortho-tolylphosphine (47)**

The preparation of 47 was adapted from the procedure used by Cheney and Shaw. Under an atmosphere of dry N\textsubscript{2}, 2-Bromotoluene (3.00 mL, 4.27 g, 24.9 mmol, 1.20 equiv.), Et\textsubscript{2}O (100 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to an oven-dried three-necked 250 mL flask. The flask was cooled in a CO\textsubscript{2}/acetone bath at −78 °C and "BuLi in hexanes (c = 2.5 M, 10.4 mL, 26.0 mmol, 1.25 equiv.) was added dropwise over 35 min. The clear yellow solution was stirred at −78 °C for 1.5 hours, then warmed at 0 °C for 30 min. in an ice bath, then warmed at 23 °C for 30 min, at which point the solution was observed to be clear and colorless. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, then di-tert-butylchlorophosphine (3.95 mL, 3.75 g, 20.8 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) was added over 5 min. The clear solution was stirred at 23 °C for 14 hours, at which point a white solid had precipitated. The suspension was filtered under N\textsubscript{2} via cannula and the yellow filtrate concentrated to a total volume of 10 mL, at which point a white solid precipitated. Addition of water (2 mL) resulted in a clear biphasic mixture. The organic layer was transferred to a 25 mL round-bottomed flask and distilled under reduced pressure (0.25 Torr, 68 °C) to afford the title compound as a colorless liquid (4.91 g, 51%).

**NMR Spectroscopy:** \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (400 MHz, C\textsubscript{6}D\textsubscript{6}, 23 °C, δ): 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08–6.98 (m, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.14 (d, J\textsubscript{P–H} = 11.7 Hz, 18H). \textsuperscript{31}P NMR (400 MHz, C\textsubscript{6}D\textsubscript{6}, 23 °C, δ): 16.0. These spectroscopic data correspond to previously reported data.
4-Chloro-1-butene (66)

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\begin{align*}
\text{CH}_2=CH-C\equiv\text{CH} & \quad \overset{\text{SOCl}_2, \text{pyridine}}{\rightarrow} \quad \text{CH}_2=CH-\text{C}l \\
66 & \quad \text{74% yield}
\end{align*}
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Compound 66 was synthesized by the method of Roberts and Mazur.\textsuperscript{16} Under an atmosphere of dry \(\text{N}_2\), But-3-ene-1-ol (17.9 mL, 15.0 g, 0.208 mol, 1.00 equiv.), pyridine (0.841 mL, 0.823 g, 10.4 mmol, 5.0 mol %), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 100 mL two-necked flask equipped with a reflux condenser. The flask was chilled in an ice/water bath and thionyl chloride (15.18 mL, 24.75 g, 0.208 mol, 1.00 equiv.) was added dropwise over 20 min. The resulting yellow solution was stirred cold for 30 min. before heating the solution at reflux for 45 min. The resulting orange biphasic mixture was transferred to a 50 mL round-bottomed flask under \(\text{N}_2\) and distilled to yield the title compound as a colorless liquid (13.94 g, 74%).

NMR Spectroscopy: \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (400 MHz, \(\text{C}_6\text{D}_6\), 23 °C, \(\delta\)): 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.17 (dq, \(J = 12.9\) Hz, \(J = 1.6\) Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dq, \(J = 6.25\) Hz, \(J = 1.6\) Hz), 3.57 (t, \(J = 7.0\) Hz, 2H), 2.53 (qt, \(J = 6.8\) Hz, \(J = 1.5\) Hz, 2H). These spectroscopic data correspond to previously reported data.

3-Butenylmagnesium Chloride (67)

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\begin{align*}
\text{CH}_2=CH-C\equiv\text{CH} & \quad \overset{\text{Mg}^0, \text{I}_2, \text{THF, 66 °C}}{\rightarrow} \quad \text{CH}_2=CH-\text{MgCl} \\
66 & \quad \text{67}
\end{align*}
\]

Under an atmosphere of dry \(\text{N}_2\), Mg turnings (4.03 g, 0.166 mol, 1.50 equiv.), THF (20 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 250 mL 2-neck round-bottomed flask. A portion of 3-chloro-1-butene (2.0 g of total: 10.0 g, 0.110 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and a few crystals of iodine were added

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as a solid and the mixture was stirred at 23 °C. Once the reaction had initiated, the remainder of the 3-chloro-1-butene was added at a rate that maintained a steady reflux of the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was diluted with THF (50 mL) and heated to reflux for 14 hours. After cooling the reaction flask at 23 °C, the resulting Grignard solution was filtered by cannula and titrated (1.15 M).

4-Iodo-1-butene (68)

4-Iodo-1-butene was prepared according to the method of Liu and Heathcock.\(^\text{17}\) But-3-en-1-ol (5.90 mL, 4.94 g, 68.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), triphenylphosphine (27.0 g, 103 mmol, 1.50 equiv.), imidazole (9.34 g, 137 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), THF (100 mL), MeCN (33 mL) and a Teflon-coated stirring bar were added to a 250 mL round-bottomed flask to form a clear yellow solution at 23 °C. The solution was chilled at 0 °C in an ice/water bath and iodine (29.6 g, 117 mmol, 1.70 equiv.) was added as a solid, in portions, over 5 min. The solution was allowed to stir for 30 min. at 23 °C. The solution was poured into a separatory funnel containing pentane (150 mL) and 0.7 M Na\(_2\)S\(_2\)O\(_3\) (aq., 150 mL). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer extracted with pentane (3 × 150 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with saturated NaCl (aq., 150 mL), and dried over Na\(_2\)SO\(_4\). The clear solution was passed through a silica plug, eluting with pentane (500 mL), and the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the product as a red oil (8.4 g, 67%).

NMR Spectroscopy: \(^1\)H NMR (400 MHz, C\(_6\)D\(_6\), 23 °C, δ): 5.65–5.52 (m, 1H), 5.08 (d, \(J = 10.2\) Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, \(J = 17.2\) Hz, 1H), 2.79 (t, \(J = 7.03\) Hz, 2H), 2.32 (q, \(J = 6.6\) Hz, 2H). These spectroscopic data correspond to previously reported data.

3-Butenyllithium (69)

![Butenyllithium Reaction](image)

3-Butenyllithium was prepared by the method of Liu and Heathcock.\textsuperscript{17} 4-Iodo-1-butene (6.11 g, 33.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), Et\textsubscript{2}O (50 mL), and a Teflon-coated stirring bar were added to an oven-dried 2-neck 100 mL flask under N\textsubscript{2}. The pale yellow solution was chilled at −78 °C in a CO\textsubscript{2}/acetone bath, then \textsuperscript{t}BuLi in pentane (c = 1.5 M, 44.0 mL, 66.0 mmol, 1.97 equiv.) was added in portions over 30 min. The solution was stirred at 23 °C for 14 hours, then concentrated under reduced pressure to a volume of 5 mL. Hexanes (50 mL) was added and the suspension was stirred for 2 hours at 23 °C, then filtered to afford a clear orange solution of butenyllithium (c = 1.0 M).

NMR Spectroscopy: \textsuperscript{1}H NMR (400 MHz, 23 °C, δ): 5.78–5.64 (m, 1H), 4.71 (d, \(J = 17\) Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, \(J = 10\) Hz, 1H), −1.06 (t, \(J = 8.2\) Hz, 2H). One signal not observed due to overlap with hexane solvent signals. These spectroscopic data correspond to previously reported data.

4.5. Optimization of Hydrosilylation Using Precatalysts 16 and 19

4.5.1. Comparison of Reductants

The use of Grignard reagent reductants is necessary for catalysis of hydrosilylation by precatalyst 16. To elucidate the role of the reductant and especially the counterion, the rate and selectivity of hydrosilylation with 16 is compared using different alkyl metal reductants to activate the precatalyst.
**Methyllithium**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (2.6 mg, 3.0 μmol, 0.25 mol %) and dichloromethane (0.5 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methyllithium in Et$_2$O (c = 0.76 M, 16 μL, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C. The vial was cooled at −45 °C for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-$d_6$ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 1.1:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 5% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Benzylpotassium**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (2.6 mg, 3.0 μmol, 0.25 mol %) and benzylpotassium (1.5 mg, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C. The vial was cooled at −45 °C for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was resealed,
removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-$d_6$ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 1.3:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 19% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + $\frac{1}{2}$ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Ethylmagnesium Chloride**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (2.6 mg, 3.0 μmol, 0.25 mol %) and dichloromethane (0.5 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., ethylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 2.0 M, 5.9 μL, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of the Grignard solution. The vial was cooled at −45 °C for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-$d_6$ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 9:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 57% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration
for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Phenylmagnesium Chloride**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (2.6 mg, 3.0 μmol, 0.25 mol %) and dichloromethane (0.5 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., phenylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 2.0 M, 5.9 μL, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of the Grignard solution. The vial was cooled at −45 °C for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-$d_6$ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2:-1,4-addition determined to be 9.4:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 55% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

4.5.2. **Comparison of Solvents**

Activation of precatalyst 16 by Grignard reagents requires optimization for efficient activation in solvents other than dichloromethane. To probe the response of hydrosilylation yield and selectivity to different solvents, we have used precatalyst 19 which has already been partially activated.
General Procedure

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 19 (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.5 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), solvent (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-d₆ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined by addition of ¹H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).
Table 15. Solvent Optimization

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<td>Tetrahydrofuran</td>
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<td>Pentane</td>
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4.5.3. Comparison of Silanes

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\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, 25 \text{ min.} \quad -45^\circ \text{C} \rightarrow 50^\circ \text{C}
\]

General Procedure

In a dry, N\textsubscript{2}-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst \textbf{16} (2.6 mg, 3.0 μmol, 0.25 mol %) and dichloromethane (0.5 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at \(-45^\circ\text{C}\) in a CO\textsubscript{2}/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c =3.2 M, 3.6 μL, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C. The vial was cooled at \(-45^\circ\text{C}\) for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at \(-45^\circ\text{C}\) for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and silane (1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS\textsubscript{2}O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-\textsubscript{d\textsubscript{6}} (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed
thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 1.1:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenylsilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenylsilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 5% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenylsilane + ½ integration for 2-butenylsilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

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<th>Yield</th>
<th>1,2-:1,4-addition</th>
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<td>Triethoxysilane</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Trichlorosilane</td>
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4.5.4. Room Temperature Reaction Initiation

Low-temperature activation of precatalyst 16, although effective and manageable on a laboratory scale, cannot be effectively used in industrial reactions. Activation of precatalyst 16 requires low temperatures, but pre-formed platinates 19 and 32 should not exhibit dependence on reaction initiation temperature as they do not require activation by Grignard reagents. In this experiment, we initiate hydrosilylation at 23 °C using precatalyst 19 to show that the reaction outcome is the same as reactions initiated at low temperature.
Procedure for hydrosilylation starting at 23 °C

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 19 (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.5 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. A second 4 mL scintillation vial was charged with MgCl₂(THF)₂ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %) and a Teflon-coated stirring bar and chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/IPrOH-cooled cold well for 15 min. Butadiene (100 μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added to the vial containing MgCl₂(THF)₂ and this vial was sealed with a mininert cap and allowed to warm at 23 °C for 15 min. with the mininert cap in the “closed” position. The solution of precatalyst 6 was added quickly to the suspension of MgCl₂(THF)₂ in the following manner: the solution of precatalyst 6 was taken up into a 1 mL syringe, the mininert cap on the Mg-containing vial was switched to the “open” position, the contents of the syringe were added to the Mg-containing vial, and the mininert cap was resealed in the “closed” position. The reaction vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-d₆ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2:-1,4-addition determined to be 9:1 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined to be 71.7% by addition of ¹H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).
4.6. Mechanism Elucidation

4.6.1. Reaction of 32 with Oxidants

General Procedure

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (10.0 mg, 12.0 μmol, 1.0 equiv.) and dichloromethane-$d_2$ (0.5 mL) were added to a screw-cap NMR tube to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.0 M, 16 μL, 46 μmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The tube was cooled at −45 °C for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (10 μL) and oxidant (2.0 equiv.) were added and the tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The reaction tube was removed from the glovebox and heated to 50 °C in a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. $^{31}$P and $^1$H NMR spectra were collected to determine the reaction outcome.

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<td>HSi(OEt)$_3$</td>
<td>19</td>
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<tr>
<td>HSiEt$_3$</td>
<td>32 (no reaction)</td>
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<td>(PinB)$_2$</td>
<td>P(Bu)$_3$ + 32 (partial decomposition)</td>
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4.6.2. Observation of Catalyst/Ligand Products after Hydrosilylation

In order to support our hypothesis regarding the decomposition pathways prevalent for precatalysts 1 and 5-8, we observed the $^{31}$P NMR spectrum of hydrosilylation using precatalyst 1 after the reaction was complete. Because the ligand is the only $^{31}$P-containing species in the reaction, we can reasonably assume
that signals observed in the $^{31}$P NMR spectrum are derived from the ligand of the precatalyst used in hydrosilylation. We have identified the major product in the $^{31}$P NMR spectrum as P('Bu)$_3$ by spiking in an authentic sample of P('Bu)$_3$ after the initial analysis and observing that no new signals are present in the $^{31}$P NMR spectrum.

Scheme 28. Proposed Catalyst Decomposition Pathway With Formation of P('Bu)$_3$

**Procedure:**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 1 (3.1 mg, 3.6 μmol, 0.30 mol %) and dichloromethane-$d_2$ (0.5 mL) were added to a J. Young NMR tube to form a clear, colorless solution. After chilling at $-45$ °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF ($c = 3.3$ M, 4.3 μL, 14 μmol, 1.2 mol %) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The tube was cooled at $-45$ °C for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at $-45$ °C for 30 min. Butadiene (100 μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer for 25 min. The $^{31}$P NMR spectrum of the reaction tube was recorded, showing one tall peak at 65 ppm and one much shorter peak at 73 ppm. The reaction tube was cooled at 23 °C and brought into the glovebox. Tri-tert-butylphosphine was added (5.0 mg) and the reaction tube was resealed, brought out of the glovebox, and the $^{31}$P NMR spectrum was measured again, showing no additional signals, but an increase in relative size of the peak at 65 ppm.
4.6.3. Detection of Methane During Catalyst Activation

In the activation pathway of precatalyst 19 for catalysis we propose oxidative addition of triethoxysilane followed by reductive elimination of methane to form the active catalyst (A). To provide support for this activation mechanism, we mixed 19 with triethoxysilane and sampled the headspace of the reaction to analyze the methane content by GCMS.
Because gases cannot be easily separated by the GCMS instrument available to us, all gases present in the headspace elute as a single peak. Such gases typically include N₂, O₂, H₂O, and other naturally occurring atmospheric gases. The quantity of a single component can be analyzed by integrating the spectrum observed at a single m/z value. For methane, we measure the intensity of the m/z = 16 peak in the GCMS spectrum. Oxygen can also give rise to m/z = 16 when ionized to O₂⁺, but this ionization state is much less abundant than O₂⁺, which shows m/z = 32. Methane can be detected by comparing the integration of m/z = 16 to m/z = 32 in the sample compared to a background atmospheric measurement. If methane is present, an enrichment in m/z = 16 in the headspace of the reaction compared to that of naturally occurring atmospheric O₂ is observed.

Scheme 29. Proposed Synthesis of Active Catalyst A with Release of Methane

**Background Spectrum Analysis**

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox a 4 mL scintillation vial was sealed with a cap containing a Teflon-lined rubber septum. The vial was removed from the glovebox and a sample of the gas from this vial was analyzed by GCMS (m/z 16/32 = 0.051).

**Reaction Headspace Analysis**

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox precatalyst 19 (22.5 mg, 26.0 μmol, 1.00 equiv.), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and dichloromethane-d₂ (0.5 mL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial to form a clear, pale yellow solution. The reaction vial was cooled for 30 min. at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well before adding triethoxysilane (20 μL, 18 mg, 0.11 mmol, 4.1 equiv.). The reaction vial was sealed with a mininert cap containing a butyl rubber septum, removed from the glovebox, and heated at 50 °C in a pre-
heated aluminum heating block for 45 min. After cooling the reaction vial at 23 °C for 30 min., a 50 μL gastight syringe was flushed with the headspace atmosphere three times before 3.5 μL of gas from the headspace was analyzed by GCMS (m/z 16/32 = 0.94).

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<td>N₂ (Control)</td>
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4.6.4. **Test of Butenylsilane Reductive Elimination from Precatalyst 36**

To further support our claim that precatalyst 36 is not an intermediate on the catalytic cycle, we tested precatalyst 36 to see if reductive elimination of butenylsilane is facile under conditions that mimic those present during hydrosilylation. Although some decomposition of precatalyst 36 was observed, the bulk of the material was stable in solution at 50 °C, indicating that the rate of reductive elimination from 36 is much slower than the rate of catalysis. From these data, as well as those presented for precatalyst 36 in hydrosilylation in Table S1, we conclude that precatalyst 36 cannot be an intermediate on the catalytic cycle.

![Precatalyst 36](image)

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 42 (10.2 mg, 17.0 μmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to a 4 mL scintillation vial and chilled for 30 min. at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well. Pre-cooled dichloromethane-d₂ (0.5 mL) was added to the vial to form a pale yellow solution. But-3-enylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 1.36 M, 13 μL, 18 μmol, 1.04 equiv.) was added and the vial sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The solution
was stirred for 30 min at −45 °C, at 23 °C for 30 min., then cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene was added (20 µL) and the solution was transferred to a pre-cooled NMR tube which was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. The NMR tube was heated to 50 °C in a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer and the $^{31}$P NMR spectrum was measured after 5 min. showing precatalyst 36 as the major species.

**Figure 10.** Room temperature $^{31}$P NMR Spectrum of 36 + butadiene:
4.6.5. Comparison of Platinum Pre-Catalysts

Because precatalysts 32, 19, 37, and 36 exist as aggregates with MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$, the exact catalyst loading for the following experiments cannot be precisely calculated. For the purpose of these experiments, we assumed the smallest possible molecular weight for each complex (calculated with 0.5 Mg$^{2+}$ as the counter ion and the number of THF molecules observed in the $^1$H NMR spectrum of the isolated complex). As a consequence, the catalyst loadings reported below correspond to the upper limit of possible catalyst loadings.

![Diagram of reaction](image)

**Precatalyst 16**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (2.6 mg, 3.0 μmol, 0.25 mol %) and dichloromethane-$d_2$ (0.5 mL) were added to a J. Young NMR tube to form a clear, colorless solution.
After chilling at −45 °C in a CO\textsubscript{2}/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 3.28 M, 3.6 μL, 10 μmol, 1.0 mol %) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The tube was cooled at −45 °C for 3 hours, warmed at 23 °C for 30 min., and cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was resealed, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 25 min. before the reaction progress was measured by \textsuperscript{1}H NMR. By \textsuperscript{1}H NMR integration of alkenyl signals, 89% conversion to butenylsilane products was observed. The reaction tube was unsealed and N,N’-dimethylethylenediamine (10 μL) was added. The contents of the reaction tube were decanted into a 20 mL scintillation vial and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% v/v EtOAc/hexanes, \textit{R}_f = 0.5) to yield a colorless oil (0.222 g, 1.02 mmol, 86% yield). Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 10:1 by \textsuperscript{1}H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H).

**Precatalyst 32**

In a dry, N\textsubscript{2}-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 32 (3.2 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %), MgCl\textsubscript{2}(THF)\textsubscript{2} (2.8 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO\textsubscript{2}/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS\textsubscript{2}O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-\textit{d}_\textsubscript{6} (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 10:1 by \textsuperscript{1}H NMR
integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane
signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H).
Yield determined by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration
for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + $\frac{1}{2}$ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O
signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 19**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst **19** (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.5 mol %), MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ (5.6
mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and
tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in
a CO$_2$/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and
triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed
with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum
heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL, 47
μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-$d_6$ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed
thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 9:1 by $^1$H NMR
integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane
signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H).
Yield determined as 64% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full
integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + $\frac{1}{2}$ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to
the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 19, no additive**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst **19** (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %), MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ (5.6
mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol % equiv.), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and
tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in
a CO₂/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-d₆ (100μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 9:1 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 10% by addition of ¹H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 19, 1,4-Dioxane added**

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 19 (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and 1,4-dioxane (10 μL, 10 mg, 0.12 mmol, 9.9 mol %) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The reaction vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-d₆ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 3:1 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined to be 2% by addition of ¹H NMR signal
integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

Precatalyst 19, Hg added

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 19 (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled to −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Elemental mercury (5 drops) was added to the reaction vial. Butadiene (100 μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-d₆ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2:-1,4-addition determined to be 8:1 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield was determined as 52% by addition of ¹H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

Precatalyst 37

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 37 (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100 μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and
triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-d₆ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 9:1 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 28% by addition of ¹H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

Precatalyst 36

Precatalyst 36 was formed from 42 and butenylmagnesium chloride in CH₂Cl₂, observed by ¹H and ³¹P NMR, and used in catalysis without isolation.

Formation of Precatalyst 36

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum complex 42 (3.6 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %) was added to a 4 mL scintillation vial and chilled for 30 min. at ~−45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well. Pre-cooled dichloromethane-d₂ (0.5 mL) was added to the vial to form a pale yellow solution. But-3-enylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 1.36 M, 4.4 μL, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %) was added and the vial sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The solution was stirred for 30 min at ~−45 °C then transferred to a pre-cooled NMR tube which was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and removed from the glovebox. ¹H and ³¹P analysis confirmed formation of precatalyst 36.
Hydrosilylation of Butadiene with Precatalyst 36

The NMR tube was brought into a dry, N₂-filled glovebox and chilled for 30 min. at −45 °C in a CO₂/PrOH-cooled cold well before butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The reaction tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-\(d_6\) (100 μL) were added. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 10:1 by \(^1^H\) NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 65% by addition of \(^1^H\) NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + \(\frac{1}{2}\) integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

Precatalyst 38

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, precatalyst 38 (4.4 mg, 6.0 μmol, 0.5 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO₂/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL) and C₆D₆ (100 μL) were added before the contents were mixed and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 4:1 by \(^1^H\) NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 11% by addition of \(^1^H\) NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + \(\frac{1}{2}\)
integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 39**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, precatalyst 39 (9.5 mg, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL) and C$_6$D$_6$ (100 μL) were added before the contents were mixed and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 6:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 16% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 34**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, precatalyst 34 (4.5 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL) and C$_6$D$_6$ (100 μL) were added before the contents were mixed and transferred to an
NMR tube. Yield determined as <1% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 34, MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ Added**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, precatalyst 33 (11.4 mg, 13.0 μmol, 1.1 mol %), MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL) and C$_6$D$_6$ (100 μL) were added before the contents were mixed and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2:-1,4-addition determined to be 6:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 12% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 34**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, precatalyst 34 (7.8 mg, 0.11 mmol, 9.0 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a
pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL) and C$_6$D$_6$ (100 μL) were added before the contents were mixed and transferred to an NMR tube. Yield determined as <1% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 33**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, precatalyst 33 (11.4 mg, 13.0 μmol, 1.1 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL) and C$_6$D$_6$ (100 μL) were added before the contents were mixed and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2:-1,4-addition determined to be 2:1 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 2% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Precatalyst 33, MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ Added**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, precatalyst 33 (11.4 mg, 13.0 μmol, 1.1 mol %), MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar were added to a 4 mL glass scintillation vial. The vial was cooled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18
mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The vial was removed from the glovebox and heated at 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL) and C₆D₆ (100 μL) were added before the contents were mixed and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 7.4:1 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 30% by addition of ¹H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS₂O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Karstedt’s Catalyst (2)**

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, Karstedt’s catalyst (37.8 mg, 3 w/w % Pt in vinyl-terminated polydimethylsiloxane, 5.90 μmol, 0.500 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at –45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS₂O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-ß (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 1:10 by ¹H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 10% by addition of ¹H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-
butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**Karstedt’s Catalyst (2), P(Bu)$_3$ added**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, Karstedt’s Catalyst (37.8 mg, 3 w/w % Pt in vinyl-terminated siloxane polymer, 5.9 μmol, 0.500 mol %), P(Bu)$_3$ (1.2 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, dichloromethane (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and heated to 50 °C in a pre-heated aluminum heating block for 25 min. The reaction vial was opened under ambient atmosphere and TMS$_2$O (10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) and benzene-$d_6$ (100 μL) were added. The contents of the reaction vial were mixed thoroughly and transferred to an NMR tube. Ratio of 1,2-:1,4-addition determined to be 1:8 by $^1$H NMR integration of signals corresponding to alkenyl protons (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H). Yield determined as 3% by addition of $^1$H NMR signal integrations for butenylsilane products (full integration for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane + ½ integration for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes) in comparison to the TMS$_2$O signal at 0 ppm (integral set to 71.5 to show integrals as molar percents).

**4.6.6. Isomerization of 3-Butenylsilane to 2-Butenylsilane**

After the hydrosilylation of butadiene using precatalyst 16 reaches full conversion, any excess of triethoxysilane induces isomerization of the desired 1,2-addition product (3-butenyltriethoxysilane) to the thermodynamically favored 1,4-addition product (2-cis- or 2-trans-butenyltriethoxysilane). At a 1:1 ratio of silane to diene, the volatile diene is always slightly depleted compared to the quantity of silane in the reaction mixture, which leads to rapid product isomerization. To demonstrate the isomerization of 3-
butenylsilane to 2-butenylsilane *in situ*, we recorded a timecourse for hydrosilylation using precatalyst 16 in which we allowed the reaction to run past full conversion.

**Procedure**

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (6.4 mg, 7.4 μmol, 0.63 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and PhMe-$d^8$ (0.5 mL) were added to a screw-capped NMR tube. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF was added (c = 3.3 M, 10 μL, 30 μmol, 2.6 mol %) and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The reaction mixture was chilled at −45 °C for 3 hours then warmed at 23 °C for 30 min. The tube was chilled at −45 °C for 30 min. then butadiene (100 μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The NMR tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and inserted into a pre-heated 400 MHz NMR Spectrometer at 50 °C. $^1$H NMR spectra were measured periodically for 90 min.

![1,2- and 1,4-Addition](image)

**Figure 12.** Isomerization of 3-Butenylsilane Using Precatalyst 16
4.6.7.  Rate Comparison of Precatalysts 32 and 37

To support our claim that precatalyst 32 exhibits a faster rate than precatalyst 37 in the hydrosilylation of butadiene, we measured the conversion vs. time using the two precatalysts under identical conditions.

Precatalyst 32

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 32 (6.5 mg, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (5.6 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), dichloromethane-d₂ (0.5 mL), tetrahydrofuran (10 μL), and hexamethyldisiloxane (internal standard, 10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO₂/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (120. μL, 77.0 mg, 1.42 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction mixture was transferred to a pre-cooled J. Young NMR Tube and sealed with a Teflon cap. The tube was removed from the glovebox and cooled at 0 °C for approximately 5 minutes before inserting into a 600 MHz NMR spectrometer pre-heated to 50 °C. Insertion time corresponds to time = 0 for kinetic measurements. ¹H NMR spectra were collected approximately each minute for 1 hour, at which point no triethoxysilane was observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction. Integration of ¹H NMR signals in the alkenyl region (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H) were used to determine yield of 1,2- and 1,4-addition products, in comparison to the integration of the signal at 0 ppm corresponding to TMS₂O.
In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 37 (7.2 mg, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %), MgCl₂(THF)₂ (5.8 mg, 24 μmol, 2.0 mol %), dichloromethane-\textsubscript{d}₂ (0.5 mL), and tetrahydrofuran (10 μL) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was cooled at ~45 °C in a CO\textsubscript{2}/PrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (120. μL, 77.0 mg, 1.42 mmol, 1.20 equiv.), triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and hexamethyldisiloxane (internal standard, 10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) were
added and the reaction mixture was transferred to a pre-cooled NMR Tube that was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The reaction tube was removed from the glovebox and inserted into a 600 MHz NMR spectrometer pre-heated to 50 °C. Insertion time corresponds to time = 0 for kinetic measurements. \(^1\)H NMR spectra were collected periodically for 16 hours, at which point >90% conversion was observed in the \(^1\)H NMR spectrum of the reaction. Integration of \(^1\)H NMR signals in the alkenyl region (5.94–5.88 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.48–5.38 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H) were used to determine yield of 1,2- and 1,4-addition products, in comparison to the integration of the signal at 0 ppm corresponding to TMS\(_2\)O.
**Figure 14.** Hydrosilylation Timecourse Using Precatalyst 37

4.6.8. *Reaction Timecourse for Hydrosilylation Catalyzed by 16, 19 and 36*

**Precatalyst 16**

In a dry, N₂-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 16 (3.3 mg, 3.8 μmol, 0.33 mol %), a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar, and PhMe-d₈ (0.5 mL) were added to a screw-capped NMR tube. After chilling at −45 °C in a CO₂/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min., methylmagnesium chloride in THF was added (c = 3.0 M, 4.6 μL, 15 μmol, 1.3 mol %) and the vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and shaken for 90
seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The reaction mixture was chilled at −45 °C for 3 hours then warmed at 23 °C for 30 min. The tube was chilled at −45 °C for 30 min. then butadiene (100. μL, 64.0 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218. μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added. The NMR tube was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap, removed from the glovebox, and inserted into a pre-heated 400 MHz NMR Spectrometer at 50 °C. 1H NMR spectra were measured periodically for 90 min. until the reaction reached full conversion.

Figure 15. Hydrosilylation Timecourse Using Precatalyst 16
Precatalyst 19

In a dry, N$_2$-filled glovebox, platinum precatalyst 19 (3.9 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.5 mol %), MgCl$_2$(THF)$_2$ (2.8 mg, 12 μmol, 1.0 mol %), dichloromethane-$d_2$ (0.5 mL), tetrahydrofuran (10 μL), and hexamethyldisiloxane (internal standard, 10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) were added to a 4 mL scintillation vial at 23 °C. The vial was chilled at −45 °C in a CO$_2$/iPrOH-cooled cold well for 30 min. Butadiene (150. μL, 96.0 mg, 1.77 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) and triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) were added and the reaction mixture was transferred to a pre-cooled screw-capped NMR Tube and sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The tube was removed from the glovebox and warmed at 23 °C for approximately 5 minutes before inserting into a 500 MHz NMR spectrometer pre-heated to 50 °C. Insertion time corresponds to time = 0 for kinetic measurements. $^1$H NMR spectra were collected periodically for 1.5 hours, at which point no triethoxysilane was observed in the $^1$H NMR spectrum of the reaction. Integration of $^1$H NMR signals in the alkenyl region (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H) were used to determine yield of 1,2- and 1,4-addition products, in comparison to the integration of the signal at 0 ppm corresponding to TMS$_2$O.
In a dry, N\textsubscript{2}-filled glovebox, platinum complex 42 (3.6 mg, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %) was added to a 4 mL scintillation vial and chilled for 30 min. at −45 °C in a CO\textsubscript{2}/PrOH-cooled cold well. Pre-cooled dichloromethane-\textsubscript{d}\textsubscript{2} (0.5 mL) was added to the vial to form a pale yellow solution. But-3-enylmagnesium chloride in THF (c = 1.36 M, 4.4 μL, 5.9 μmol, 0.50 mol %) was added and the vial sealed with a Teflon-
lined cap and shaken for 90 seconds at 23 °C to dissolve frozen droplets of Grignard reagent. The solution was stirred for 15 min at −45 °C then warmed at 23 °C for 15 min and cooled at −45 °C for 30 min. Butadiene (150. μL, 96.0 mg, 1.77 mmol, 1.50 equiv.), triethoxysilane (218 μL, 194 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), and TMS₂O (internal standard, 10 μL, 7.6 mg, 47 μmol, 4.0 mol %) were added. The reaction mixture was transferred to a pre-cooled screw-capped NMR Tube and sealed with a Teflon-lined cap. The tube was removed from the glovebox and warmed at 23 °C for approximately 5 minutes before inserting into a 500 MHz NMR spectrometer pre-heated to 50 °C. Insertion time corresponds to time = 0 for kinetic measurements. ¹H NMR spectra were collected periodically for 2 hours, at which point no triethoxysilane was observed in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the reaction. Integration of ¹H NMR signals in the alkenyl region (5.96–5.86 ppm for 3-butenyltriethoxysilane signal corresponds to 1H; 5.49–5.37 for 2-butenyltriethoxysilanes, overlapping signals correspond to 2H) were used to determine yield of 1,2- and 1,4-addition products, in comparison to the integration of the signal at 0 ppm corresponding to TMS₂O.
Figure 17. Hydrosilylation Timecourse Using Precatalyst 36