

Syntheses and Structures of d¹⁰ Coinage Metal Complexes of Electron-Accepting Phosphine Ligands Featuring a 3,3,4,4,5,5-Hexafluorocyclopentene Framework

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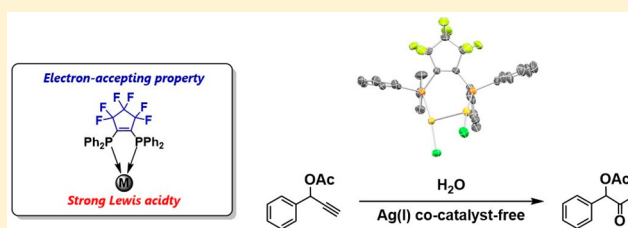
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Cu(I), Ag(I), and Au(I) complexes of mono-phosphine or bisphosphine ligands based on the 3,3,4,4,5,5-hexafluorocyclopentene skeleton were synthesized and structurally characterized by X-ray crystallographic analysis. The electron-withdrawing nature of these polyfluorinated phosphines was experimentally revealed via UV/vis absorption studies and crystal structure analysis. Successful catalytic application of the Au(I) complex for alkyne hydration reactions was investigated.



INTRODUCTION

d¹⁰ coinage-metal complexes have attracted considerable attention because of their unique structures, properties, and reactivities. These closed-shell metal complexes tend to form multinuclear structures consisting of M–X–M bridges (X is a halide, pseudohalide, or chalcogenide) and/or M–M metal-philic interactions.¹ Such d¹⁰ metal clusters often exhibit interesting properties such as long-wavelength absorptions and luminescence.²

Recently, catalytic usage of d¹⁰ coinage-metal complexes has been studied extensively. The strong Lewis acidity of the d¹⁰ coinage metals toward soft Lewis bases such as alkenes and alkynes enables unique molecular transformations.³ In general, in order to enhance the Lewis acidity and catalytic activity of the d¹⁰ coinage-metal complexes, neutral precatalyst complexes must be transformed into catalytically active cationic complexes.^{3a} An alternative approach to activation is the utilization of π -accepting ligands, which decrease the electron density of the metal ions and thus improve the Lewis acidity. For example, Ito et al. have reported that Au(I) complexes bearing strongly π accepting 3,4-diphosphinidenecyclobutene ligands catalyze the molecular transformations of alkynes without catalyst preactivation.⁴

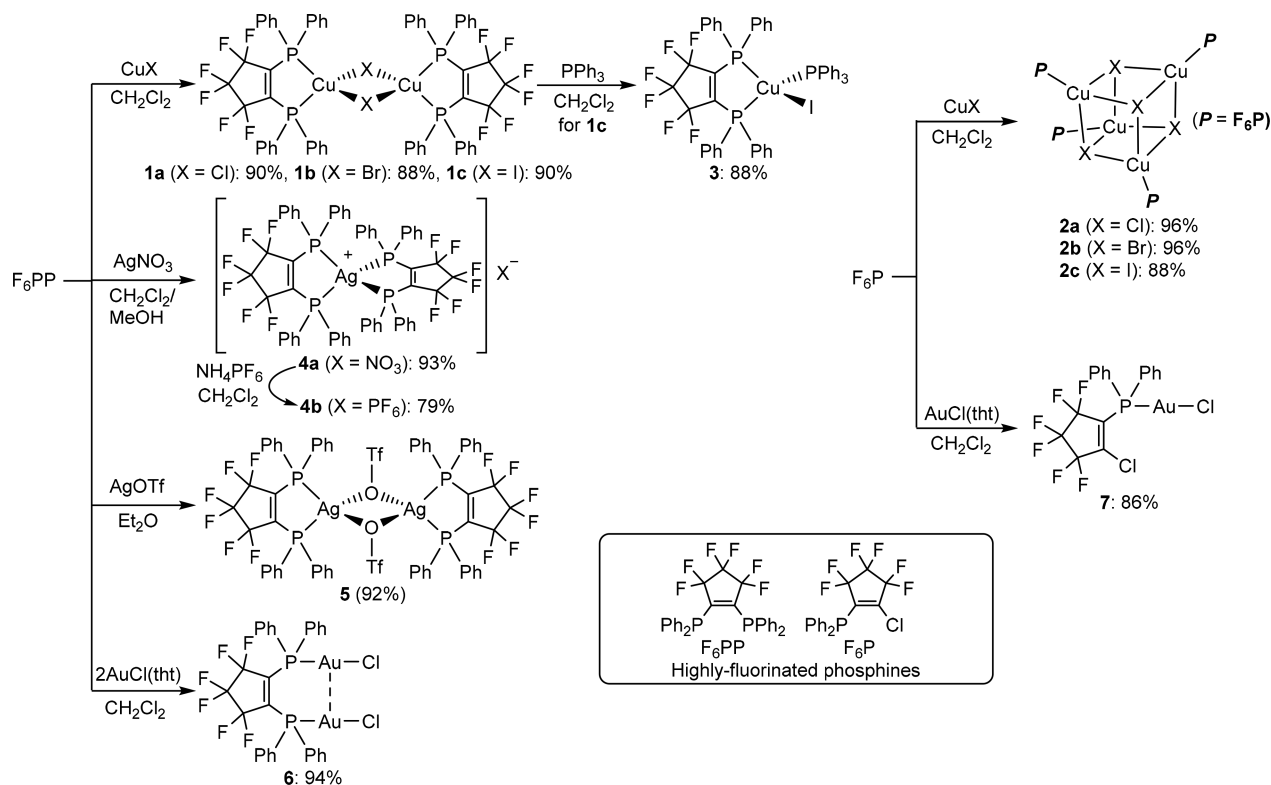
Per- or polyfluorinated phosphines,⁵ such as P(C₆F₅)₃⁶ and (C₆F₅)₂PCH₂CH₂P(C₆F₅)₂,⁷ are weakly σ donating and strongly π accepting ligands. These fluorinated phosphines have been utilized for catalytic reactions using late-transition-metal complexes,⁸ despite limited structural variations. Furthermore, the steric hindrance of per- or polyfluorinated substituents such as C₆F₅ may destabilize the complexes and

lower their catalytic performance. Therefore, phosphine ligands that have both π -accepting ability and less steric hindrance around the P atoms should be highly desirable in terms of the development of Lewis acid catalysts based on coinage-metal complexes.⁹

We previously reported the potential of hexafluorocyclopentene skeletons as scaffolds for polyfluorinated organic materials, including amorphous and low-refractive-index polymers,¹⁰ electron-accepting molecules,¹¹ and π -conjugated polymers.¹² According to our research, the hexafluorocyclopentene skeleton is expected to be a key motif of the π -accepting and sterically compact phosphine ligands that are useful in the development of Lewis acidic transition-metal complexes. Previously, 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)-hexafluorocyclopentene ("F₆PP")¹³ and 1-(diphenylphosphino)-2-chlorohexafluorocyclopentene ("F₆P")¹⁴ (Scheme 1) were used to synthesize transition-metal complexes (Fe,^{13,15} Rh,¹⁶ Cr,¹⁷ Mo,¹⁷ W,¹⁷ Co¹⁸). Related hexafluorocyclopentene-bridged chiral bisphosphines were applied to Rh-catalyzed hydrogenation reactions of alkenes.¹⁹ However, to the best of our knowledge, these polyfluorinated phosphine ligands have never been utilized to synthesize coinage-metal complexes. In addition, catalytic applications of these polyfluorinated phosphine-coordinated complexes have not been investigated fully.

In this paper, we describe the syntheses and structures of d¹⁰ coinage-metal complexes of the polyfluorinated bisphosphine

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Scheme 1. Syntheses of Coinage Metal Complexes 1–7 Bearing Polyfluorinated Phosphines F_6PP and F_6P 

F_6PP and monophosphine F_6P (Scheme 1). The molecular structures were established by single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analyses, and the electronic structures were investigated via UV/vis absorption spectroscopy as well as density functional theory (DFT) calculations. The catalytic activity of the Au(I) complexes of F_6PP and F_6P was evaluated using an alkyne hydration reaction.²⁰

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials and Instrumentation. All of the manipulations were performed under a dry argon atmosphere using Schlenk techniques. Materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purifications. Et_2O and CH_2Cl_2 were purified by the Ultimate Solvent System from Glass Contour Co.²¹ Preparative gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was carried out on a Shimadzu Prominence HPLC system equipped with Jaigel 1H+2H GPC columns using $CHCl_3$ as a solvent. 1H , ^{13}C , ^{19}F , and ^{31}P NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance-III 400 spectrometer, and chemical shifts are reported on the δ scale in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (1H and ^{13}C), $CFCl_3$ (^{19}F), or 85% H_3PO_4 (^{31}P). UV/vis spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-3101PC spectrophotometer. Elemental analysis was carried out at the Instrumental Analysis Center, Ibaraki University, or at the Microanalytical Laboratory of the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University. $[AuCl(tht)]$ (tht = tetrahydrothiophene)²² and 1-phenylprop-2-ynyl acetate (**8**)²³ were synthesized according to the literature procedures.

1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)-3,3,4,4,5,5-hexafluorocyclopentene (F_6PP).¹³ To a Et_2O (10 mL) solution of 1,2-dichlorohexafluorocyclopentene (0.61 mL, 4.0 mmol) was added $n-BuLi$ (1.6 M in hexane, 2.8 mL, 4.8 mmol) at $-75^\circ C$, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. To the mixture was added $ClPPh_2$ (1.0 mL, 4.8 mmol). After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, it was treated with $s-BuLi$ (1.0 M in cyclohexane, 4.8 mL, 4.8 mmol) and stirred for 30 min. After addition of $ClPPh_2$ (1.0 mL, 4.8 mmol), the mixture was stirred for 30 min and warmed to room temperature. After it was stirred for 1 h, the mixture was treated with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl ,

and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 to afford bisphosphine F_6PP as an orange solid (2.0 g, 3.6 mmol, 90%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ 7.22–7.32 (m, 20H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ 134.3 (t, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 129.6 (s), 128.5 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR signals attributable to the hexafluorocyclopentene moiety and the *ipso* carbon atoms of the Ph groups could not be observed. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ -105.6 (s, 4F), -132.6 (quint, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2F). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (128 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ -21.3 (s).

1-Diphenylphosphino-2-chloro-3,3,4,4,5,5-hexafluorocyclopentene (F_6P).¹⁴ To a Et_2O (10 mL) solution of 1,2-dichlorohexafluorocyclopentene (0.61 mL, 4.0 mmol) was added $n-BuLi$ (1.6 M in hexane, 2.8 mL, 4.8 mmol) at $-75^\circ C$, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. To the mixture was added $ClPPh_2$ (1.0 mL, 4.8 mmol). After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, it was warmed to room temperature. After it was stirred for 3 h, the mixture was treated with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl , and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was separated by using GPC to afford phosphine F_6P as a yellow solid (1.4 g, 3.4 mmol, 85%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ 7.38–7.44 (m, 10H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ 134.4 (s), 134.2 (s), 130.3 (s), 128.9 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR signals attributable to the hexafluorocyclopentene moiety could not be observed. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ -104.5 (m, 2F), -114.1 (m, 2F), -130.2 (m, 2F). $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (128 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ -20.2 (s).

$[CuCl(F_6PP)]_2$ (1a**).** To a slurry of $CuCl$ (0.10 g, 1.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (65 mL) was added F_6PP (0.54 g, 1.0 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 to afford **1a** as orange crystals (0.58 g, 0.45 mmol, 90%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, room temperature): δ 7.46–7.41 (dd, $J = 6.6, 6.2$ Hz, 16H); 7.27 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 8H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 16H). ^{19}F NMR (376

MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -106.6 (s, 8F), -132.4 (s, 4F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -21.6 (br s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 468 nm (ϵ = 1.8×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₄₀Cl₂Cu₂F₁₂P₄: C, 54.14; H, 3.13. Found: C, 54.03; H, 3.34.

[CuBr(F₆PP)]₂ (1b). To a slurry of CuBr (0.14 g, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added F₆PP (0.55 g, 1.0 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **1b** as orange crystals (0.69 g, 0.44 mmol, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.40 (dd, J = 6.5, 6.3 Hz, 16H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 8H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 16H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -106.5 (s, 8H), -132.2 (s, 4F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -23.7 (br s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 462 nm (ϵ = 1.9×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₄₀Br₂Cu₂F₁₂P₄: C, 50.64; H, 2.93. Found: C, 50.71; H, 3.18.

[CuI(F₆PP)]₂ (1c). To a slurry of CuI (0.19 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (65 mL) was added F₆PP (0.55 g, 1.0 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day in the absence of light. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **1c** as yellow crystals (0.66 g, 0.45 mmol, 90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.38 (dd, J = 6.0, 5.8 Hz, 16H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 8H); 7.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 16H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -106.5 (s, 8F), -132.2 (s, 4F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -27.1 (br s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 454 nm (ϵ = 1.3×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₄₀Cu₂F₁₂I₂P₄: C, 47.40; H, 2.74. Found: C, 47.76; H, 2.91.

[CuCl(F₆PP)]₄ (2a). To a slurry of CuCl (0.10 g, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (65 mL) was added F₆P (0.20 g, 0.50 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **2a** as yellow crystals (0.23 g, 0.12 mmol, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.76 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.6 Hz, 16H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 8H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 16H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -104.2 (s, 8F), -114.0 (s, 8F), -130.0 (s, 8F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -17.3 (br s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 344 nm (ϵ = 6.5×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₆₈H₄₀Cl₈Cu₄F₂₄P₄: C, 41.36; H, 2.04. Found: C, 41.52; H, 2.34.

[CuBr(F₆PP)]₄ (2b). To a slurry of CuBr (0.14 g, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (65 mL) was added F₆P (0.20 g, 0.50 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **2b** as yellow crystals (0.26 g, 0.12 mmol, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.76 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.6 Hz, 16H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 8H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 16H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -104.2 (s, 8F), -113.7 (s, 8F), -129.7 (s, 8F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -20.3 (br s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 350 nm (ϵ = 6.4×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₆₈H₄₀Br₄Cl₄Cu₄F₂₄P₄: C, 37.94; H, 1.87. Found: C, 38.93; H, 2.16.

[CuI(F₆PP)]₄ (2c). To a slurry of CuI (0.19 g, 1.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (65 mL) was added F₆P (0.20 g, 0.50 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day in the absence of light. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **2c** as yellow crystals (0.27 g, 0.11 mmol, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.76 (dd, J = 7.9, 5.6 Hz, 16H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 8H), 7.54–7.58 (m, 16H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -104.1 (s, 8F), -113.5 (s, 8F), -129.5 (s, 8F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -29.8 (br s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 364 nm (ϵ = 9.6×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₆₈H₄₀I₄Cl₄Cu₄F₂₄P₄: C, 34.90; H, 1.72. Found: C, 35.93; H, 1.82.

[CuI(F₆PP)(PPh₃)] (3). To a solution of [CuI(F₆PP)]₂ (**1c**; 38 mg, 0.026 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added PPh₃ (14 mg, 0.052 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **3** as yellow crystals (46 mg, 0.046 mmol, 88%). ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 6.88–7.96 (m, 35H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -104.4 (d, J = 270.0 Hz, 2F), -109.1 (d, J = 270.0 Hz, 2F), -130.1 (d, J = 232.0 Hz, 1F), -132.9 (d, J = 232.0 Hz, 1F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): not observed. UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 426 nm (ϵ = 6.6×10^2 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₄₇H₃₅CuF₆IP₃·CH₂Cl₂: C, 53.28; H, 3.45. Found: C, 53.18; H, 3.47. Presence of CH₂Cl₂ molecules in the crystals was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

[Ag(F₆PP)₂](NO₃) (4a). To a solution of AgNO₃ (34 mg, 0.20 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added a solution of F₆PP (0.11 g, 0.20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day in the absence of light. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **4a** as yellow crystals (0.12 g, 0.093 mmol, 93%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.12–7.32 (m, 40H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -105.3 (s, 8F), -132.5 (s, 4F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -17.9 (br s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 378 nm (ϵ = 2.0×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₄₀AgF₁₂NO₃P₄: C, 55.35; H, 3.20. Found: C, 55.22; H, 3.35.

[Ag(F₆PP)₂](PF₆) (4b). To a solution of [Ag(F₆PP)₂](NO₃) (**4a**; 30 mg, 0.024 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added NH₄PF₆ (3.9 mg, 0.024 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day in the absence of light and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from CHCl₃ to afford **4b** as yellow crystals (26 mg, 0.019 mmol, 79%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.19–7.26 (m, 40H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -73.6 (d, J = 714.0 Hz, 6F, PF₆), -105.7 (s, 8F), -133.1 (s, 4F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): not observed. UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 376 nm (ϵ = 2.1×10^3 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₄₀AgF₁₈P₅: C, 51.92; H, 3.01. Found: C, 52.14; H, 3.25.

[Ag(F₆PP)(OTf)]₂ (5). To a solution of F₆PP (54 mg, 0.10 mmol) in Et₂O (5 mL) was added AgOTf (26 mg, 0.10 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day in the absence of light. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **5** as yellow crystals (74 mg, 0.046 mmol, 92%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.34–7.43 (m, 24H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 16H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -77.0 (s, 6F, CF₃SO₃), -105.1 (s, 8F), -132.5 (s, 4F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -13.8 (s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 376 nm (ϵ = 2.5×10^2 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₆₀H₄₀Ag₂F₁₈O₆P₄S₂: C, 44.97; H, 2.52. Found: C, 44.86; H, 2.75.

[Au₂Cl₂(F₆PP)] (6). To a solution of [AuCl(tht)] (64 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added F₆PP (54 mg, 0.10 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **6** as yellow crystals (95 mg, 0.094 mmol, 94%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.56–7.61 (m, 12H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 8H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -104.6 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 4F), -132.8 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 16.0 (s). UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂, room temperature): $\lambda_{\max}$ 368 nm (ϵ = 7.4×10^2 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₀Au₂Cl₂F₆P₂: C, 34.51; H, 2.00. Found: C, 33.99; H, 2.17.

[AuCl(F₆P)] (7). To a solution of [AuCl(tht)] (45 mg, 0.14 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added F₆P (55 mg, 0.14 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 day. The solution was filtered and evaporated. The residue was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂ to afford **7** as colorless crystals (76 mg, 0.12 mmol, 86%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 7.63–7.72 (m, 6H), 7.54–7.59 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ -103.6 (s, 2F), -114.2 (s, 2F), -130.0 (s, 2F). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 16.1 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₀AuCl₂F₆P: C, 32.56; H, 1.61. Found: C, 32.74; H, 1.68.

Catalytic Hydration of Acetate 8. To a solution of **6** (30 mg, 0.030 mmol) was added a solution of acetate **8** (0.17 g, 1.0 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (7.5 mL) and H₂O (2.5 mL). After it was stirred at 25 °C

for 24 h, the mixture was subjected to column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc, 4/1) to afford 2-oxo-1-phenylpropyl acetate (**9**) as a colorless oil (98 mg, 0.51 mmol, 51%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , room temperature): δ 7.41 (s, 5H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). The spectral data of **9** were identical with those reported previously.²⁰

X-ray Crystallographic Analysis. Single crystals were immersed in cryo-oil, mounted on a MicroMount, and measured at a temperature of 173 K. X-ray diffraction data were recorded on a Rigaku XtaLabMini diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71075 \text{ \AA}$) at 173 K or on a Rigaku Saturn 724 CCD diffractometer equipped with the VariMax optic system using Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71075 \text{ \AA}$) at 173 K. The reflection data were integrated, scaled, and averaged by using CrysAlisPro (ver. 1.171.38.46). Empirical absorption corrections were applied using the SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm (CrysAlisPro). The structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXT-2014/5) and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on F^2 for all reflections (SHELXL-2016/6).²⁴ All hydrogen atoms were placed using AFIX instructions, while all of the other atoms were refined anisotropically. In the X-ray diffraction measurements and the crystallographic analysis of **1a**, **2b,c**, **4a,b**, and **7**, we encountered problems owing to the poor crystal quality and/or twinning, and special treatments were necessary. The details are described in the [Supporting Information](#).

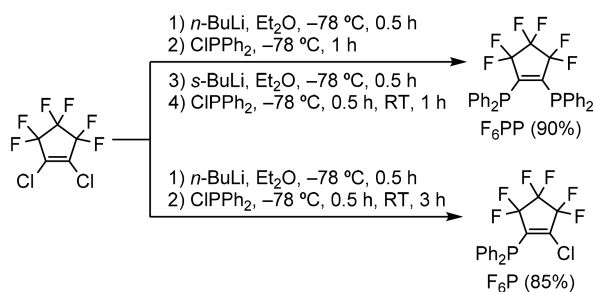
Crystallographic data for the newly synthesized compounds have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Computational Details. All calculations were performed using the Gaussian 16 (rev. A.03) program package.²⁵ Geometry optimizations were performed at the B3PW91/6-31G(d) (Au, Ag, Cu, I: SDD) level of theory including the D3 version of Grimme's empirical dispersion (B3PW91-D3).²⁶ The frequency calculations confirmed that all of the optimized geometries corresponded to the equilibrium structures. Excited energies and oscillator strengths were calculated on the optimized structures by the TD-DFT method at the B3PW91/6-31+G(d) (Au, Ag, Cu, I: SDD) level. Molecular structures and Cartesian coordinates of the optimized structures are included in the [Supporting Information](#).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis and Structural Characterization. Fluorinated Phosphines. To begin, the syntheses of polyfluorinated

Scheme 2. Preparation of Phosphines F_6PP and F_6P



bisphosphine F_6PP and monophosphine F_6P were reinvestigated because the literature methods are not ideal due to extended reaction times and low yields.^{13,14} By taking advantage of the Li–Cl exchange reaction of 1,2-dichloro-3,3,4,4,5,5-hexafluorocyclopentene,²⁷ we readily obtained F_6PP in high yield (Scheme 2). Monophosphine F_6P was also obtained via the same method. It is worth noting that phosphines F_6PP and F_6P are not easily oxidized, even by

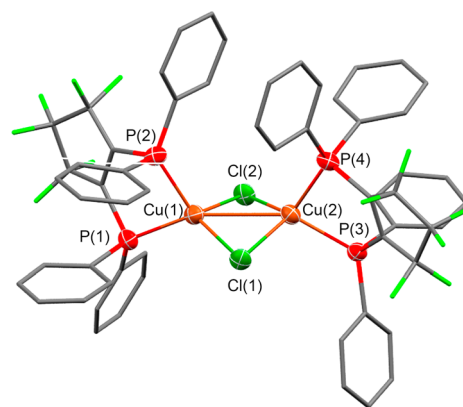


Figure 1. Structure of **1a**· CH_2Cl_2 . Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms, disordered fluorine atoms, and solvent molecule are omitted for clarity.

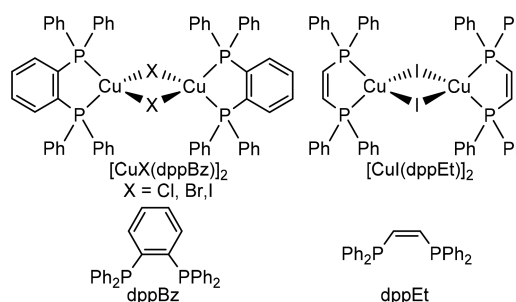


Figure 2. Representative dinuclear Cu(I) complexes bearing chelating bisphosphines (refs 29 and 30).

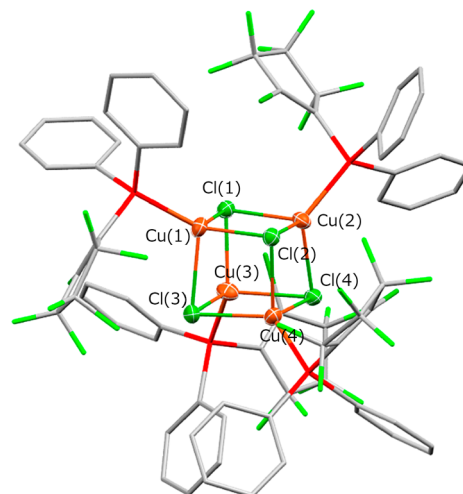


Figure 3. Molecular structure of **2a**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms and disordered atoms are omitted for clarity.

treatment with excess aqueous H_2O_2 , suggesting a weak σ -donating ability of the P atoms in these phosphines.

Cu(I) Complexes. Reaction of copper(I) halides CuX ($X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$) with bisphosphine F_6PP gave the halogen-bridged dinuclear complexes $[\text{CuX}(\text{F}_6\text{PP})]_2$ (**1a**, $X = \text{Cl}$; **1b**, $X = \text{Br}$; **1c**, $X = \text{I}$) (Scheme 1). Similar reactions of monophosphine F_6P with CuX yielded the tetranuclear complexes $[\text{CuX}(\text{F}_6\text{P})]_4$ (**2a**, $X = \text{Cl}$; **2b**, $X = \text{Br}$; **2c**, $X = \text{I}$). The halogen-bridged dimeric form of **1c** could be cleaved by treatment with PPh_3 , affording the monomeric copper(I) complex $[\text{CuI}(\text{F}_6\text{PP})]$.

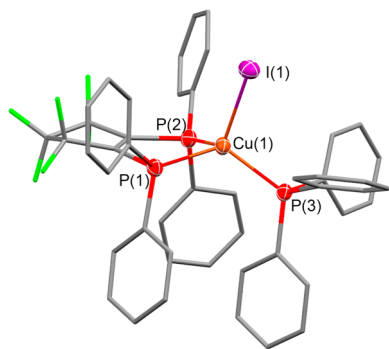


Figure 4. Structure of $3 \cdot 3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms and the solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

(PPh_3)] (**3**). The ^{19}F NMR spectrum of **3** exhibited an ABXY spin system, showing the existence of diastereotopic ring CF_2 fluorine atoms.

The molecular structure of **1a** is shown in Figure 1, and those of **1b,c** are shown in Figure S1 in the Supporting Information. Selected structural parameters of **1a–c** are summarized in Table S1 in the Supporting Information. Complexes **1a–c** exhibit butterfly-like puckered $\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-X})_2$ cores with distorted-tetrahedral Cu(I) ions, a well-known structural motif for copper(I) halide complexes of chelating ligands.²⁸ The structural parameters of **1a–c** are comparable to those reported for the related bisphosphine complexes $[\text{CuX}(\text{dppBz})_2]_2$ ²⁹ and $[\text{CuI}(\text{dppEt})_2]_2$ (Figure 2),³⁰ suggesting that the coordination environments around the Cu(I) centers in these complexes are similar.

The molecular structure of tetranuclear complex **2a** is shown in Figure 3, and those of **2b,c** are shown in Figure S2 in the Supporting Information. Complexes **2a–c** feature cubane-like structures containing distorted-tetrahedral Cu(I) centers, which have been observed often for Cu(I) complexes of monodentate phosphine ligands (e.g., PPh_3).^{31–33} The means of the selected structural parameters for **2a–c** as well as of the PPh_3 analogue $[\text{CuX}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$) are shown in Table S2 in the Supporting Information. The Cu–X and Cu–P bond lengths of **2a–c** are almost the same as those of the PPh_3 analogues, while a slight decrease in the mean Cu–Cu interatomic distances is observed for **2a,b**.

Mononuclear Cu(I) complex **3** exhibits a highly distorted tetrahedral coordination environment around the Cu(I) ion

Table 1. Selected Structural Parameters for the Ag(I) Complexes

$[\text{Ag}(\text{OTf})(\text{dppb})]_2$

	Ag–P (Å) ^a	P–Ag–P (deg) ^{a,b}	θ (deg) ^c	Ag–X (Å)
4a	2.7(2)	76.5(2)	39	2.79(1)
4b	2.54(4)	82.8(7)	76	4.89(1) ^d
$[\text{Ag}(\text{NO}_3)(\text{dppBz})_2]$ ^e	2.48(3)	80.1(1)	85	8.0 ^d
$[\text{Ag}(\text{dppBz})_2](\text{PF}_6)$ ^f	2.49(4)	79.6(4)	83	7.7 ^d
4a (calcd) ^g	2.6(2)	78.8	44	2.698
5	2.51(4)	83.3(5)		2.4(1)
$[\text{Ag}(\text{OTf})(\text{dppb})]_2$ ^h	2.425(3)	141.13(3)		2.73(9)

^aAveraged values with standard deviations. ^bIntra-annular bond angle. ^cDihedral angle between the two AgP_2 triangles. ^dShortest interatomic distance between the Ag atom and the counterion. ^eReference 34. ^fReference 35. ^gOptimized structure at the B3PW91-D3/6-31G(d)–[Ag: SDD] level. ^hReference 38.

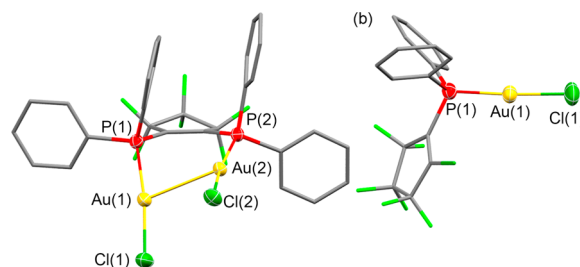


Figure 6. Molecular structures of (a) $6 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ and (b) **7**. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms and the solvent molecule are omitted for clarity.

(Figure 4). As shown in Table S1, its structural parameters are comparable to those of the dppBz analogue $[\text{CuI}(\text{dppBz})_2]_2$.²⁹

Ag(I) Complexes. Treatment of the bisphosphine F_6PP with AgNO_3 gave the bischolate complex $[\text{Ag}(\text{F}_6\text{PP})_2](\text{NO}_3)$ (**4a**) (Scheme 1). Anion exchange of **4a** afforded the related bischolate complex $[\text{Ag}(\text{F}_6\text{PP})_2](\text{PF}_6)$ (**4b**). In contrast, reaction of F_6PP with AgOTf afforded not the bischolate

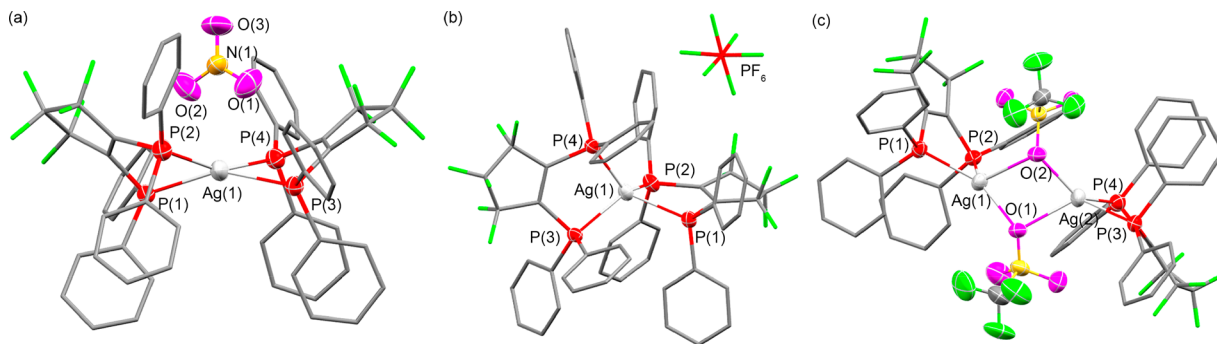
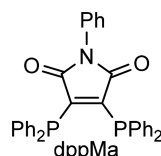


Figure 5. Structures of the Ag(I) complexes of F_6PP . Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. (a) **4a**. (b) **4b**· 1.5CHCl_3 . One of the two independent molecules is shown. Solvent molecules and disordered fluorine atoms in the PF_6 anion are not shown. (c) $5 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. The solvent molecule is not shown.

Table 2. Selected Structural Parameters for the Au(I) Complexes

	Au–Cl (Å) ^a	P–Au (Å) ^a	P–Au–Cl (deg) ^a	Au...Au (Å)
6	2.287(5)	2.232(6)	170(4)	3.014(5)
7	2.277(2)	2.217(2)	176.7(1)	
[Au ₂ Cl ₂ (dppBz)] ^b	2.292(1)	2.239(4)	173.1(1)	2.2960(3)
[Au ₂ Cl ₂ (dppMa)] ^c	2.290(3)	2.231(1)	171(3)	2.97(2)
[AuCl(PPh ₃)] ^d	2.2903(4)	2.2314(4)	179.24(1)	
6 (calcd) ^e	2.306	2.269	171.9	3.111

^aAveraged values with standard deviations, except for those for 7 and [AuCl(PPh₃)]. ^bReference 39. ^cReference 40. ^dReference 41. ^eOptimized structure at the B3PW91-D3/6-31G(d)[Au: SDD] level.

Table 3. UV/Vis Spectral Data and TD-DFT Computational Results for the F₆PP and F₆P Complexes^a

	$\lambda_{\max}$ (nm)	ϵ (M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹)	λ_{calcd} (nm) ^{b,c}	$f^{b,c}$	character ^{b,c}
1a	468	1.8×10^3	506	0.0281	Cl(3p)+Cu(3d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
1b	462	1.9×10^3	504	0.0230	Br(4p)+Cu(3d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
1c	454	1.3×10^3	514	0.0175	I(5p)+Cu(3d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
2a	344	6.5×10^3	426	0.0293	Cl(3p)+Cu(3d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
			425	0.0304	
2b	350	6.4×10^3	434	0.0254	Br(4p)+Cu(3d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
			434	0.0254	
2c	364	9.6×10^3	448	0.0217	I(5p)+Cu(3d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
			448	0.0217	
3	426	6.6×10^2	553	0.0006	I(5p)+Cu(3d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
4a	378	2.0×10^3	478 ^d	0.0408 ^d	$\sigma(\text{Ag}-\text{P}) \rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$ ^d
4b	376	2.1×10^3	399 ^e	0.0471 ^e	Ag(4d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$ ^e
5	376	2.5×10^2	432	0.0278	$\sigma(\text{Ag}-\text{P}) \rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$ ^e
			410	0.0231	
6	368	7.4×10^2	452	0.0112	Cl(3p)+Au(5d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$
7	^f	^f	345	0.0009	Cl(3p)+Au(5d) $\rightarrow \pi^*(\text{C}=\text{C})$

^aMeasured in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mM). ^bCalculated at the B3PW91/6-31+G(d)[Au,Ag,Cu,I: SDD] level of theory on the optimized structures. ^cS₁ state.

^dCalculated for the hexacoordinated contact ion pair [Ag(F₆PP)₂(NO₃)]. ^eCalculated for the free cation [Ag(F₆PP)₂]⁺. ^fNotable absorption peaks were not observed.

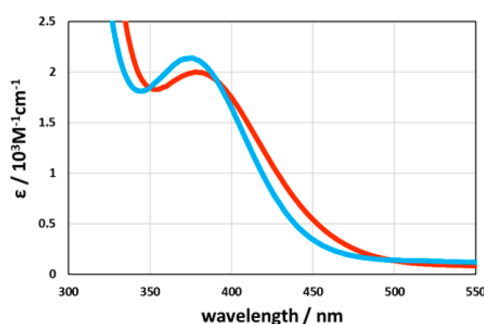


Figure 7. UV/vis absorption spectra of complexes 4a,b in CH₂Cl₂: (red line) 4a; (blue line) 4b.

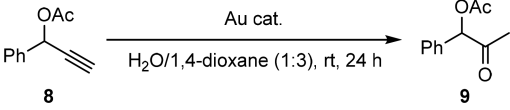
complex, but the TfO-bridged dinuclear complex [Ag(OTf)(F₆PP)]₂ (5).

Bischelate complex 4b exhibits substantially distorted tetrahedral Ag(I) centers coordinated by two F₆PP ligands (Figure 5b). The structure of another independent molecule of 4b is shown in Figure S3 in the Supporting Information. The Ag–P bond lengths are somewhat longer than those in the analogous dppBz complexes [Ag(dppBz)₂](X) (X = NO₃,³⁴

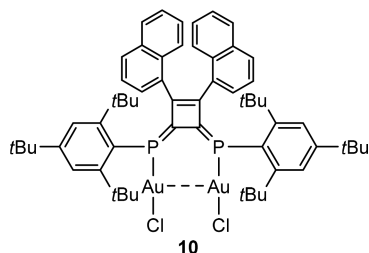
PF₆)³⁵ (Table 1), suggesting a weaker coordinating ability for F₆PP in comparison to that of dppBz. The P–Ag–P bond angles and the dihedral angles between the two PAgP triangles (θ in Table 1) of 4b are comparable to those found in the dppBz complexes.

In the crystal structure of 4a, short interatomic distances between the Ag(I) center and the NO₃ anion were observed (Figure 5b), suggesting bidentate coordination of the NO₃ anion. The remarkably longer Ag–P bond lengths and the smaller θ value of 4a in comparison to those in 4b suggest a hexacoordinated environment for 4a, which was corroborated by the DFT-optimized structure of 4a.³⁶ Hexacoordinated Ag(I) complexes containing both P ligands and Ag–O₂NO bonds are scarce.³⁷ The unusual coordination mode of 4a indicates that the π -accepting F₆PP increases the Lewis acidity of the Ag(I) center and facilitates coordination of the NO₃ anion.

AgOTf complex 5 exhibits a TfO-bridged dimeric structure (Figure 5b), resembling those observed for Cu(I) complexes 1a–c. The structure of 5 can be characterized by the substantially shortened Ag–O bond lengths in comparison to those of [Ag(OTf)(dppb)]₂³⁸ (Table 1), suggesting increased

Table 4. Catalytic Hydration Reactions Using **6** or **7**^a


entry	Au cat. (amt (mol %))	9 (%)	recovery of 8 (%)
1	6 (3)	51	47
2	6 (5)	70	30
3	7 (3)	17	77
4	7 (6)	35	61
5	[Au ₂ Cl ₂ (dppBz)] (5)	<1	98
6 ^b	10 (3)	59	

^a**8** (1.0 mmol). ^bReference 20a.

Lewis acidity of the Ag centers due to the electron-withdrawing F₆PP.

Au(I) Complexes. Bisphosphine F₆PP reacted with [AuCl(tht)] to yield the dinuclear Au(I) complex [Au₂Cl₂(F₆PP)] (**6**) (Scheme 1). Reaction of monophosphine F₆P and AuCl(tht) afforded the mononuclear Au(I) complex [AuCl(F₆P)] (**7**).

The molecular structure of **6** displays an intramolecular Au–Au short contact (Figure 6a and Table 2), indicating the existence of a weak aurophilic interaction.¹ The structural parameters of **6** are similar to those found in the related complexes [Au₂Cl₂(dppBz)]³⁹ and [Au₂Cl₂(dppMa)]⁴⁰ as well as the DFT-optimized structure. The structure of complex **6** is similar to that of the PPh₃ analogue.⁴¹

Optical Properties of the Complexes. Cu Complexes. The UV/vis spectral data of the Cu(I) complexes are summarized in Table 3. UV–vis spectra of the complexes and the phosphine ligands are included in the Supporting Information. The dinuclear Cu(I) complexes **1a–c** exhibit the longest absorption maxima (λ_{max}) around 460 nm, which are attributable to (M+X)LCT excitations (X = Cl, Br, I; L = F₆PP), as judged from TD-DFT calculations. These absorptions are substantially red shifted in comparison to that of [CuI(dppBz)]₂ (330 nm),²⁹ probably because of the higher electron acceptability of F₆PP in comparison to that of dppBz. We did not observe any notable photoluminescence for these Cu(I) complexes at room temperature or at 77 K, both in solution and in the solid state, though the reason is still unclear.

Ag Complexes. As shown in Figure 7, Ag(I) complexes **4a,b** exhibit very similar UV/vis absorption spectra in CH₂Cl₂, indicating that the contact ion pair structure observed for **4a** in the solid state is not retained in solution. The λ_{max} values of **4a,b** are substantially red shifted in comparison to that of [Ag(dppBz)₂](PF₆) (271 nm),³⁵ corroborating the π-accepting ability of F₆PP. In contrast, the dimeric structure of **5** observed in the solid state is likely retained in solution, because its longest absorption wavelength is close to that estimated by

TD-DFT calculations on the optimized structure, which is similar to the crystal structure.

Au Complexes. Dinuclear Au(I) complex **6** exhibits a shoulderlike absorption at 368 nm. TD-DFT calculations suggest that the observed absorption corresponds to (M+Cl)LCT excitations. On the other hand, mononuclear complex **7** did not show any noticeable UV/vis absorption bands, probably because its longest absorption is fundamentally forbidden according to TD-DFT calculations (*f* = 0.0009).

Catalytic Use of the Au(I) Complexes. In order to demonstrate the potential of the F₆PP and F₆P ligands in catalysis, we investigated hydration reactions of terminal alkynes with Au(I) complexes **6** and **7** (Table 4). Gratifyingly, dinuclear complex **6** catalyzed the hydration of propargylic acetate **8** (entry 1). An increase in the catalyst loading improved the yield of **9** (entry 2). The catalytic activity of **6** is comparable to that of the diphosphinidenecyclobutene complex **10** reported by Ito et al. (entry 6).^{20a} In general, molecular Au(I) complexes need preactivation using Ag(I) cocatalysts to generate the catalytically active cationic Au(I) species, and hence, complex **6** can be regarded as a rare example of an Au(I) complex functioning as a catalyst without preactivation.⁴² However, mononuclear complex **7** showed only very low activity (entry 3). The yield of **9** increased proportionally to the loading of **7** (entry 4), probably excluding the intermolecular Au–Au interactions for **7**. A comparison of the catalytic performance of **6**, **7**, and **10** suggests the potential importance of intramolecular Au–Au interactions in the development of preactivation-free Au(I) catalysis.⁴³ In addition, the dppBz complex [Au₂Cl₂(dppBz)] was effectively inactive (entry 5), indicating the importance of π-accepting ligands for high catalytic performance.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, we have synthesized d¹⁰ coinage-metal complexes of the polyfluorinated bisphosphine F₆PP and monophosphine F₆P. CuX (X = Cl, Br, I) complexes of F₆PP and F₆P exhibit halogen-bridged dimeric and tetrameric structures, respectively, which are well-known for CuX complexes of bis- or monophosphines. The crystal structures of the AgX (X = NO₃, PF₆, OTf) complexes of F₆PP vary according to the nature of the counterion. The PF₆ and OTf complexes exhibit a solvent-separated ion pair structure and a TfO-bridged dimeric structure, respectively. In contrast, the AgNO₃ complex forms an unusual hexacoordinated structure containing a weakly coordinated NO₃ anion, indicating that the electron-withdrawing F₆PP ligand improves the Lewis acidity of the Ag(I) center. The dinuclear Au(I) complex of F₆PP shows a weak intramolecular aurophilic interaction. Without preactivation using Ag(I) cocatalysts, the Au^I-F₆PP complex catalyzes hydration of a terminal alkyne, suggesting a possible application of the polyfluorinated electron-deficient phosphines for catalysis.

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