

Cationic thiolate and selenolate complexes of platinum(IV)

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Abstract: The reaction of the adamantanoid compounds $[\text{Hg}_4(\text{EPh})_6(\text{L})_4][\text{ClO}_4]_2$ ($\text{E} = \text{S}$ or Se , $\text{L} = \text{PEt}_3$ or PPh_3) with $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})]$ ($\text{bu}_2\text{bpy} = 4,4'$ -di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) occurs easily to give the first examples of cationic thiolate or selenolate derivatives of platinum(IV), $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{EPh})\text{L}(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})][\text{ClO}_4]$, and the addition is shown to occur with *trans* stereochemistry. The new complexes are characterized by NMR spectroscopy and when $\text{L} = \text{PEt}_3$ by X-ray structure determinations. When $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$, a competitive reaction leads to methyl group transfer from platinum to mercury to give MeHgEPh ($\text{E} = \text{S}$ or Se).

Key words: oxidative-addition, platinum, thiolate, selenolate, mercury.

Résumé : La réaction de composés adamantanoïdes $[\text{Hg}_4(\text{EPh})_6(\text{L})_4][\text{ClO}_4]_2$ ($\text{E} = \text{S}$ ou Se , $\text{L} = \text{PEt}_3$ ou PPh_3) avec $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})]$ ($\text{bu}_2\text{bpy} = 4,4'$ -di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) se produit facilement pour fournir les premiers exemples de dérivés thiolates ou sélénolates cationiques du platine(IV), $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{EPh})\text{L}(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})][\text{ClO}_4]$ et on a observé que l'addition se produit avec une stéréochimie *trans*. Les nouveaux complexes ont été caractérisés par spectroscopie RMN et, lorsque $\text{L} = \text{PEt}_3$, par diffraction des rayons X. Lorsque $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$, une réaction parallèle conduit à un transfert de groupe méthyle à partir du platine vers le mercure pour donner le MeHgEPh ($\text{E} = \text{S}$ ou Se).

Mots clés : addition oxydante, platine, thiolate, sélénolate, mercure.

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Introduction

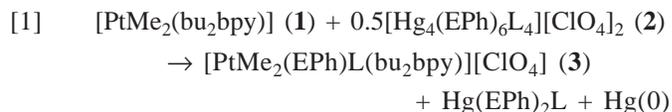
There is a rich chemistry resulting from reactions of $\text{Hg}-\text{X}$ bonds from mercury(II) compounds to the organo-platinum(II) centres in complexes $[\text{PtMe}_2\text{L}_2]$ and related compounds (1, 2). For example, oxidative addition of HgX_2 to $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})]$ ($\text{bu}_2\text{bpy} = 4,4'$ -di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) (**1**) gives $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{HgX})(\text{X})(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})]$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3$) (**1**). However, if the platinum(II) centre is less electron rich or the mercury centre is less electrophilic, the reaction may occur to give a platinum–mercury donor–acceptor bond. This form of reactivity is observed with $[\text{Pt}\{\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{P}(o\text{-tolyl})_2\}_2(\text{S}_2\text{CNMe}_2)]$ and HgX_2 ($\text{X} = \text{Br}, \text{I}$) and for the reaction of **1** with $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{HgX})(\text{X})(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})]$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3$) (**2**). Further reactions of these products can occur to give overall alkyl–halide exchange reactions, with the formation of $[\text{PtXMeL}_2]$ and MeHgX (**1g**). No reactions involving $\text{Hg(II)}-\text{E}$ ($\text{E} = \text{S}, \text{Se}$) bonds with organoplatinum(II) complexes have yet been reported. It is known that oxidative addition of the $\text{Sn(IV)}-\text{E}$ bonds in the ring compounds $[(\text{R}_2\text{SnE})_3]$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Ph}$) to complex **1** occurs easily, giving interesting platinum(IV) complexes containing PtESnESn rings (**3**). By analogy, it was considered possible that oxidative addition of the

$\text{Hg(II)}-\text{E}$ bonds of the adamantanoid compounds $[\text{Hg}_4(\text{EPh})_6(\text{L})_4][\text{ClO}_4]_2$ (**2a–d**) (Chart 1), might give novel cage complexes containing platinum(IV) centres (4, 5).

It was found that the reactions of **1** with compounds **2a–d** occurred easily but with fragmentation of the adamantanoid units to give the first cationic thiolate or selenolate complexes of platinum(IV), as described below. The SE^- ligand ($\text{E} = \text{S}$ or Se) is reducing in nature and tends to form stable complexes with platinum(II) rather than platinum(IV) (**6**). Since cationic platinum(IV) complexes are more easily reduced than neutral ones, it is not surprising that the known thiolate or selenolate derivatives of platinum(IV) are all neutral (**7**). However, it will be seen that cationic REPt(IV) complexes can be prepared and that they may have good thermal stability.

Results

The reaction of complex **1** with $[\text{Hg}_4(\text{EPh})_6(\text{L})_4][\text{ClO}_4]_2$ (**2**) appeared to occur mostly according to eq. [1].



For example, when $\text{L} = \text{PEt}_3$, a mixture of products was formed from which the corresponding complex $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{EPh})(\text{PEt}_3)(\text{bu}_2\text{bpy})][\text{ClO}_4]$ ($\text{E} = \text{S}$ (**3a**) or Se (**3b**)) could be crystallized as an air-stable yellow solid. The other products from the reaction were not isolated in pure form and the identity of the proposed product $\text{Hg}(\text{EPh})_2\text{L}$ (eq. [1]) remains uncertain, as discussed below.

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Fig. 1. A view of the molecular structure of complex **3a** roughly down the S—Pt bond, showing the orientation of the phenyl group with respect to the bu₂bpy ligand. Only one component of each of the disordered ethylphosphorus groups is shown for clarity.

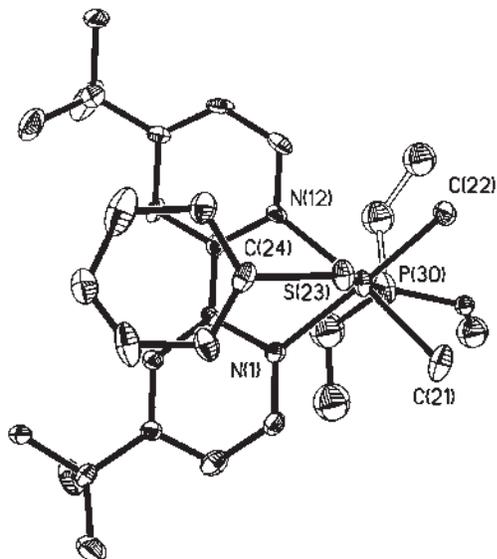
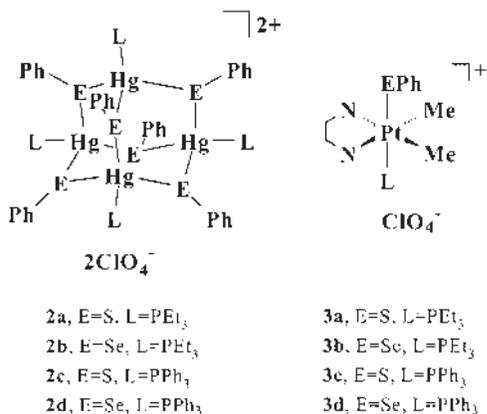
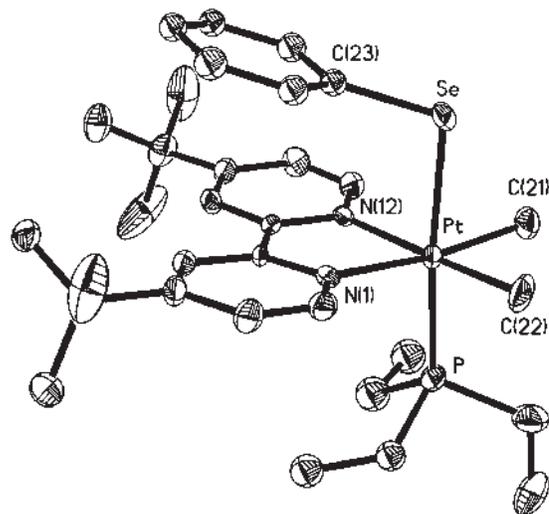


Chart 1. NN = bu₂bpy.



Complexes **3a** and **3b** were characterized spectroscopically and crystallographically. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **3a** contained a single methylplatinum resonance, with the coupling constant (²J_{Pt,Me} = 66 Hz) in the range expected for methylplatinum(IV) complexes with methyl *trans* to nitrogen (8). The presence of a single methylplatinum resonance indicates that the product is formed by *trans* oxidative addition and so supports the structure shown in Chart 1. The mirror symmetry (C_s) of **3a** is also shown by the presence of only three aromatic bu₂bpy peaks and one *tert*-butyl peak in the ¹H NMR spectrum. The presence of the triethylphosphine ligand is shown in the ³¹P NMR spectrum of **3a** by the presence of a singlet resonance at δ = 0.29, with satellites due to the coupling (¹J_{Pt,P} = 1895 Hz) and in the ¹H NMR spectrum by the observation of coupling to the methylplatinum protons with ³J_{Pt,Me} = 5 Hz. The magnitude of the coupling constant (¹J_{Pt,P} = 1895 Hz) is consistent with the phosphine being *trans* to EPh, but is too high for a phosphine *trans* to a methyl group (9, 10). The resonances in the

Fig. 2. A view of the molecular structure of complex **3b**. Only one component of each of the disordered ethyl and phenyl groups is shown for clarity.

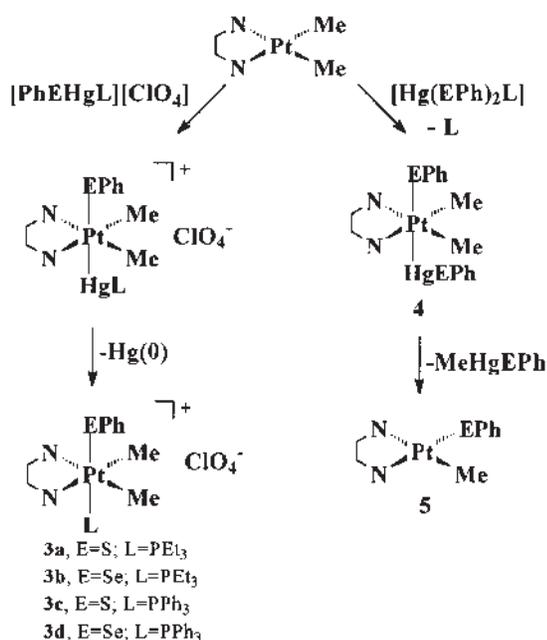


¹H NMR spectrum due to the EPh protons appear over the range δ = 6.25–6.52 and are lower in chemical shift than is normal for aryl protons, probably because they lie in the shielding region of the aromatic bu₂bpy ligand (7). The NMR data has thus defined a structure with the phosphine ligand *trans* to the EPh group at platinum(IV). The spectra for complex **3b** are similar and are listed in the *Experimental* section.

The structures of **3a** and **3b** were determined crystallographically and are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively, with relevant bond parameters listed in Table 1. The two compounds are isomorphous and have similar structures, with the EPh and PEt₃ ligands mutually *trans* at platinum(IV). In each complex, the phenyl substituent of the EPh ligand is oriented above the bipyridyl ligand. This leads to π-stacking (11) with intercentroid distances between the phenyl and N(1) pyridyl ring of 3.81 Å for **3a** and 3.64 Å for **3b** and between the phenyl and N(12) pyridyl ring of 4.04 Å for **3a** and 4.45 Å for **3b**. The Pt—P bond lengths are 2.315(5) and 2.291(4) Å for complexes **3a** and **3b**, respectively; comparison with other phosphine complexes of platinum(IV) (12) suggests that these distances are relatively short and, therefore, the EPh ligand has only a moderate *trans* influence. The slightly longer Pt—P bond in **3a** as compared to **3b** may indicate that the SPh ligand has a marginally higher *trans*-influence than SePh. In **3a**, the Pt—S bond distance of 2.398(5) Å and the Pt-S-C angle of 108.9(8)° are unexceptional. The only other structurally characterized arylthiolate complex of platinum(IV) with a two-coordinate sulfur atom is [(η⁵-C₅Me₅)PtMe₂(S-*p*-C₆H₄Me)], which has Pt—S = 2.344(1) Å and Pt-S-C = 108.4(2)° (13), very similar to the corresponding values in **3a**. The cubane complex [{PtMe₃(μ₃-SPh)}₄], which contains four-coordinate sulfur atoms with sulfur *trans* to methyl, has a longer Pt—S = 2.506(5) Å and a more open angle Pt-S-C = 118.1(7)° (14). Several arylthiolate complexes of platinum(II) with two-coordinate sulfur atoms have been structurally characterized, and the bond parameters for the Pt-S-C units are similar to those for complex **3a** (15). In complex

Table 1. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complexes **3a** and **3b**.

	3a (E = S)	3b (E = Se)
Bond distances (Å)		
Pt—P	2.315(5)	2.291(4)
Pt—E	2.398(5)	2.512(2)
Pt—N(1)	2.14(1)	2.13(1)
Pt—N(12)	2.16(1)	2.12(1)
Pt—C(21)	2.13(2)	2.10(2)
Pt—C(22)	2.05(2)	2.10(1)
Bond angles (°)		
P—Pt—E	176.7(2)	174.9(1)
C—E—Pt	108.9(8)	106.1(8)

Scheme 1. NN = bu₂bpy.

3b, the distance Pt—Se = 2.512(2) Å and angle Pt—Se—C = 106.1(9)° are similar to those in the known neutral Pt(IV)—SePh complexes. For example, corresponding parameters are [PtMe₂(SePh)₂(phen)] (2.4896(9) Å, 103.7(2)°) (7) and [PtMe₂(SePh)₂(bpy)] (2.478(1) Å, 2.498(1) Å, 103.4(4)°, 103.1(3)°) (7).

The reaction of complex **1** with [Hg₄(SPh)₆(PEt₃)₄][ClO₄]₂ (**2a**) was monitored by ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy in an attempt to identify the other products of eq. [1]. Complex **3a** was readily identified as a major product (ca. 75% based on **1**), and it was shown that one equivalent of **2a** consumed at least 2 equivalents of **1** as required by eq. [1]. A second major product was identified by a resonance in the ³¹P NMR spectrum at δ = 16.7, with satellites due to the coupling (¹J_{P,Hg} = 2817 Hz). It is tentatively suggested that this complex is Hg(SPh)₂(PEt₃) (eq. [1]), but it was not possible to isolate it in pure form to carry out further characterization. If the formulation is correct, it is likely to form a dimer or oligomer by forming Hg₂(μ-SR) bridges (4, 16). The formation of trace amounts of metallic mercury was visually evident. In a similar reaction of **1** with **2b**, complex **3b** was

Table 2. Crystal data and experimental details.

Complex	3a ·CH ₂ Cl ₂	3b ·CH ₂ Cl ₂
Empirical formula	C ₃₃ H ₅₂ Cl ₃ N ₂ O ₄ PSPt	C ₃₃ H ₅₂ Cl ₃ N ₂ O ₄ SePt
FW	890.12	952.14
<i>T</i> (K)	200	200
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.4447(6)	13.3754(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	8.0461(4)	8.1982(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.9052(9)	18.9704(6)
β (°)	109.443(3)	109.970(1)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1928.5(2)	1955.1(1)
<i>Z</i>	2	2
<i>D</i> _{calcd.} (g cm ⁻³)	1.533	1.617
μ (mm ⁻¹)	3.977	4.801
<i>F</i> (000)	882	948
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.1054	0.0442
<i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.2691	0.1125

$$^a R_1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum F_o; wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum wF_o^4]^{1/2}.$$

identified as the major product, but several mercury(II) phosphine complexes appeared to be formed as indicated by several singlet resonances in the range δ = 5–24 in the ³¹P NMR spectrum.

The reaction of **1** and the triphenylphosphine derivatives [Hg₄(EPh)₆L₄][ClO₄]₂ (L = PPh₃; E = S (**2c**) or Se (**2d**)) were somewhat more complex. Again, the complexes [PtMe₂(EPh)L(bu₂bpy)][ClO₄] (E = S (**3c**) or Se (**3d**)) were isolated as yellow solids. They were readily characterized by comparison of their ¹H and ³¹P NMR spectra with those of the structurally characterized complexes **3a** and **3b**. When the reaction of **1** with **2c** was monitored by NMR spectroscopy, complex **3c** was identified as one major product. In addition, the ³¹P spectrum contained a resonance at δ = 26.2 (¹J_{P,Hg} = 3215 Hz) tentatively assigned to Hg(SPh)₂(PPh₃). In the ¹H NMR spectrum, the known methylmercury(II) compound MeHgSPh was readily identified (17), present at about half the concentration of **3c**. A similar reaction of **1** with **2d** gave complex **3d** and a compound having δ(³¹P) = 29.2 (¹J_{P,Hg} = 3177 Hz), tentatively identified as Hg(SePh)₂(PPh₃), while MeHgSePh was identified by its ¹H NMR spectrum (18).

The stoichiometry of these reactions can be understood by considering that the adamantane mercury(II) complexes (**2**) react as if they were comprised of two components: [Hg₄(EPh)₆L₄][ClO₄]₂ = 2[PhEHgL][ClO₄] + 2[Hg(EPh)₂L] (Scheme 1). The major product **3** is formed by oxidative addition of the fragment [PhEHgL][ClO₄] to **1** with loss of mercury metal. It is not known at which stage the mercury atom is extruded, or even at what stage the adamantane derivative fragments, but Scheme 1 shows one possible route. The oxidative addition probably occurs by a polar mechanism initiated by nucleophilic attack of the electron-rich platinum(II) centre of complex **1** to the electrophilic mercury(II), leading to the observed *trans* addition in the product complex **3**. There are several precedent-setting examples for the loss of mercury(0) from Pt—Hg bonded compounds, such as the reaction of *trans*-[(2-Me₂NCH₂C₆H₄)₂Pt] with Hg(O₂CMe)₂ to yield [(2-Me₂NCH₂C₆H₄)₂Pt(O₂CMe)₂] and Hg(0) (19).

The minor product MeHgEPh formed in the reactions of **1** with **2c** and **2d** is likely to be formed by the competing oxidative-addition reaction of complex **1** with the fragment [Hg(EPh)₂L] to give intermediate **4** (Scheme 1), which can undergo reductive elimination to yield MeHgEPh and [PtMe(EPh)(bu₂bpy)] (**5**). Complex **5** would then react with more **2** to give additional MeHgEPh. The formed complexes (**3**) are thermally stable, and therefore, cannot be the source of formation of MeHgEPh.

Clearly these reactions are more complex than was envisaged and they did not yield the anticipated platinum–mercury-bonded cage complexes. Nevertheless, they do give a simple route to the first cationic thiolate and selenolate complexes of platinum(IV), and it is shown that these compounds are both air-stable and thermally stable.

Experimental

General

NMR spectra were recorded by using a Varian 300 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported with respect to TMS (¹H) or external H₃PO₄ (³¹P) references. Solvents were dried and freshly distilled prior to use. Complexes **2** (**4**) and [PtMe₂(bu₂bpy)] (**20**) were prepared according to the literature procedures. CAUTION: toxic methylmercury compounds are formed in some reactions; appropriate precautions should be taken.

[(PtMe₂(SPh)(PEt₃)(bu₂bpy)][ClO₄] (**3a**)

A mixture of [PtMe₂(bu₂bpy)] (80 mg, 0.162 mmol) and **2a** (133 mg, 0.162 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The yellow solution was filtered through dry Celite, and pentane (40 mL) was added to the filtrate to precipitate the product as a yellow microcrystalline solid, which was isolated by filtration, washed with pentane, and dried in vacuo. Yield: 58%. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 8.56 (d, ³J_{6,5} = 6 Hz, ³J_{Pt,H6} = 14 Hz, 2H, H6), 7.95 (d, ⁴J_{3,5} = 2 Hz, 2H, H3), 7.70 (dd, ³J_{5,6} = 6 Hz, ³J_{5,3} = 2 Hz, 2H, H5), 6.52–6.25 (m, 5H, C₆H₅), 1.42 (d, ³J_{PMe} = 5 Hz, ²J_{Pt,H} = 66 Hz, 6H, Pt-Me), 1.46 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), 1.38 (m, *J*_{H,H} = 8 Hz, *J*_{P,H} = 8 Hz, 6H, CH₂), 0.81 (m, *J*_{H,H} = 8 Hz, *J*_{P,H} = 8 Hz, 9H, CH₃). ³¹P NMR δ: -2.7 (s, ¹J_{Pt,P} = 1976 Hz, P-Pt). Anal. calcd. for C₃₂H₅₀ClN₂O₄PSPt·CH₂Cl₂: C 43.78, H 5.79, N 3.09; found: C 43.88, H 5.83, N 2.99. Crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic study were grown over a period of several days by slow diffusion of pentane into a CH₂Cl₂ solution at 22°C.

[(PtMe₂(SePh)(PEt₃)(bu₂bpy)][ClO₄] (**3b**)

This complex was prepared similarly, except that **2b** was used instead of **2a**. Yield: 52%. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 8.52 (d, ³J_{6,5} = 6 Hz, ³J_{Pt,H6} = 14 Hz, 2H, H6), 8.05 (d, ⁴J_{3,5} = 2 Hz, 2H, H3), 7.59 (dd, ³J_{5,6} = 6 Hz, ³J_{5,3} = 2 Hz, 2H, H5), 6.85–6.42 (m, 5H, C₆H₅), 1.52 (d, ³J_{PMe} = 5 Hz, ²J_{Pt,H} = 65 Hz, 6H, Pt-Me), 1.46 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), 1.38 (m, *J*_{H,H} =

7 Hz, *J*_{P,H} = 7 Hz, 6H, -CH₂), 0.81 (m, *J*_{H,H} = 7 Hz, *J*_{P,H} = 8 Hz, 9H, -CH₃). ³¹P NMR δ: -5.83 (s, ¹J_{Pt,P} = 1966 Hz, P-Pt). Anal. calcd. for C₃₂H₅₀ClN₂O₄PSePt·CH₂Cl₂: C 41.68, H 5.50, N 2.94; found: C 41.55, H 5.41, N 2.84. Crystals were grown as described for **3a**.

[(PtMe₂(SPh)(PPh₃)(bu₂bpy)][ClO₄] (**3c**)

This was prepared similarly except that **2c** was used instead of **2a**. Yield: 43%. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 7.88 (d, ⁴J_{3,5} = 2 Hz, 2H, H3), 7.85 (d, ³J_{6,5} = 6 Hz, ³J_{Pt,H6} = 15 Hz, 2H, H6), 7.46–7.00 (m, 15H, C₆H₅), 6.61–6.30 (m, 5H, SC₆H₅), 1.71 (d, ³J_{PMe} = 5 Hz, ²J_{Pt,H} = 65 Hz, 6H, Pt-Me), 1.43 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu). ³¹P NMR δ: -0.2 (s, ¹J_{Pt,P} = 1802 Hz, P-Pt). Anal. calcd. for C₄₄H₅₀ClN₂O₄PSPt: C 54.80, H 5.23, N 2.90; found: C 54.71, H 5.19, N 2.80.

[(PtMe₂(SePh)(PPh₃)(bu₂bpy)][ClO₄] (**3d**)

This was prepared similarly except that **2d** was used instead of **2a**. Yield: 39%. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ: 7.93 (d, ⁴J_{3,5} = 2 Hz, 2H, H3), 7.81 (d, ³J_{6,5} = 6 Hz, ³J_{Pt,H6} = 14 Hz, 2H, H6), 7.50–6.95 (m, 15H, C₆H₅), 6.53–6.20 (m, 5H, SeC₆H₅), 1.75 (d, ³J_{PMe} = 5 Hz, ²J_{Pt,H} = 66 Hz, 6H, Pt-Me), 1.44 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu). ³¹P NMR δ: -3.6 (s, ¹J_{Pt,P} = 1860 Hz, P-Pt). Anal. calcd. for C₄₄H₅₀ClN₂O₄PSePt: C 52.25, H 4.98, N 2.77; found: C 52.07, H 4.79, N 2.69.

X-ray structure determinations

Crystals of **3a** and **3b**, as perchlorate salts, were mounted on glass fibres. Data were collected using a Nonius Kappa-CCD diffractometer using COLLECT software (21a). Crystal cell refinement and data reduction were carried out using the Nonius DENZO package (21a). The data were scaled using SCALEPACK (21a) and no other absorption corrections were applied. The SHEXTL 5.1 program was used to solve the structure by direct methods, followed by successive difference Fouriers (21b). Crystallographic details are listed in Table 2.² The two compounds are isomorphous, each crystallizing in space group P2₁ with one molecule of CH₂Cl₂ of solvation. For complex **3a**, two of the ethyl groups on the phosphorus atom were modeled as isotropic, half occupancy moieties. Only one of each disordered ethyl group is shown in Fig. 1 for clarity. The third ethyl group was also kept isotropic. For complex **3b**, the phenyl ring attached to the selenium atom was modeled as two half-occupancy rings with isotropic carbon atoms. Two of the ethyl groups on the phosphorus atom were also modeled as isotropic, half-occupancy moieties. In Fig. 2 only one of each disordered group is shown for clarity. In both compounds, there was disorder of the CH₂Cl₂ molecule and of the ClO₄⁻ anion, and they were modeled with geometrical constraints.

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