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# Mono- and Diplatinum Polyynediyl Complexes as Potential Push— Pull Chromophores: Synthesis, Characterization, TD-DFT Modeling, and Photophysical and NLO Properties

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Supporting Information

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ABSTRACT: This paper presents the syntheses and photophysical and the electrochemical characterizations of four new mono- and diplatinum polyynediyl complex chromophores end-capped with diphenylpyranylidene and pentafluorophenyl moieties. The nonlinear optical properties (NLO) of these compounds are investigated using the electric-field-induced second harmonic generation (EFISH) technique, and their experimental optical properties are confirmed by time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) with a range-separated hybrid. All complexes show positive  $\mu\beta$  values. While the inductive electron-withdrawing pentafluorophenyl ligand, the length of the polyyne linkers, and the number of platinum centers do not seem to significantly affect the NLO responses of these complexes, their structural configuration plays a significant role, as shown by the V-shaped complex 10 exhibiting the highest  $\mu\beta$  value of the series of complexes, twice as high as that of the linear complex 9.

# ■ INTRODUCTION

Considerable research efforts have been recently made to develop organic and organometallic molecular systems exhibiting interesting nonlinear optical (NLO) properties, as they offer potential applications in many fields, including photonics, photodynamic therapy, optical limiting devices, optical data storage,4 and optoelectronics.5 Among these systems, transition-metal complexes are particularly attractive. Unlike pure organic chromophores, they display low-energy, high-intensity metal-ligand charge transfer transitions that make these systems quite flexible. For example, their NLO properties can be modified and easily tuned by changing the nature and/or the oxidation state of the metal center or by varying the type of ligands coordinated to the metal.

Among the aforementioned organometallic systems, platinum acetylide complexes have been the least investigated, especially in comparison to their ruthenium counterparts. However, these platinum complexes displayed luminescence and energy photoconversion properties that could make them very attractive candidates in applications such as optoelectronics, photonics, and solar cells.7 A variety of functional materials<sup>8</sup> have resulted from the supramolecular selfassemblies9 of platinum acetylide complex building blocks. These complexes have also been used as dyes for applications ranging from production of photoinduced energy and

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Chart 1. Chemical Structures of Complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15

Scheme 1. Synthetic Routes of Ligands 6 and 7<sup>a</sup>

"Conditions: (i) n-BuLi, THF, -78 °C to room temperature, 3 h; (ii) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 1:2, room temperature, 12 h.

hydrogen to electron transfer systems.<sup>10</sup> Recently, Tian et al. reported on several platinum acetylide complexes exhibiting significant photoconversion efficiencies.<sup>11</sup> In addition, in these complexes, large NLO responses can be anticipated due to the conjugated character and the linear structure of the alkynyl unit.<sup>12</sup>

Over the past few years, we have developed an interest in synthesizing and studying the properties of asymmetrical push-pull dialkynyl platinum-based complexes exhibiting a  $D-\pi$ -Pt- $\pi$ -A arrangement, with pyranylidene ligands used as pro-aromatic donor groups (D),  $^{13}$  and various  $\pi$ -linkers coupling on each side of the platinum diacetylide unit to the electron-donating (D) and the electron-accepting (A) groups. In our investigations, cyanoacetic groups and diazinyl fragments were used as electron-withdrawing groups (A), and the obtained complexes were tested in dye-sensitized solar cell (DSSC) and NLO devices, respectively. In the first series of complexes containing cyanoacetic groups, all investigated complexes exhibited good photoconversion efficiency (PCE) (up to 4.7%) depending on the lengths and types of the  $\pi$ linkers.<sup>14</sup> The second-order NLO characterization of some complexes resulted in positive  $\mu\beta$  values determined by electric-field-induced second harmonic generation (EFISH). These  $\mu\beta$  values dramatically increased (up to 3600  $\times$  10<sup>-48</sup> esu) upon methylation of the pyrimidinyl groups. 15

These promising results led us to pursue the studies of these platinum complexes. In particular, we became interested in replacing the diazine fragments by another electron-withdrawing group: pentafluorophenyl (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>). Fluorine, usually in the form of a pentafluorophenyl group, has been widely incorporated into organic molecular NLO systems<sup>16</sup> and organic systems used as dyes in DSSC.<sup>17</sup> The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking ability of the aromatic ring combined with the enhanced electron-withdrawing properties of C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub> have made this group an attractive candidate as an inductive electron-withdrawing moiety, as both of these characteristics allow an increase in the optical transparency and a decrease in the optical loss in these compounds. 18 In addition, push-pull structures bearing a pentafluorophenyl group exhibit low molecular dipole moments. This property allows polymers doped with push-pull systems containing pentafluorophenyl groups to show poling with high temporal stability.<sup>16</sup>

Pentafluorophenyl ligands have also been used in mono- and diplatinum complexes. <sup>19</sup> For instance, Gladysz and co-workers have synthesized a wide range of symmetrical and asymmetrical pentafluorophenyl-substituted di- and tetraplatinum polyynediyl complexes comprising extended sp-hybridized chains. <sup>20</sup> Several more intricate structures based on these diplatinum polyynediyl complexes were also reported, where double helices of sp³-hybridized carbon chains enveloped sp-

Scheme 2. Synthesis of Mono- and Diplatinum Complexes 9 and 10<sup>a</sup>

"Conditions: (i) 1.2 equiv of 4-[(4-ethynylphenyl)phenylmethylene]-2,6-diphenyl-4H-pyran (6), CuI, THF/Et<sub>2</sub>NH 1/2, room temperature, 12 h; (ii) 0.5 equiv of 4-(bis(4-ethynylphenyl)methylene)-2,6-diphenyl-4H-pyran 7, CuI, THF/Et<sub>2</sub>NH 1/2, room temperature, 12 h.

Scheme 3. Synthesis of Diplatinum Complexes 14 and 15<sup>a</sup>

$$(Tol)_{3}P - Pt - P(Tol)_{3} \qquad ii$$

$$(Tol)_{3}P - Pt - P(Tol)_{3} \qquad (Tol)_{3}P \qquad F \qquad F$$

$$11 \qquad 15, 76\%$$

$$11 \qquad 14, 72\%$$

"Conditions: (i) 1 equiv of trans- $[(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2Pt(C\equiv C)_2H]$  (12), CuI, THF/Et<sub>2</sub>NH 1/2, room temperature, 48 h; (ii) 1 equiv of trans- $[(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2Pt(C\equiv C)_3SiEt_3]$  (13),  $nBu_4N^+F$ , THF, 30 min and CuI, Et<sub>2</sub>NH, room temperature, 48 h.

hybridized carbon chains,<sup>21</sup> and rotaxane-type assemblies were formed through shielding the sp-hybridized chains with a macrocycle.<sup>22</sup> These platinum-alkynyl complexes display longrange electronic charge transfer and represent excellent systems for investigating charge delocalization mechanisms over extended distances. This characteristic led to their use as simple electronic components.<sup>23</sup>

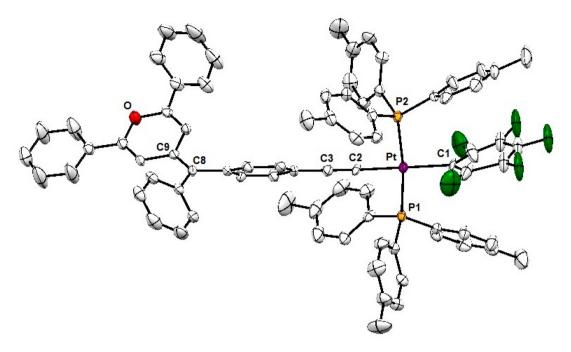
We present herein the synthesis of several push—pull dialkynyl mono- and diplatinum-based complexes incorporating pyranylidene ligands as donor groups and the pentafluorophenyl ligand as an inductive accepting group (Chart 1) and the determination of their second-order nonlinear optical (NLO) properties.

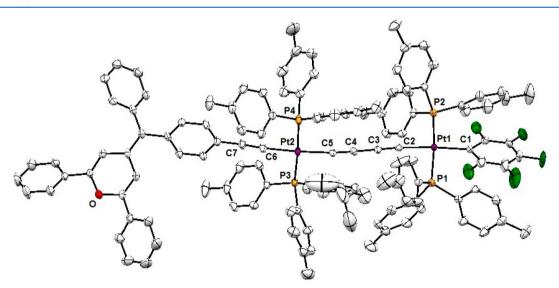
We are particularly interested in investigating the effect of the inductive electron-accepting pentafluorophenyl ligand that differs from mesomeric electron acceptor groups typically used in most of the known organometallic push—pull structures. We also investigated the effects of two metal centers connected by  $\pi$ -conjugated bridges and the length of the sp-hybridized

carbon chains on the NLO properties of the systems. In addition to the NLO responses, we also characterized the structures of the synthesized complexes and studied their electrochemical and physical properties.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Synthesis and Characterization.** The synthesis of the complexes required 4-[(4-ethynylphenyl)phenylmethylene]-2,6-diphenyl-4*H*-pyran (6) and 4-(bis(4-ethynylphenyl)methylene)-2,6-diphenyl-4*H*-pyran (7) as starting materials. Compound 6 was prepared by following published procedures, <sup>14</sup> while compound 7 synthesis was a two-step process (Scheme 1). First, a Wittig reaction between tributyl(2,6-diphenyl-4*H*-pyran-4-yl)-phosphonium tetrafluoroborate (1)<sup>24</sup> and bis(4-(2-trimethylsilylethynyl))benzophenone (3)<sup>25</sup> in the presence of *n*-BuLi led to the diphenylpyranylidene unit 5 in good yield. Then, terminal alkyne 7 is obtained through the quantitative desilylation of compound 5 in basic medium.





The precursor 8  $(trans-[(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2PtCl])^{19d}$  and the complexes  $11^{14}$  (4-[(4-ethynylphenyl)phenylmethylene]-2,6-diphenyl-4H-pyran-substituted chloride), <math>12  $(trans-[(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2Pt(C\equiv C)_2H])$ , and 13  $(trans-[(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2Pt(C\equiv C)_3SiEt_3])$  were synthesized according to previously reported procedures. The synthetic approach to the asymmetrical platinum complex 9 and the diplatinum complexes 10, 14, and 15 (Schemes 2 and 3) was performed using the widely reported substitution of platinum chloride

complexes by terminal acetylenes. ^14,15,19-21 All complexes were prepared under similar conditions by conventional cross-coupling reactions catalyzed by copper(I) iodide, in diethylamine and THF. The reactions were conducted overnight under ambient temperature and led to complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15 in 70-82% yields. As shown in Scheme 3, trans-[( $C_6F_5$ )( $Tol_3P$ )<sub>2</sub>Pt( $C\equiv C$ )<sub>3</sub>H] was generated in situ from trans-[( $C_6F_5$ )( $Tol_3P$ )<sub>2</sub>Pt( $C\equiv C$ )<sub>3</sub>SiEt<sub>3</sub>] (13) and  $nBu_4N^+F^-$ . The progress of the reactions was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR,

revealing the concomitant consumption of the starting material and the formation of the products **9**, **10**, **14**, and **15**. The new complexes **9**, **10**, **14**, and **15** were characterized by IR, UV/vis, NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>13</sup>C), and high-resolution mass spectroscopy. These characterizations are in agreement with the suggested structures.

The signature  $\nu_{C \equiv C}$  band of the metal-bonded alkynyl group, in the 2228-2103 cm<sup>-1</sup> range, is observed in the IR spectra of the complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15. Characteristic signals of the vinylic H resonance of the methylenepyran (singlet at  $\delta$  6.70 ppm), of the disubstituted phenyl rings (two doublet signals at  $\delta$  7.50 and 7.25 ppm;  ${}^3J_{\rm HH}$  = 7.9 and 8.1 Hz), and of the alkyne protons (singlet at  $\delta$  3.15 ppm) were observed in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the symmetrical ligand 7. In complex 10, the inductive effect of the platinum coordination resulted in an upfield shift of the hydrogen atoms of the disubstituted phenyl rings ( $\delta$  6.65 and 6.19 ppm) and of the vinylic protons ( $\delta$  6.49 ppm) of the methylenepyran. The complexes 9, 14, and 15 display similar shifts. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15 show the expected peaks for the tris(p-tolyl)phosphines, the pyranylidene ligand, and the  $\pi$ -conjugated linker. The  $^{31}P$  NMR spectra of the monoplatinum complex 9 and the symmetrically substituted diplatinum 10 display sharp singlets, indicating that the phosphine ligands coordinated to the platinum adopted trans geometries (for example  $\delta$  17.61 ppm,  ${}^{1}J_{\text{PtP}} = 2691$  Hz, for 9). Due to the asymmetrical substitutions of the platinum moieties on butadiynediyl (14) and hexatriynediyl (15) complexes, the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra show two phosphorus signals (for example  $\delta$  16.31 ppm,  $^{1}J_{\text{PtP}} = 2708$  Hz, 14.69 ppm,  $^{1}J_{\text{PtP}} = 2627$  Hz, for 14). Finally,  $^{19}F$  NMR spectra of the complexes display three multiplet signals that can be attributed to the three different fluorine atoms on the pentafluorophenyl groups.

Structural Description. For the determination of the crystallographic structures, complexes 9 and 14 were grown as single crystals by the slow diffusion of pentane into a concentrated solution of 9 in dichloromethane and of 14 in chloroform. Figures 1 and 2 give the thermal ellipsoid plots obtained from the crystallographic structures. The crystallographic data and structure refinement details are given in Tables S1 and S2 in the Supporting Information.<sup>26</sup> The monoplatinum complex 9 crystallizes in the monoclinic space group, with a slightly distorted square planar geometry around the four-coordinated platinum atom (Figure 1). The molecular structure confirms the trans configuration of the pentafluorophenyl group, the pyranylidene ligand, and the two tris(ptolyl)phosphines around the platinum center. Typical bond lengths and angles around the platinum were determined.<sup>14</sup> The C1-Pt-C2≡C3 group adopts an almost linear structure with Pt-C2≡C3 and C1-Pt-C2 angles of 176.3(6) and 172.40(3)°, respectively. In contrast, the P1-Pt-P2 angle is slightly more bent at 169.73(6)°. The Pt-C2 distance of 1.994(6) Å and the C1≡C2 bond length of 1.213(9) Å are consistent with those observed for other platinums coordinated to acetylide ligands.<sup>27</sup> The exocyclic bond C8-C9 of the methylenepyran was found to have a length of 1.357(9) Å, which is slightly lower than the range of the exocyclic C-C bond lengths (1.39-1.40 Å) generally reported in methylenepyran Fischer-type carbine complexes. In these complexes, the electron-withdrawing effect of the carbene moiety leads to a ground-state structure leaning toward the cyanine limit,<sup>2</sup> while the exocyclic bond C8-C9 measured in complex 9 suggests a weak pyryllium character for this complex structure.

Unlike the monoplatinum complex 9, the diplatinum complex 14 crystallizes in a triclinic space group (Figure 2). The bond lengths and angles in the tetraphosphine complex 14 with a  $Pt(C \equiv C)_2Pt$  linkage were typical and similar to those reported for the asymmetrically butadiynediyl substituted diplatinum analogues (Figure 3).<sup>20b</sup> The  $C2 \equiv C3$ ,  $C4 \equiv C5$ ,

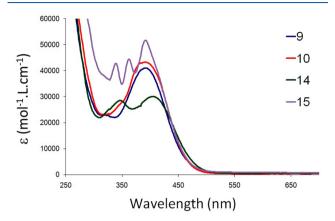


Figure 3. UV–vis absorption spectra of complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15 in dichloromethane solution  $(2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  at room temperature.

and  $C6\equiv C7$  bond lengths are within the normal range of 1.210(6), 1.215(6), and 1.202(6) Å, respectively. In addition, the platinum–platinum  $Pt1\cdots Pt2$  distance (7.798 Å) is slightly below the sum of all the intermediary bond lengths (7.814 Å). The  $Pt1-C2\equiv C3-C4\equiv C5-Pt2$  chain is quasilinear, with angles in the ranges of  $173.7(4)-179.60(5)^{\circ}$ . The diplatinum complex 14 presents a significant "twist" associated with the square-planar end groups with an angle measured at  $8.7^{\circ}$ . In this approach, the angle between the planes in the crystal structure was determined by using the P-Pt-P bonds on one segment and the platinum from the other ([P1Pt1P2]-Pt2 vs [P3Pt2P4]-Pt1).

**Photophysical Properties.** UV—vis absorption spectra of complexes **9**, **10**, **14**, and **15**, recorded in diluted dichloromethane, are shown in Figure 3, and the corresponding spectroscopic data are collected in Table 1. Complexes **9** and

Table 1. Absorption Properties of Complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15 recorded in Dichloromethane Solution  $(2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  at Room Temperature

complex	$\lambda_{ m max}^{ m abs}/{ m nm}~(arepsilon/10^4~{ m M}^{-1}~{ m cm}^{-1})$
9	391 (4.1)
10	391 (4.3)
14	347 (2.9), 404 (3.0)
15	339 (4.3), 362 (4.4), 391 (5.2)

10 both exhibit a single major prominent band at 391 nm in their UV-visible spectra, while complexes 14 and 15 display multiple bands in the 330–410 nm range that can therefore be viewed as a signature of the multiethynyl bridge. Indeed, as observed in the UV-visible spectra of a series of polyyne platinum complexes of increasing conjugated lengths, <sup>29</sup> complexes 14 and 15 spectra display more absorption bands of increasing intensities. In most push-pull complexes, the lower-energy absorption bands can be attributed to an intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) transition between the electron-donor and the electron-acceptor fragments. <sup>15</sup> In

complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15 lower-energy absorption bands  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  in the 330–410 nm range are observed and correlate with intraligand charge transfer (ICT) transitions  $(\pi-\pi^*)$  centered on the pyranylidene moieties (see Theoretical Calculations for additional information). The extinction coefficient of complex 15 is significantly larger than that of complex 14, which displays an extinction coefficient of  $3.0 \times 10^4 \, {\rm M}^{-1} \, {\rm cm}^{-1}$  at 404 nm, while the complex 15 extinction coefficient is  $5.2 \times 10^4 \, {\rm M}^{-1} \, {\rm cm}^{-1}$  at 391 nm. Complex 15 displays a maximum absorption more intense than that of complex 14. This can be explained by the partial contribution on the ethynyl linkers in the electron delocalization toward the pyranylidene moieties.

**Electrochemical Properties.** Cyclic voltammetry (CV) studies of complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15 were carried out in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/NBu<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> 0.1 M by using a platinum working electrode. Table 2 gives the electrochemical data. The mono-

Table 2. Electrochemical Data for Complexes 9–11, 14, and 15 (0.5 mM) at a Pt Working Electrode in  $CH_2Cl_2/NBu_4PF_6$  0.1 M (E/V vs.  $Fc^+/Fc$ ,  $\nu$  = 0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>)

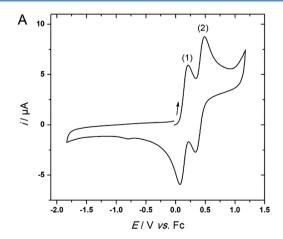
complex	$E_{\rm pa}(1)$	$E^{\circ\prime}(1)$	$E_{\rm pa}(2)$	$E^{\circ\prime}(2)$	$E_{\rm pa}(3)$	$E^{\circ\prime}(3)$
9	0.21	0.14	0.48	0.41		
10	0.12	0.08	0.37	0.31		
11	0.18	0.14	0.41	0.37		
14	0.15	0.12	0.36	0.32	0.68	0.64
15	0.17	0.13	0.40	0.36	0.77	0.73

Pt complex 9 displays two reversible systems at  $E^{\circ\prime}(1)=0.14$  V and  $E^{\circ\prime}(2)=0.41$  V vs Fc (Figure 4). Its redox behavior is similar to that obtained for the analogous chloro-pyranylidene complex 11 (0.14 and 0.37 V; see Table 2). This indicates that the pentafluorophenyl moiety does not substantially participate in the delocalization of the charge upon oxidation. Such a result is consistent with the theoretical calculations (vide infra, Figure 5). Coulometric analysis of the exhaustive electrolysis of the solution at 0.60 V indicates a global uptake of two electrons, hence suggesting that processes 1 and 2 are monoelectronic. The insertion of one diacetylene (complex 14) or one triacetylene (complex 15) Pt unit between the pentafluorophenyl group and the first Pt center induces a slight decrease in the formal potential values for both processes 1 and 2 in comparison to those of complex 9 (Figure 4 and Table 2).

Hence, the second Pt acetylene unit stabilizes the pyrylium radical cation likely through charge delocalization. In addition, the CV studies display a third reversible redox reaction at higher potential values for these two complexes  $(E^{\circ\prime}(3) = 0.64)$ and 0.73 V for 14 and 15, respectively). According to previous studies performed on pentafluorophenyl Pt complexes, the system at  $E^{\circ\prime}(3)$  can be ascribed to the oxidation of the bisplatinum core on both compounds. 20b,d For instance, the trans.trans- $(C_6F_5)(PTol_3)_2Pt(C \equiv C)_3Pt(PTol_3)_2(Tol)$  complex, which is an analogue of 15, displays an oxidation peak at 0.58 V vs Fc in dichloromethane. 20b It is worth noting that complex 10 exhibits rather low potential values upon oxidation  $(E^{\circ}'(1) = 0.08 \text{ V} \text{ and } E^{\circ}'(2) = 0.31 \text{ V}; \text{ see Table 2 and Figure}$ S22 in the Supporting Information) in comparison to complex 9. Its redox behavior can be correlated to its specific architecture, since the two pentafluorophenyl Pt units are symmetrically positioned on each side of the pyranylidene. The decrease in the potential (vs complex 9) can be assigned to the stronger stabilization of the electrochemically generated pyrylium radical cation 10°+ and dication 10²+. This effect occurs because the charge is likely delocalized over the two phenylacetylene units instead of one for 9, 14 and 15, in agreement with the symmetry of the molecule. This proposition is consistent with the difference in localization of the spin density calculated for the SOMOs of complexes 9°+ and 10°+ (Figure S23 in the Supporting Information).

**Second-Order NLO Measurements.** Second-order NLO responses of complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15 were determined by the EFISH method in chloroform with a nonresonant incident wavelength of 1907 nm, following experimental conditions described in the literature. It is worth mentioning that there is not overlap between the second harmonic at a wavelength of 953 nm and any of the absorption bands of the chromophores. As previously reported, the EFISH technique provides information about  $\mu\beta$  ( $2\omega$ ), the scalar product of the vector component of the first hyperpolarizability tensor ( $\beta$ ) and the dipole moment vector ( $\mu$ ) of the chromophores, as shown in eq 1. For the studied complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15, we assumed that the third-order term ( $\gamma_0(-2\omega,\omega,\omega,0)$ ) in this equation was negligible.

$$\gamma_{\text{EFISH}} = \mu \beta / 5kT + \gamma_0(-2\omega, \omega, \omega, 0)$$
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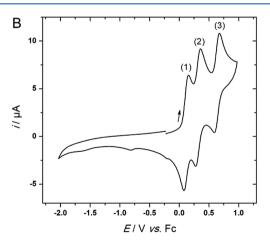


Figure 4. Cyclic voltammograms at a Pt working electrode of complexes 9 (panel A) and 14 (panel B) in  $CH_2Cl_2/NBu_4PF_6$  0.1 M (E/V vs  $Fc^+/Fc$ ,  $\nu = 0.1$  V s<sup>-1</sup>, C = 0.5 mM). The arrows indicate the scanning direction. The numbers 1–3 refer to the redox systems; see the text for details.

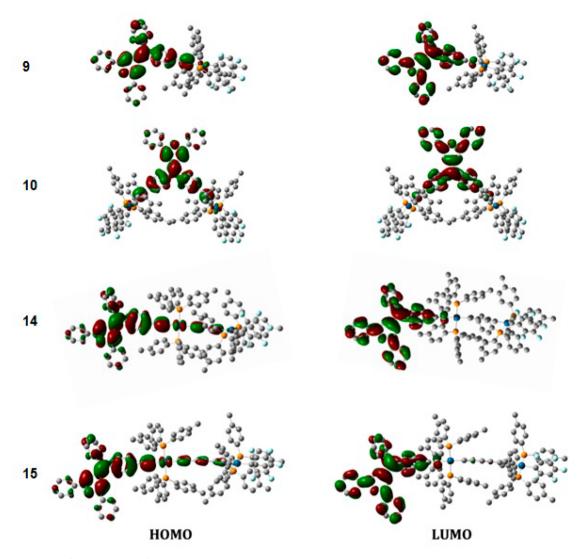


Figure 5. CAM-B3LYP frontier orbitals for the investigated systems. From top to bottom: 9, 10, 14, and 15. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

The EFISH measurements are gathered in Table 3. All complexes exhibited positive  $\mu\beta$  values, indicating that the

Table 3. Measured  $\mu\beta$  Values, Theoretically Determined Dipole Moment  $\mu$ , and Deduced Second-Hyperpolarizability  $\beta$  for Complexes 9, 10, 14, and 15

	9	10	14	15
$\mu\beta \ (10^{-48} \text{ esu})^a$	70	200	110	60
$\mu$ (D)	3.5	6.0	5.1	5.3
$\beta \ (10^{-30} \ \text{esu})$	20	33	22	11.3

 $^a\mu\beta$  (2 $\omega$ ) at 1907 nm in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. Molecular concentrations used for the measurements were in the range of  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-3}$  M.

excited states of the chromophores are more polarized than their ground states. In addition, these results confirm that chromophore ground and excited states are polarized in the same direction. For all four complexes, the  $\mu\beta$  values are rather low and the margin of error is probably higher than the  $\pm 10\%$  value generally reported for EFISH measurements. Complexes 9, 14, and 15 exhibited similar NLO responses. This seems to indicate that an increase in the length of the polyyne linker or the addition of a second platinum center essentially has no

major effect on the NLO response, which is qualitatively consistent with the theoretical calculations (vide infra, Figure 5). On the other hand, the V-shaped complex 10 displays a NLO responses ( $\mu\beta$  value) more than twice as high as that of the linear complex 9, in part due to the larger dipole moment induced by this specific configuration. These trends are consistent with results previously presented.<sup>32</sup>

The low  $\mu \beta_{\text{EFISH}}$  values observed in the present work are consistent with, yet lower than, those obtained in previous studies of similar platinum complexes. For example, Nguyen et al. described the synthesis and the NLO properties of several asymmetrical platinum bis(phenylacetylide) complexes substituted with various donor-acceptor groups.<sup>33</sup> Their Pt bis(acetylide) complex containing a p-methoxyphenyl fragment as the donor group and a p-nitrophenyl fragment as the acceptor group exhibits a moderate  $\mu\beta_{\rm EFISH}$  value of 310  $\times$ 10<sup>-48</sup> esu (operating at 1064 nm). We recently reported the second-order NLO responses of a series of  $D-\pi$ -Pt- $\pi$ -A platinum complexes consisting of a platinum bis(acetylide) segment separated from electron-donor pyranylidene and electron-acceptor pyirimidine groups by  $\pi$ -conjugated linkers. These neutral complexes also showed relatively low  $\mu\beta$ values between  $170 \times 10^{-48}$  and  $390 \times 10^{-48}$  esu (operating at

1907 nm). However, unlike these complexes, the complexes presented in this work contained an inductive accepting group with the pentafluorophenyl ligand that would lead to lower  $\mu\beta$  values

**Theoretical Calculations.** Theoretical calculations (see the Experimental Section for details) were used to confirm the experimental data and obtain a better understanding of the complex properties. For all molecules, TD-DFT shows that the lowest electronic excited state presents a large oscillator strength and is located at ca. 400 nm, which fits the experimental value. More specifically, the theoretical analyses were able to determine transitions at 396 nm (f = 1.31), 405 nm (f = 1.50), 399 nm (f = 1.58), and 399 nm (f = 1.62) for 9, 10, 14, and 15, respectively. In all cases, these transitions can be mainly ascribed to HOMO to LUMO electronic promotions. These orbitals are displayed in Figure 5. For each complex, both orbitals are largely localized on the pyranylidene moieties. Remarkably, the HOMO displays a partial contribution on the ethynyl linkers but nothing on the two external phenyl rings of the pyranylidene, unlike the LUMO, which shows significant contribution of these two phenyls. There is therefore a significant charge transfer in these systems, even though the pentafluorophenyl moieties play no role in it. As is often the case in very large compounds, the ICT does not take place from one end of the molecule to the other<sup>34</sup> but, in contrast, the  $\pi$ -conjugated bridge plays the role of a donor. The shapes of the LUMO, which are similar in 9, 10, and 15, are also consistent with the fact that these compounds show similar NLO responses. The DFT computed  $\beta(-2\omega;\omega,\omega)$  values at 1907 nm are  $23 \times 10^{-30}$ ,  $39 \times 10^{-30}$ , 34  $\times$  10<sup>-30</sup>, and 29  $\times$  10<sup>-30</sup> esu for 9, 10, 14, and 15, respectively. These values are obviously of the same order of magnitude as that measured, with the maximum response obtained for 10, due to its arrangement allowing for a "double" ICT transition as shown in Figure 5.

# CONCLUSION

We have synthesized a series of new mono- and diplatinum polyynediyl complex chromophores end-capped with diphenylpyranylidene and pentafluorophenyl moieties. The photophysical and electrochemical properties of the complexes substantiated by their theoretical (TD-)DFT studies indicate that they display adequate optoelectronic characteristics and consequently potential as NLO chromophores. Unexpectedly, the inductive electron-withdrawing pentafluorophenyl ligand of these platinum polyynediyl complexes seems to have a much weaker effect on the electronic properties than the mesomeric acceptors in analogous push-pull structures, as shown by the relatively low NLO responses and theoretical results. All investigated complexes display a positive  $\mu\beta$  value. Similar NLO responses obtained for complexes 9, 14, and 15 with polyyne linkers of various lengths show that increasing the length of these linkers does not systematically yield greater NLO responses in such complexes. However, the shape of the complex is important, as shown by the V-shaped complex 10 exhibiting the highest  $\mu\beta$  value of the series of complexes, twice as high as that of the linear complex 9, due to an adequate arrangement of the individual dipolar contributions. Experiments are currently underway to vary the components of the promising V-shaped complex 10 with different mesomeric acceptor groups (malononitrile, indane-1,3-dione, pyrimidine, orand pyrimidinium) to enhance the charge transfer in these systems and consequently improve the NLO responses.

# **■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General Methods. NMR spectra were acquired at room temperature on a Bruker AC-300 spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H at 300 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C at 75 MHz, <sup>31</sup>P at 121 MHz, <sup>19</sup>F at 282 MHz) and referenced as follows: <sup>1</sup>H NMR, residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (δ 7.26 ppm); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR, internal CDCl<sub>3</sub> (δ 77.16 ppm); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR, external H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (δ 0.00 ppm). The chemical shifts  $\delta$  are reported in parts per million relative to TMS (<sup>1</sup>H, 0.0 ppm) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>13</sup>C, 77.16 ppm). The coupling constant J is given in Hz. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, the following abbreviations are used to describe the peak pattern: s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublets), t (triplet), and m (multiplet). Acidic impurities in CDCl<sub>3</sub> were removed by treatment with anhydrous K2CO3. IR spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 spectrometer with an ATR sampling accessory. UVvisible spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer Lambda 25 spectrometer using standard 10 mm quartz cells. High-resolution mass analyses using a Bruker MicroTOFQ II apparatus and elemental analyses using a Microanalyseur Flash EA1112 CHNS/O Thermo Electron instrument were performed at the "Centre Régional de Mesures Physiques de l'Ouest" (CRMPO, University of Rennes 1). Column chromatography was performed using Acros SI 60 silica gel (60-200 mesh ASTM). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on EMD silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> (Merck) and was visualized with 365 nm UV light.

X-ray Structure Determination. Diffraction data for complex 9 (CCDC 1831483) were collected at 150(2) K using a Bruker APEX CCD diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). The crystallographic data for complex 14 (CCDC 1831485) was collected on a Bruker D8 VENTURE CCD diffractometer equipped with a multilayer monochromator device (Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å). Crystal structures were solved by a dual-space algorithm using the SHELXT program<sup>35a</sup> and then refined with full-matrix least-squares methods based on  $F^2$  (SHELXL-2014).35b All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. H atoms were finally included in the structural model in their calculated positions and constrained to ride on the attached carbon atom. In the case of 9, the contribution of the disordered solvents to the structure facture factors was calculated by the PLATON/SQUEEZE procedure<sup>35c</sup> and then taken into account in the final SHELXL-2014 least-squares refinement. Relevant collection and refinement data for all compounds are given in the Supporting Information. All data can be obtained from the Cambridge Structural Database via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

**Electrochemical Measurements.** The electrochemical studies were performed in a glovebox (Jacomex) ( $O_2$  <1 ppm,  $H_2O$  <1 ppm) with a homemade three-electrode cell (WE, Pt; RE, Ag wire; CE, Pt). Ferrocene was added at the end of each experiment to determine the redox potential values. The standard potential of the Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc couple in  $CH_2Cl_2/NBu_4PF_6$  was measured experimentally with reference to the standard calomel electrode (SCE),  $E^{\circ}(Fc^{+}/Fc) = 0.47$  V vs SCE, and recalibrated vs NHE assuming that  $E^{\circ}(SCE) = 0.24$  V vs NHE. The potential of the cell was controlled by an AUTOLAB PGSTAT 100 (Metrohm) potentiostat monitored by NOVA software (Metrohm). Dichloromethane was freshly distilled from  $CaH_2$  and kept under Ar in the glovebox. The supporting salt  $NBu_4PF_6$  was synthesized from  $NBu_4OH$  (Fluka) and  $HPF_6$  (Aldrich). It was then purified, dried under vacuum for 48 h at 100 °C, and kept under  $N_2$  in the glovebox.

**Computational Details.** The ground state geometries of all compounds were optimized at the DFT level of theory with the M06<sup>36</sup> functional combined with the LanL2DZ atomic basis set and pseudopotential, completed with additional functions on all non-hydrogen atoms (d functions of  $\alpha=0.587,0.961,1.577,$  and 0.364 for C, O, F, and P, respectively and f function of  $\alpha=0.993$  for Pt). During our calculations, we imposed a tight convergence threshold of  $1\times10^{-10}$  au on the SCF energies and we used the so-called *ultrafine* integration grid (pruned (99590) grid). TD-DFT calculations and simulations of the nonlinear optical properties were performed using the CAM-B3LYP<sup>37</sup> and  $\omega$ B97X-D<sup>38</sup> range-separated hybrid functionals, respectively. These choices are justified because the former

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functional provides accurate charge transfer parameters, whereas the latter presents a correct asymptotic behavior, which is needed to obtain accurate NLO properties. The same atomic basis sets as in the optimization step were applied. Bulk solvation effects have been quantified by the polarizable continuum model (PCM),<sup>39</sup> with dichloromethane as solvent for optimization and TD-DFT calculations and chloroform as solvent for the nonlinear optical property calculations. For the TD-DFT part, we applied the linear response (LR-PCM) model in its *nonequilibrium* limit, which is suitable for absorption spectra. <sup>40</sup> All of our calculations were carried out with the latest version of the Gaussian 16 program package. <sup>41</sup>

**Materials.** All reactions were conducted under a dry nitrogen atmosphere using Schlenk techniques, but workups were carried out in air. The starting materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI, or Alfa-Aesar and were used as received. The solvents were used as received except for tetrahydrofuran, which was distilled under a dry nitrogen atmosphere over sodium and benzophenone. Compounds 4, 6, 8, and 11–13 were obtained according to reported procedures. <sup>14,19d,20d</sup>

**Syntheses.** Compound **5**. A Schlenk flask was charged with tributyl (2,6-dithiophen-4*H*-pyran-4-yl)phosphonium tetrafluoroborate (615 mg, 1.15 mmol), 30 mL of anhydrous THF, and *n*-BuLi in hexane solution (0.5 mL, 1.16 mmol) at -78 °C under argon protection. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min, and bis (4-(2-trimethylsilylethynyl)) benzophenone (450 mg, 1.15 mmol) dissolved in dry THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at -78 °C under argon for 30 min and then warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. After the reaction, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/dichloromethane 5/1) to give **5**. Yield: 490 mg (yellow solid), 72%.

IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2152 ( $\nu_{C\equiv C}$ ), 1660, 1597, 1492 ( $\nu_{C=C}$ ), 1250 ( $\nu_{C-O}$ ). NMR ( $\delta$  (ppm), CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $^1\mathrm{H}$  (300 MHz) 7.70–7.60 (m, 4H), 7.45 (d,  $^3J_{\mathrm{HH}}$  = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 6H), 7.19 (d,  $^3J_{\mathrm{HH}}$  = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 6.68 (s, 2H), 0.28 (s, 18H);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^1\mathrm{H}\}$  (75 MHz) 1512.14, 142.57, 133.43, 132.15, 130.53, 129.31, 128.74, 127.76, 124.81, 124.76, 124.63, 121.16, 105.41, 105.01, 94.79, 0.17. Anal. Calcd for  $\mathrm{C}_{40}\mathrm{H}_{38}\mathrm{OSi}_2$ : C, 81.30; H, 6.48. Found: C, 81.42; H, 6.40. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for M<sup>•+</sup> ( $\mathrm{C}_{40}\mathrm{H}_{38}\mathrm{OSi}_2$ ) 590.2461, found 590.2458.

Compound 7. In a round-bottom flask, to a methanol (10 mL) and dichloromethane (20 mL) solution of compound 5 (507 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added  $\rm K_2CO_3$  (550 mg, 4.0 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Deionized water was used to quench the reaction; dichloromethane was added to extract the product. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/dichloromethane 5/1) to give 7. Yield: 420 mg (orange solid), 94%.

IR (ATR, cm $^{-1}$ ): 3285 ( $\nu_{\rm \equiv C-H}$ ), 2106 ( $\nu_{\rm C\equiv C}$ ), 1653, 1599, 1491 ( $\nu_{\rm C=C}$ ), 1237 ( $\nu_{\rm C-O}$ ). NMR ( $\delta$  (ppm), CDCl $_3$ ):  $^1{\rm H}$  (300 MHz) 7.74–7.61 (m, 4H), 7.50 (d,  $^3J_{\rm HH}$  = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 6H), 7.25 (d,  $^3J_{\rm HH}$  = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 3.15 (s, 2H);  $^{13}{\rm C}\{^1{\rm H}\}$  (75 MHz) 152.22, 142.82, 133.37, 132.33, 130.58, 129.33, 128.73, 127.87, 124.82, 124.27, 120.17, 104.87, 83.95, 77.67. Anal. Calcd for C $_{34}{\rm H}_{22}{\rm O}$ : C, 91.45; H, 4.97. Found: C, 91.12; H, 4.97. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for M\* (C $_{34}{\rm H}_{22}{\rm O}$ ) 446.1671, found 446.1679.

Complex 9. A 100 mL Schlenk flask, charged with 6 (152 mg, 0.36 mmol), trans- $(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2PtCl$  8 (300 mg, 0.30 mmol), and cuprous iodide (5.7 mg, 10 mol %), was degassed and back-filled with argon three times. Then diethylamine (20 mL) and dried THF (10 mL) were introduced into the reaction flask by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under argon protection at room temperature for 12 h. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/petroleum ether 1/2) and recrystallized by layer—layer diffusion in  $CH_2Cl_2/n$ -pentane to give 9 as yellow needles. Yield: 315 mg, 75%.

IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2129 ( $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$ ), 1656, 1599, 1494, 1450 ( $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$ ), 1277 ( $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{O}}$ ). NMR ( $\delta$  (ppm), CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $^{1}\text{H}$  (300 MHz) 7.72–7.53

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(m, 16H), 7.45–7.27 (m, 8H), 7.24–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, 12H), 6.77 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH}$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 18H);  ${}^{13}{\rm C}\{{}^{1}{\rm H}\}$  and JMOD (75 MHz) 151.14 (C), 151.05 (C), 145.92 (dd,  ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$  = 215.5 Hz,  ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$  = 19.1 Hz, o to Pt, (C)), 142.63 (C), 140.53 (C), 138.43 (C), 134.57 (virtual t,  ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$  = 6.4 Hz,  ${}^{42}$  o to P, (CH)), 133.87 (C), 133.81 (C), 130.70 (CH), 130.63 (CH), 129.27 (CH), 128.89 (CH), 128.60 (virtual t,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm CF}$  = 5.9 Hz,  ${}^{42}$  m to P, (CH)), 128.43 (C), 128.29 (CH), 128.04 (virtual t,  ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$  = 29.6 Hz,  ${}^{42}$  i to P, (C)), 127.20 (C), 126.76 (C), 126.48 (CH), 125.66 (C), 124.77 (CH), 124.67 (CH), 114.70 (C), 105.42 (CH), 105.34 (CH), 21.48 (CH<sub>3</sub>);  ${}^{31}{\rm P}$  (121 MHz) 17.61 (s,  ${}^{1}J_{\rm PEP}$  = 2691 Hz);  ${}^{44}$   ${}^{19}{\rm F}{}^{1}{\rm H}$  (282 MHz)  ${}^{-117.53}$  (m,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm F,Pt}$  = 291.3 Hz, 2F, o to Pt),  ${}^{-165.66}$  (m, 2F, m to Pt),  ${}^{-166.42}$  (t,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm F,F}$  = 19.7 Hz, 1F, p to Pt). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>80</sub>H<sub>63</sub>OF<sub>5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Pt: C, 69.01; H, 4.56. Found: C, 69.17; H, 4.59. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for M\*+ (C<sub>80</sub>H<sub>63</sub>OF<sub>5</sub>P<sub>2</sub>195Pt) 1391.392, found 1391.390.

Complex 10. A 100 mL Schlenk flask, charged with 7 (67 mg, 0.15 mmol), trans- $(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2$ PtCl (8; 300 mg, 0.30 mmol), and cuprous iodide (5.7 mg, 10 mol %), was degassed and back-filled with argon three times. Then diethylamine (20 mL) and dried THF (10 mL) were introduced into the reaction flask by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under argon protection at room temperature overnight. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/petroleum ether 1/1) and recrystallized by layer—layer diffusion in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/n-pentane to give 10 as orange needles. Yield: 250 mg, 70%.

IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2115 ( $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$ ), 1661, 1599, 1498, 1449 ( $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$ ), 1283 ( $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{O}}$ ). NMR ( $\delta$  (ppm), CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $^{1}\text{H}$  (300 MHz) 7.67–7.46 (m, 28H), 7.41–7.28 (m, 6H), 7.10 (d,  $^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$  = 7.7 Hz, 24H), 6.65 (d,  $^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$  = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 6.49 (s, 2H), 6.19 (d,  $^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$  = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 36H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  and JMOD (75 MHz) 150.75 (C), 146.22 (dm,  $^{1}J_{\text{CF}}$  = 222.6 Hz,  $\rho$  to Pt, (C)), 140.51 (C), 138.53 (C), 134.58 (virtual t,  $^{2}J_{\text{CP}}$  = 6.3 Hz,  $^{42}$   $\rho$  to P, (CH)), 133.91 (C), 130.48 (CH), 129.38 (CH), 128.60 (virtual t,  $^{3}J_{\text{CP}}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $^{42}$   $\rho$  to P, (CH)), 128.05 (virtual t,  $^{1}J_{\text{CP}}$  = 29.6 Hz,  $^{42}$   $^{1}$  to P, (C)), 127.27 (C), 127.09 (C), 125.07 (C), 124.68 (CH), 114.72 (C), 112.22 (C), 105.69 (CH), 21.49 (CH<sub>3</sub>);  $^{43}$   $^{31}$ P (121 MHz) 17.59 (s,  $^{1}J_{\text{PP}}$  = 2692 Hz);  $^{44}$   $^{19}$ F{ $^{1}$ H} (282 MHz) –117.53 (m,  $^{3}J_{\text{F,P}}$  = 291.3 Hz, 2F,  $\rho$  to Pt), –165.66 (m, 2F,  $\rho$  to Pt), –166.42 (t,  $^{3}J_{\text{F,F}}$  = 19.7 Hz, 1F,  $\rho$  to Pt). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>130</sub>H<sub>104</sub>OF<sub>10</sub>P<sub>4</sub>Pt<sub>2</sub>: C, 65.43; H, 4.39. Found: C, 65.17; H, 4.30. HRMS (ESI):  $\rho$  calculated for M\* (C<sub>130</sub>H<sub>104</sub>OF<sub>10</sub>P<sub>4</sub>P<sub>1</sub><sup>195</sup>Pt<sub>2</sub>) 2384.617, found 2384.621.

Complex 14. A 100 mL Schlenk flask, charged with chloro complex 11 (360 mg, 0.28 mmol), trans- $(C_6F_5)(Tol_3P)_2Pt(C\equiv C)_2H$  (12; 292 mg, 0.28 mmol), and cuprous iodide (5.4 mg, 10 mol %), was degassed and back-filled with argon three times. Then diethylamine (20 mL) and dried THF (10 mL) were introduced into the reaction flask by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under argon protection at room temperature for 48 h. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/petroleum ether 1/1) and recrystallized by layer—layer diffusion in CHCl<sub>3</sub>/n-pentane to give 14 as yellow needles. Yield: 450 mg, 72%.

IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2118 ( $\nu_{C\equiv C}$ ), 1652, 1599, 1498, 1454 ( $\nu_{C=C}$ ), 1279 ( $\nu_{C-O}$ ). NMR ( $\delta$  (ppm), CDCl<sub>3</sub>): <sup>1</sup>H (300 MHz) 7.70–7.58 (m, 5H), 7.57–7.42 (m, 24H), 7.41–7.31 (m, 7H), 7.22–7.14 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{\rm HH}$  = 7.8 Hz, 12H), 6.91 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{\rm HH}$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (s, 2H), 5.98 (d, <sup>3</sup> $J_{\rm HH}$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 18H), 2.25 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} and JMOD (75 MHz) 151.04 (C), 150.97 (C), 146.00 (dd, <sup>1</sup> $J_{\rm CF}$  = 223.4 Hz, <sup>2</sup> $J_{\rm CF}$  = 22.7 Hz,  $\sigma$  to Pt, (C)), 142.49 (C), 140.35 (C), 140.04 (C), 139.66 (C), 138.15 (C), 135.14 (virtual t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{\rm CP}$  = 6.2 Hz, <sup>42</sup>  $\sigma$  to P, (CH)), 134.60 (virtual t, <sup>2</sup> $J_{\rm CP}$  = 6.3 Hz, <sup>42</sup>  $\sigma$  to P', (CH)), 133.80 (C), 133.77 (C), 131.06 (CH), 130.62 (CH), 129.38 (C), 129.09 (CH), 128.98 (C), 128.86 (CH), 128.80 (CH), 128.73 (CH), 128.62 (CH), 128.57 (CH), 128.36 (virtual t, <sup>3</sup> $J_{\rm CP}$  = 5.4 Hz, <sup>42</sup>  $\sigma$  to P;  $\sigma$  to P' obscured, (CH)), 127.88 (virtual t, <sup>1</sup> $J_{\rm CP}$  = 29.3 Hz, <sup>42</sup>  $\sigma$  to P;  $\sigma$  to P' obscured, (CH)), 126.94 (C), 126.41 (CH), 125.57 (C), 124.66 (CH), 124.63

(CH), 114.88 (C), 111.90 (C), 105.50 (CH), 105.33 (CH), 104.20 (C), 103.16 (C), 93.41 (C), 21.53 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>);  $^{43}$   $^{31}$ P (121 MHz) 16.31 (s,  $^{1}J_{\text{PtP}} = 2708$  Hz), 14.69 (s,  $^{1}J_{\text{PtP}} = 2627$  Hz);  $^{44}$   $^{19}$ F{ $^{1}$ H} (282 MHz) -117.23 (m,  $^{3}J_{\text{F,Pt}} = 286.2$  Hz, 2F, o to Pt), -165.83 (m, 2F, m to Pt), -166.94 (t,  $^{3}J_{\text{F,F}} = 19.7$  Hz, 1F, p to Pt). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>126</sub>H<sub>105</sub>OF<sub>5</sub>P<sub>4</sub>Pt<sub>2</sub>: C, 67.43; H, 4.72. Found: C, 67.06; H, 4.63. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for M°+ (C<sub>126</sub>H<sub>105</sub>OF<sub>5</sub>P<sub>4</sub> $^{195}$ Pt<sub>2</sub>) 2242.6326, found 2242.6356.

Complex 15. A 100 mL Schlenk flask charged with trans- $(C_6F_5)(p-\text{tol}_3P)_2\text{Pt}(C\equiv C)_3\text{SiEt}_3$  (13; 375 mg, 0.32 mmol) and THF (10 mL) was degassed and back-filled with argon three times. Then wet  $n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{F}^-$  (1.0 M in THF/5 wt %  $H_2\text{O}$ , 0.070 mL, 0.070 mmol) was added with stirring. After 0.5 h, chloro complex 11 (400 mg, 0.32 mmol), cuprous iodide (6.1 mg, 10 mol %), and diethylamine (20 mL) were introduced into the reaction flask. The reaction mixture was stirred under argon protection at room temperature for 48 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/dichloromethane 1/1) to give 15 as a yellow solid. Yield: 550 mg, 76%.

methane 1/1) to give **15** as a yellow solid. Yield: 550 mg, 76%. IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2103 ( $\nu_{\rm C=C}$ ), 1654, 1599, 1498, 1453 ( $\nu_{\rm C=C}$ ), 1277 ( $\nu_{\text{C-O}}$ ). NMR ( $\delta$  (ppm), CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $^{1}$ H (300 MHz) 7.71–7.59 (m, 16H), 7.59-7.49 (m, 12H), 7.43-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.18–7.06 (m, 24H), 6.80 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{HH}$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 18H), 2.28 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} and JMOD (75 MHz) 151.06 (C), 145.94 (dm,  ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 219.3$  Hz, o to Pt, (C)), 142.50 (C), 140.52 (CH), 140.33 (C), 138.48 (C), 135.00 (virtual t,  ${}^2J_{CP} = 6.2$ Hz,  $^{42}$  o to P, (CH)), 134.55 (virtual t,  $^{2}J_{CP} = 6.4$  Hz,  $^{42}$  o to P', (CH)), 133.79 (C), 130.91 (CH), 130.63 (CH), 129.22 (CH), 128.88 (CH), 128.70 (CH), 128.67 (CH), 128.63 (CH), 128.60 (virtual t,  ${}^{3}J_{CP} =$ 5.5 Hz, 42 m to P'; m to P' obscured, (CH)), 128.53 (CH), 128.28 (CH), 128.24 (CH), 127.86 (virtual t,  ${}^{1}J_{CP} = 29.9 \text{ Hz}, {}^{42}i \text{ to P}; i \text{ to P}' \text{ obscured, (C)), 126.95 (C), 126.79 (C), 126.45 (CH), 125.68 (C),$ 124.70 (CH), 124.65 (CH), 113.31 (C), 110.79 (C), 105.41 (CH), 105.33 (CH), 99.08 (C), 96.73 (C), 21.48 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>); 43 31 P (121 MHz) 16.97 (s,  ${}^{1}J_{\text{PtP}} = 2668$  Hz), 16.70 (s,  ${}^{1}J_{\text{PtP}} = 2596$  Hz),  ${}^{44}$  (19F{ ${}^{1}H$ } (282 MHz) -117.52 (m,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{F,Pt}} = 289.6$  Hz, 2F, o to Pt), -165.65 (m, 2F, m to Pt), -166.50 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{\text{F,F}} = 19.5$  Hz, 1F, p to Pt). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>128</sub>H<sub>105</sub>OF<sub>5</sub>P<sub>4</sub>Pt<sub>2</sub>: C, 67.78; H, 4.67. Found: C, 67.34; H, 4.61. HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for M<sup>++</sup> (C<sub>128</sub>H<sub>105</sub>OF<sub>5</sub>P<sub>4</sub><sup>195</sup>Pt<sub>2</sub>) 2266.633, found 2266.615.

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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X-ray diffraction data for compounds 9 and 14, graphic stick and ball representation of the molecular structure of complex 10, list of *xyz* Cartesian coordinates for 10 (x//a cell axis), experimental cyclic voltammogram data for compounds 10 and 15, spin densities of complexes  $9^{\bullet+}$  and  $10^{\bullet+}$ , and NMR spectra for all new compounds (PDF)

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