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Synthesis and characterization of *N*-heterocyclic carbene substituted phosphine and phosphite rhodium complexes and their catalytic properties in hydrogenation reactions

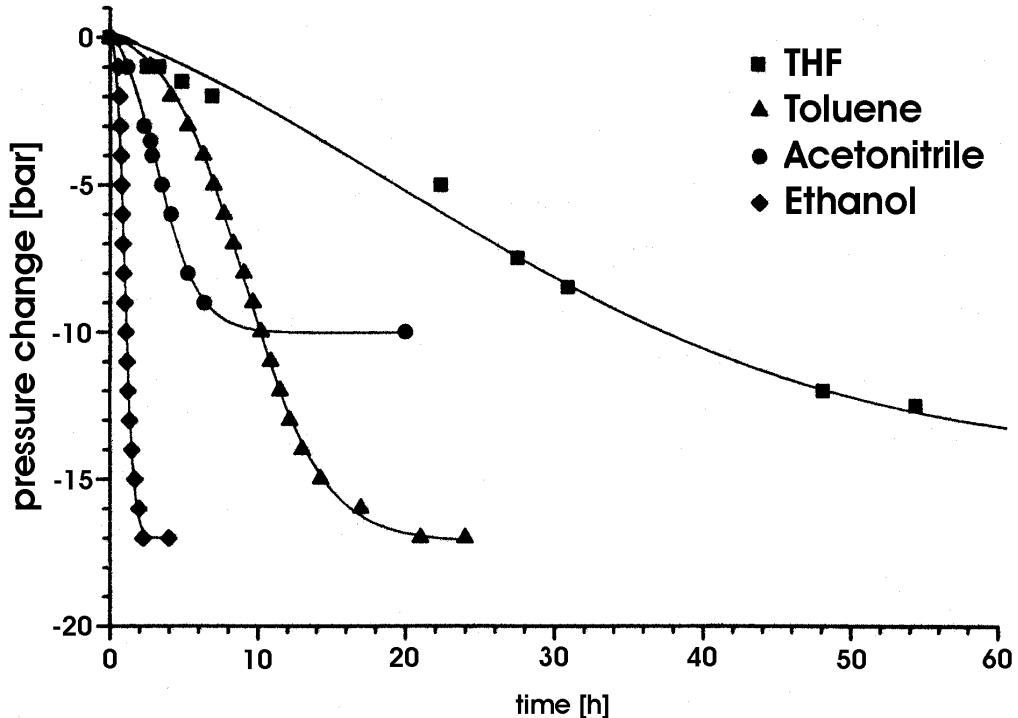
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Summary of crystallographic data for compounds **5**, **6·(CH₂Cl₂)** and **8**

	5	6·(CH₂Cl₂)	8
Formula	C ₅₁ H ₅₄ ClN ₂ O ₆ P ₂ Rh	C ₄₉ H ₆₅ Cl ₃ N ₄ PRh	C ₃₁ H ₅₂ ClN ₂ Rh
M _w	991.26	950.28	591.11
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ (no. 19)	<i>P</i> 1̄ (no. 2)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ (no. 19)
Crystal size [mm ³]	0.24 × 0.36 × 0.41	0.24 × 0.28 × 0.38	0.25 × 0.38 × 0.38
<i>a</i> [Å]	16.2012(7)	11.4774(6)	15.2329(7)
<i>b</i> [Å]	16.7537(8)	12.3284(6)	15.3016(8)
<i>c</i> [Å]	34.904(2)	17.9341(10)	13.0458(5)
α [°]	90	81.389(6)	90
β [°]	90	72.756(6)	90
γ [°]	90	78.869(6)	90
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	9474.0(8)	2366.4(2)	3040.8(2)
<i>Z</i>	8	2	4
D _{calc} [g cm ⁻³]	1.390	1.334	1.291
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.536	0.601	0.670
Θ -range [°]	1.84/24.70	2.28/25.64	2.05/25.66
Reflections collected	70336	16230	42110
Reflections independent [I _o >2s (I _o)/all data/R _{int}]	12001/16018/0.047	7237/8291/0.030	5373/5743/0.040
Data / restraints / parameters	16018/0/1136	8291/0/783	5743/0/524
R1 [I _o >2s (I _o)/all data]	0.0255/0.0420	0.0240/0.0294	0.0164/0.0188
wR2 [I _o >2s (I _o)/all data]	0.0442/0.0462	0.0594/0.0608	0.0330/0.0334
GOF	0.828	1.027	0.962
? ? _{max/min} [e·Å ⁻³]	0.49/-0.26	0.62/-0.63	0.21/-0.25

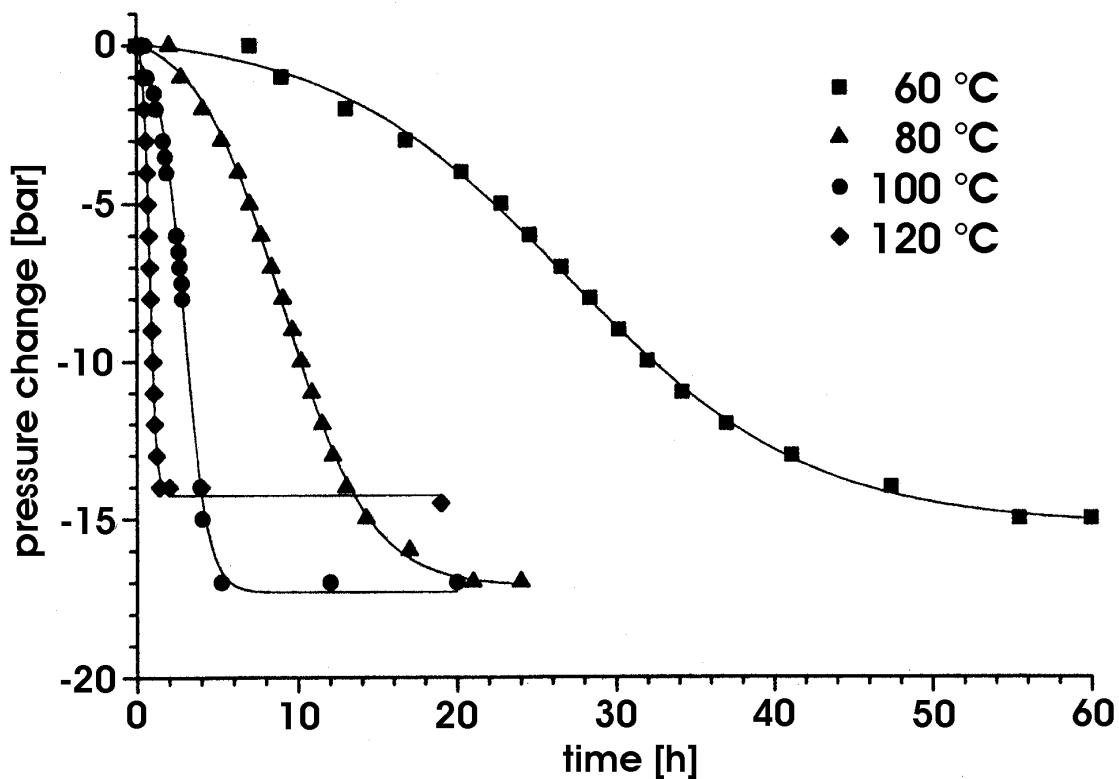
Tables and graphs for the hydrogenation experiments:

Fig. 5. Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in different solvents (80 °C, 20 bar H₂, 4 eq. PPh₃).



solvent	induction period	reaction time [h]	conversion [%]
THF	90	90	64
toluene	60	22	98
acetonitrile	60	10	58
ethanol	30	2.5	100

Fig. 6. Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in toluene at different temperatures (20 bar H₂, 4 eq. PPh₃).



Temp. [°C]	induction period	reaction time [h]	conversion [%]
60	420	56	100
80	60	22	98
100	30	5	83
120	20	2	65

Table 2

Hydrogenation of cyclohexene at various temperatures in ethanol (20 bar H₂, 2 or 4 eq. PPh₃).

Temp. [°C]	induction period [min]	reaction time [h]	conversion [%]
40	330	32	100 ^a
50	135	10	100 ^a
60	70	10	100 ^a
60	75	10	100 ^b
80	30	2.5	100 ^b
100	15	1.5	54 ^b

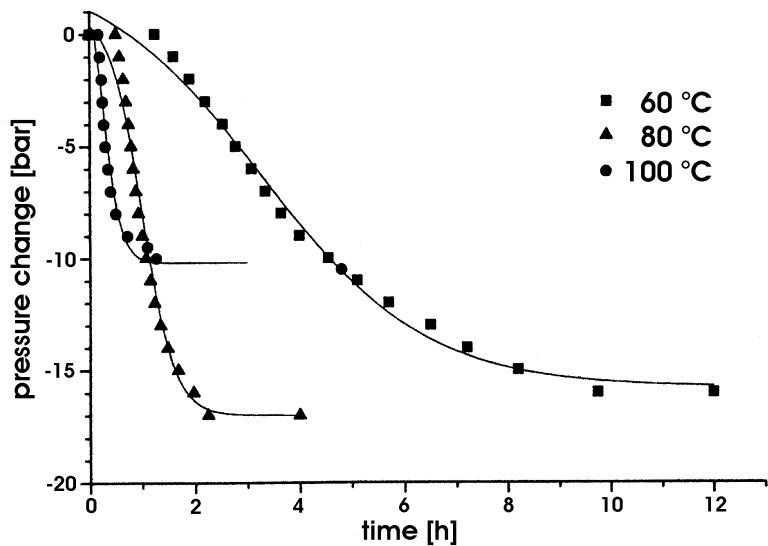
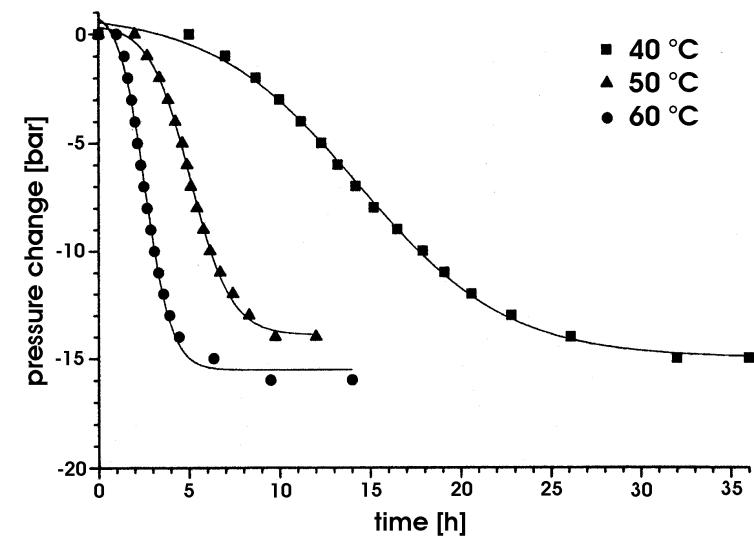
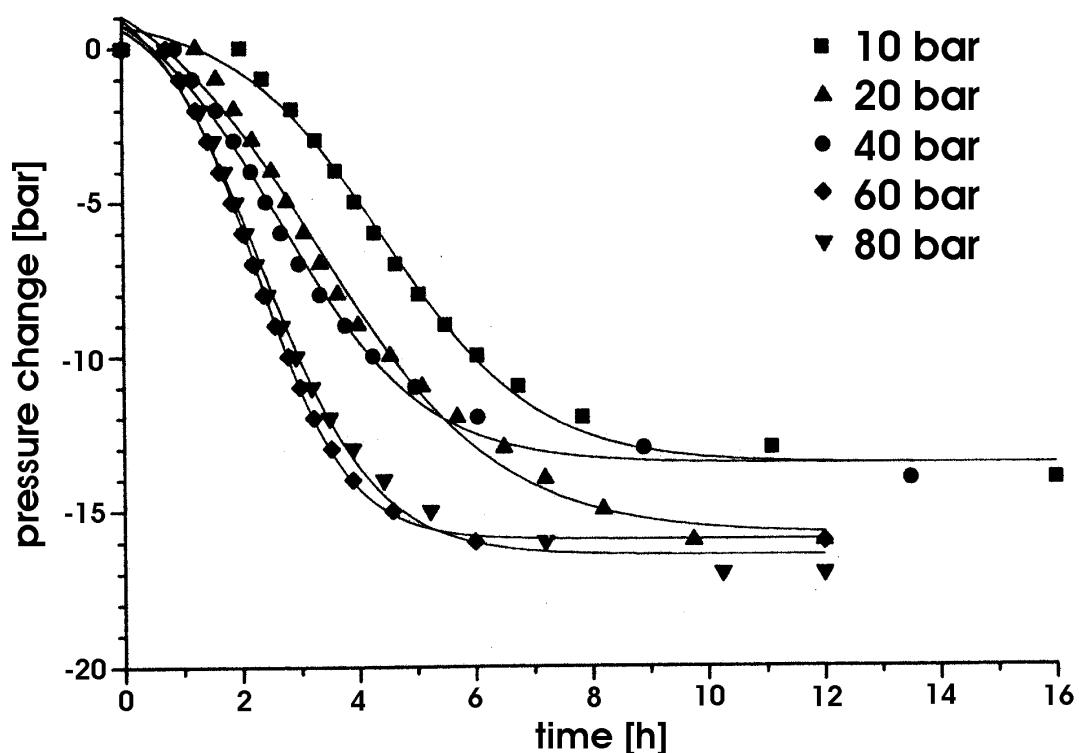
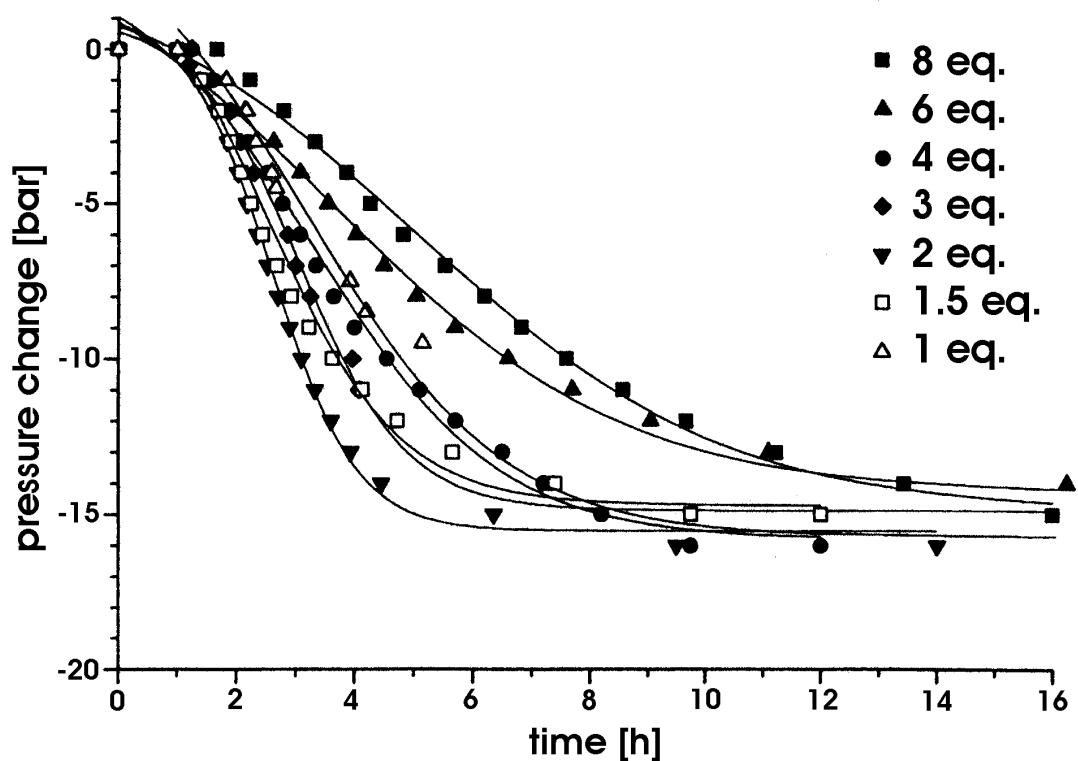
^a 2 eq. of PPh₃; ^b 4 eq. of PPh₃ were added relative to the metal precursor.

Fig. 7. Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in ethanol using different hydrogen pressures (60 °C, 4 eq. PPh₃).



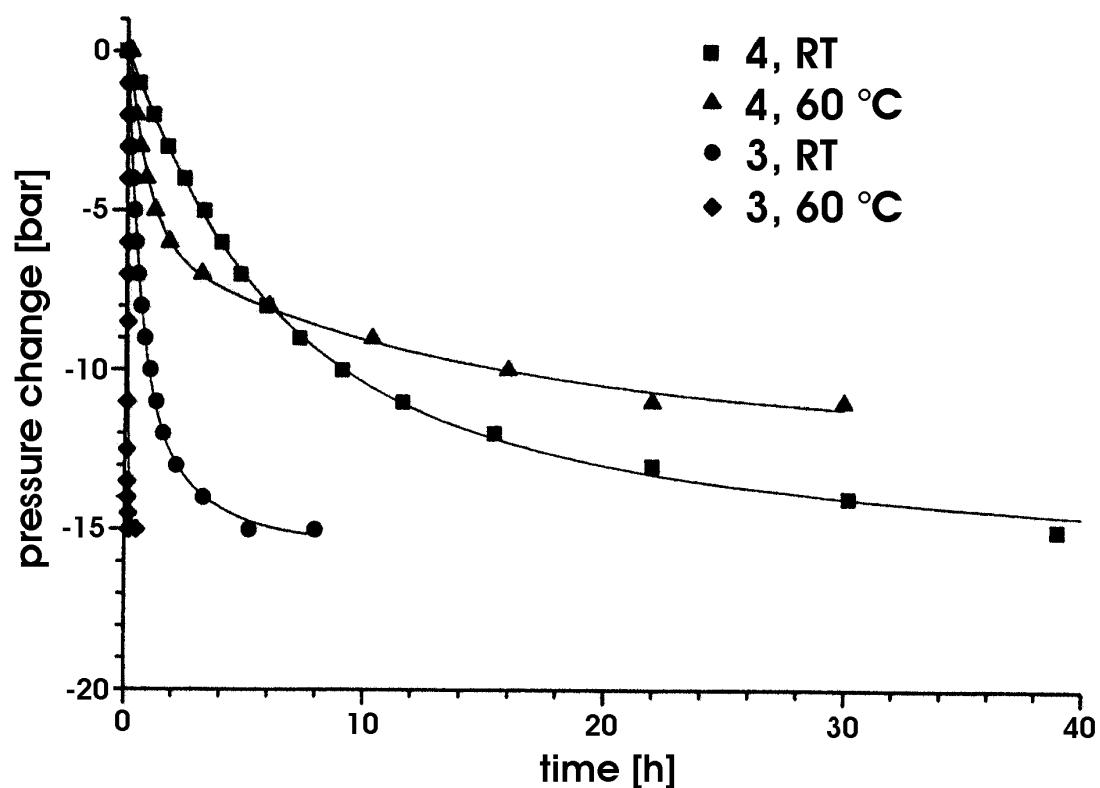
pressure [bar H ₂]	induction period [min]	reaction time [h]	conversion [%]
10	120	16	100
20	75	10	100
40	50	13	100
60	45	6	100
80	45	11	100

Fig. 8. Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in ethanol using different amounts of triphenylphosphine (60 °C, 20 bar H₂).



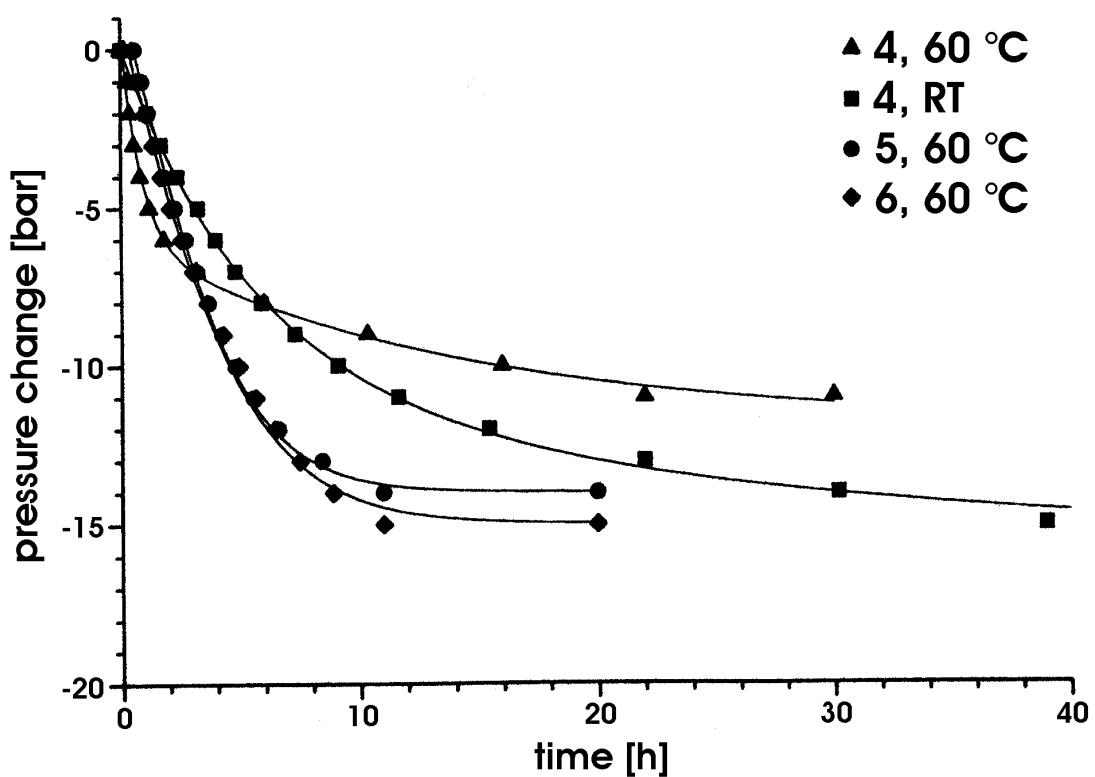
PPh ₃ [eq.]	induction period [min]	reaction time [h]	conversion [%]
8	100	17	86
6	90	24	90
4	75	10	100
3	70	9	100
2	70	10	100
1.5	70	10	100
1	70	9	100

Fig. 9. Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in ethanol using catalyst **3** and **4**.



Catalyst	Temp. [°C]	reaction time [h]	TOF [h ⁻¹]	conversion [%]
4	25	38	267	100
3	25	3	1333	100
4	60	22	667	68
3	60	0.25	8000	100

Fig. 10. Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in ethanol using catalyst **4** - **6**.



Catalyst	Temp. [°C]	reaction time [h]	TOF [h ⁻¹]	conversion [%]
4	25	38	267	100
4	60	22	667	68
5	60	11	400	100
6	60	11	429	100

Table 3

Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in ethanol using catalyst **7** (60 °C, 20 bar H₂, 2 eq. phosphine).

Phosphine	induction period [min]	reaction time [h]	TOF [h ⁻¹]	conversion [%]
PPh ₃	70	10	750	100
PCy ₃	180	190	20	59
PPy ₃	660	95	38	100
P(OPh) ₃ [4 eq.]	no reaction	20	no reaction	3
dppe, NaBPh ₄ [1 eq.]	35	1.25	3000	100

Fig. 11. Hydrogenation of cyclohexene in ethanol using different phosphines.

