

Supplementary Information to:

**Mechanistic and Spectroscopic Identification of initial Reaction
Intermediates for Prenal Decomposition on a Platinum Model Catalyst**

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Table 1. Vibrational analysis of the dehydro- η^3 -tri σ (CCC)-prenal-H1 species on Pt(111) (coverage 1/9 ML). The letters following the computed intensities refer to the relative strength, i.e. (v)w = (very) weak, m = medium and (v)s = (very) strong. The coupling of different vibrations is indicated by (+) (in phase) and (-) (anti-phase movement). The abbreviations fR and fT refer to frozen rotations and translations, respectively.

Number	Normal Mode	ω [cm ⁻¹]	Intensity	Rel. Intensity
1	$\nu(\text{C4-H2})$	3042	1.2E-08	
2	$\nu(\text{C5-H5})$	3030	5.3E-09	
3	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C4-H3,4})$	3004	1.7E-07	
4	$\nu(\text{C2-H1})$	2958	1.3E-07	
5	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C5-H6,7})$	2949	5.7E-07	
6	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C4H}_3)$	2928	1.8E-07	
7	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C5H}_3)$	2879	1.5E-08	
8	$\nu(\text{C1=O})$	1718	1.1E-05	s
9	$\delta_{\text{s}}'(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	1429	6.5E-07	
10	$\delta_{\text{s}}''(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	1421	7.0E-08	
11	$\delta_{\text{as}}''(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	1403	4.6E-08	
12	$\delta_{\text{as}}'(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	1394	2.4E-07	
13	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	1351	4.7E-07	
14	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	1332	9.9E-09	
15	$\delta(\text{C2H1})$	1209	1.0E-07	
16	$\nu(\text{C2=C3})$	1160	5.7E-08	
17	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C3C4-C3C5})$	1105	1.5E-08	
18	$\gamma_{\text{s}}''(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	1042	3.8E-06	m
19	$\nu(\text{C1-C2})$	972	1.7E-07	
20	$\gamma_{\text{as}}'(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	953	9.8E-07	w
21	$\gamma(\text{C2H1})$	915	5.6E-07	
22	$\gamma_{\text{as}}''(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	907	7.5E-08	
23	$\gamma_{\text{s}}'(\text{C4H}_3\text{-C5H}_3)$	892	4.2E-08	
24	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C3C4-C3C5})$	763	1.8E-06	m
25	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{PtC1-PtC2})$	640	4.8E-06	s
26	$\delta(\text{C1-C2=C3})$	552	1.2E-07	
27	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{PtC1-PtC2})\text{-}\nu(\text{PtC3})$	503	4.7E-10	
28	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{PtC1-PtC2})\text{+}\nu(\text{PtC3})$	435	3.5E-06	m
29	$\delta(\text{C2=C3,4,5})$	403	2.3E-07	
30	$\delta(\text{C3-C4,5})$	346	4.7E-07	
31	$\tau_{\text{s}}(\text{CH}_3)$	283	5.3E-08	
32	$\tau(\text{C2=C3})$	267	1.5E-06	w
33	$\tau_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_3)$	245	2.6E-07	
34	$\tau(\text{C1-C2})$	229	4.1E-07	
35	$\omega(\text{C2=C3,4,5})$	220	3.6E-07	
36	$\delta(\text{O=C1-C2})$	183	3.0E-07	
37	fT	126	2.1E-09	
38	fT	91	2.9E-07	
39	fR	56	1.1E-08	

Table 2. Vibrational analysis of the η^2 -isobutenyl species on Pt(111) (coverage 1/9 ML). The harmonic frequencies ω are given in cm^{-1} .

Number	Normal Mode	ω [cm^{-1}]	Intensity	Rel. Intensity
1	$\nu_s(\text{C3H2-C4H5})$	3033	1.6E-08	
2	$\nu_{as}(\text{C3H2-C4H5})$	3031	5.2E-11	
3	$\nu_{as}(\text{C3-H3,H4})$	2978	2.4E-07	
4	$\nu_{as}(\text{C4-H6,H7})$	2975	1.1E-07	
5	$\nu(\text{C1-H1})$	2949	5.8E-09	
6	$\nu_s(\text{C3H}_3)+\nu_s(\text{C4H}_3)$	2916	1.6E-07	
7	$\nu_s(\text{C3H}_3)-\nu_s(\text{C4H}_3)$	2912	6.6E-09	
8	$\delta_s''(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	1424	3.1E-07	
9	$\delta_s'(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	1421	7.9E-08	
10	$\delta_{as}''(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	1403	1.9E-10	
11	$\delta_{as}'(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	1397	4.7E-10	
12	$u_s(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_4)$	1344	1.1E-07	
13	$u_{as}(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	1324	1.3E-08	
14	$\nu(\text{C1-C2})$	1197	3.2E-08	
15	$\nu_{as}(\text{C2C3-C2C4})$	1106	2.6E-09	
16	$\delta(\text{C1H1})$	1077	7.9E-07	m
17	$\gamma_s''(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	1026	2.2E-06	s
18	$\gamma_{as}'(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	956	1.1E-08	
19	$\gamma_s'(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	931	6.7E-09	
20	$\gamma_{as}''(\text{C3H}_3-\text{C4H}_3)$	901	1.4E-09	
21	$\nu_s(\text{C2C3-C2C4})$	802	8.6E-07	m
22	$\gamma(\text{C1H1})$	697	8.9E-09	
23	$\nu_s(\text{Pt1C1-Pt2C1})-\nu(\text{Pt3C2})$	592	8.5E-07	m
24	$\nu_{as}(\text{Pt1C1-Pt2C1})$	520	7.4E-09	
25	$\nu_s(\text{Pt1C1-Pt2C1})+\nu(\text{Pt3C2})$	456	2.6E-06	s
26	$\delta(\text{C2-C3-C4})$	377	1.9E-09	
27	$\tau(\text{C1-C2})$	280	6.9E-09	
28	$\delta(\text{C1-C2-C3,C4})$	258	2.1E-07	
29	$\tau_s(\text{C3H}_3)$	232	6.8E-08	
30	$\tau_{as}(\text{C3H}_3)$	202	3.0E-07	
31	fR	157	4.0E-08	
32	fT	149	2.1E-07	
33	fR	117	4.1E-09	

^b From Ref. ¹.

Table 3. Vibrational analysis of the η^1 -isobutylidyne bonded in a threefold hollow site on Pt(111) (coverage 1/9 ML).

Number	Normal Mode	ω [cm^{-1}]	Intensity	Rel. Intensity	HREELS ^a	HREELS ^b
1	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C3-H2,4})$	3041	1.5E-07			
2	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C4-H5,7})$	3038	7.3E-08		3017	
3	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C3-H3,4})$	3035	1.6E-07		2953	2970 ($\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_3)$)
4	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C4-H6,7})$	3032	1.4E-08			
5	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C3H}_3)$	2963	1.4E-07		2875	2880 ($\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{CH}_3)$)
6	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C4H}_3)$	2959	3.0E-08			
7	$\nu(\text{C2-H1})$	2929	3.3E-08			
8	$\delta_{\text{s}}''(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1452	4.8E-07	vw	1452	1460 ($\delta_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_3)$)
9	$\delta_{\text{s}}'(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1440	1.2E-09			
10	$\delta_{\text{as}}''(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1429	7.5E-10			
11	$\delta_{\text{as}}'(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1427	1.3E-09			ca 1400 ($\delta_{\text{s}}(\text{CH}_3)$)
12	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1359	1.1E-08		1367	
13	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1336	1.6E-09		1327	
14	$\delta(\text{C1H1})$	1252	3.4E-08			1280 ($\delta(\text{CH})$)
15	$\gamma(\text{C1H1})$	1251	3.0E-10			
16	$\gamma_{\text{s}}''(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1149	1.1E-09			
17	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C2-C3,C2-C4})$	1070	1.7E-11			
18	$\gamma_{\text{s}}'(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	1064	1.5E-07		1028	1080, 1010, 800
19	$\nu(\text{C1-C2})$	965	3.1E-06	s	965	(coupled $\nu(\text{CC})$ and $\gamma(\text{CH}_3)$)
20	$\gamma_{\text{as}}'(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	937	1.1E-09			
21	$\gamma_{\text{as}}''(\text{C3H}_3\text{-C4H}_3)$	901	3.3E-11			
22	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C2-C3,C2-C4})$	831	7.2E-09		797	
23	$\nu(\text{Pt1C-Pt2C+Pt3C})$	562	3.6E-11		585	645 ($\nu(\text{CPt})$,
24	$\nu(\text{Pt1C+Pt2C-Pt3C})$	554	4.5E-09		460	$\delta(\text{CCC})$)
25	$\nu(\text{Pt1C-Pt3C-Pt2C})$	418	1.3E-07		405	440 ($\nu(\text{CPt})$)
26	$\delta(\text{C2-C3-C4})$	376	4.4E-09			
27	$\tau_{\text{s}}(\text{CH}_3)$	251	1.4E-08			
28	$\delta(\text{C1-C2-C3,C4})$	242	5.7E-08			
29	$\tau_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_3)$	225	1.6E-08			
30	$\tau(\text{C1-C2})$	220	3.3E-07			
31	fT	125	2.8E-07			
32	fT	104	1.2E-08			
33	fR	54	5.6E-10			

^a Actual work, 4.9L prenal annealed to 440 K.

^b From Ref. ¹.

Table 4. Vibrational analysis of the η^1 -methylidyne bonded in a threefold hollow site on Pt(111) (coverage 1/4 ML).

Number	Normal Mode	ω [cm^{-1}]	Intensity	Rel. Intensity	HREELS ^a	HREELS ^b
1	$\nu(\text{CH})$	3024	2.8E-08	m	2964	2970
2	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{Pt}_3\text{C})+\text{fT}$ (degenerate)	778	1.3E-08	w	796	800
3	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{Pt}_3\text{C})$	610	0		643	640
4	$\text{fT}+\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{Pt}_3\text{C})$ (degenerate)	473	4.0E-09		465	

^a Actual work, 4.9L prenal annealed to 440 K.

^b From Ref. ¹.

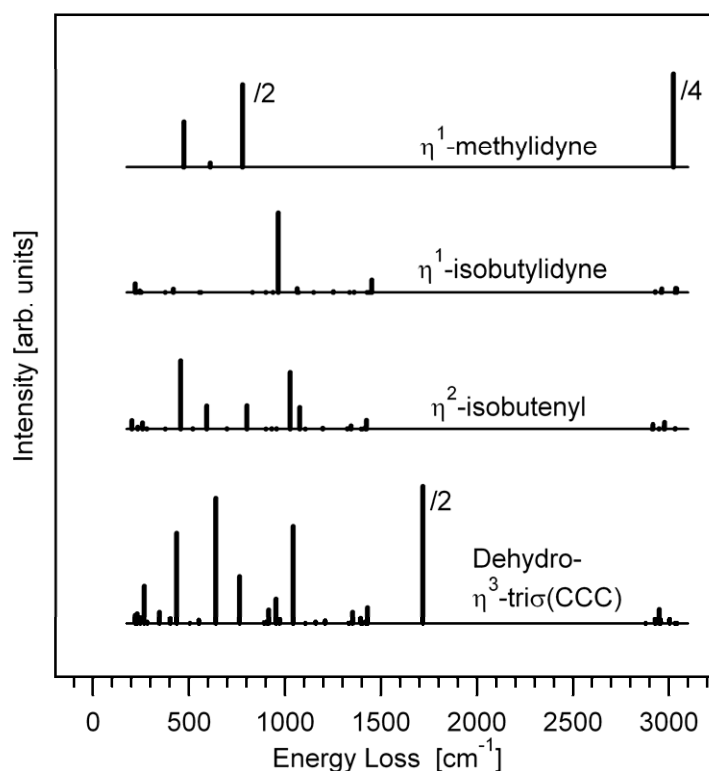


Figure 1. Comparison of the computed HREEL spectra of the four identified surface intermediates during prenal decomposition on Pt(111). See the Computational Details Section of a description of the theoretical vibrational simulations.

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