The mechanism of protonolysis of phenylplatinum(II) bonds in complexes with phenyl trans to nitrogen or carbon donors¹

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Abstract: Addition of acids of the form HX (X = Cl, BF₄, CF₃SO₃, CF₃CO₂) to complexes [PtPh₂(NN)] (NN = $bu_2bpy = 4,4'$ -di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) and [PtPh(NCN)] (NCN = 2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂) at -78 °C gave the corresponding phenyl(hydrido)platinum(IV) complexes [PtX(H)Ph₂(NN)] and [PtX(H)Ph(NCN)], which decomposed by reductive elimination of benzene at about -20 °C to give the platinum(II) complexes [PtXPh(NN)] and [PtX(NCN)]. Further addition of HCl to [PtClPh(NN)] at low temperature gave [PtHCl₂Ph(NN)], which decomposed above -10 °C, to give benzene and [PtCl₂(NN)]. The reaction of DBF₄ in the presence of excess CD₃OD with [PtPh₂(NN)] led to formation of C₆H₅D and C₆H₄D₂ but with [PtPh(NCN)] no multiple deuterium incorporation was observed in the product benzene. The mechanisms of these reactions are discussed.

Key words: platinum, phenyl, benzene, protonolysis.

Résumé : L'addition, à -78 °C, d'acides de la forme HX (X = Cl, BF₄, CF₃SO₃, CF₃CO₂) à des complexes [PtPh₂(NN)] (NN = bu₂bpy = 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) et [PtPh(NCN)] (NCN = 2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂ conduit aux complexes correspondants phényl(hydrido)platine(IV) [PtX(H)Ph₂(NN)] et [PtX(H)Ph(NCN)] qui se décomposent par élimination réductrice du benzène, à environ -20 °C, pour conduire aux complexes de platine(II) [PtXPh(NN)] et [PtX(NCN)]. L'addition subséquente de HCl au complexe [PtClPh(NN)], à basse température, conduit au [PtHCl₂Ph(NN)] qui se décompose au-dessus de -10 °C pour donner du benzène et du [PtCl₂(NN)]. La réaction du DBF₄ avec du [PtPh₂(NN)], en présence d'un excès de CD₃OD, conduit à la formation de C₆H₅D et de C₆H₄D₂; toutefois, avec le [PtPh(NCN)], on n'observe aucune incorporation multiple de deutérium dans le benzène obtenu comme produit. On discute des mécanismes de ces réactions.

Mots clés : platine, phényle, benzène, protonolyse.

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Introduction

The activation of alkanes or arenes by platinum(II) complexes is thought to involve the intermediacy of alkyl(hydrido)platinum(IV) or aryl(hydrido)platinum(IV) complexes, and so there has been much interest in such complexes (1– 13). A useful synthetic route to platinum(IV) complexes [PtX(H)R₂(NN)] (NN = bidentate nitrogen-donor ligand, X = halide, R = alkyl or aryl) is by addition of acid HX to a platinum(II) complex [PtR₂(NN)] and the decomposition of these platinum(IV) complexes by reductive elimination of RH to give [PtXR(NN)], which leads to overall protonolysis of the alkyl–platinum or aryl–platinum bond, can then be studied (3–5). Hydrido(alkyl)-, hydrido(aryl)-, and hydrido(silyl)platinum complexes are proposed in several other important catalytic reactions, including the hydrosilation reactions catalyzed by platinum complexes (14). Most of the recent studies of protonolysis of platinum–carbon bonds have involved complexes [PtR₂(NN)], in which the alkyl or aryl groups are trans to nitrogen donor ligands (3–5), and it was of interest to compare complexes with mutually trans Pt—C bonded groups. This paper reports a study of the reactions of acids with the complexes *cis*-[PtPh₂(NN)](NN = bu₂bpy = 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine, **1**) and [PtPh-(NCN)] (NCN = 2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂, **2**) in which the NCN pincer ligand forces the two aryl groups to be mutually trans (15) (Chart 1).

Results

The phenylplatinum complexes 1 and 2

Complex 1 was prepared by reaction of the ligand bu₂bpy with the precursor $[PtPh_2(\mu-SMe_2)]_n$, n = 2 or 3 (16–18), in

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Chart 1.



diethyl ether solution, while complex 2 was prepared by a modified literature method (15).

The structures of complexes 1 and 2 are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, with selected bond distances and angles listed in Tables 1 and 2. Each complex contains a roughly square-planar platinum(II) center, but with cis- and trans-PtC₂N₂ coordination, respectively, and in each case the phenyl group lies roughly orthogonal to the square plane (79° in 1, in which the two phenyl groups are crystallographically equivalent; 84° in 2, Figs. 1 and 2). This conformation allows platinumphenyl $d\pi$ - $p\pi$ bonding and minimizes steric effects. The Pt— C(phenyl) bond distance is shorter in 1 (2.023(2) Å, trans to N) than in 2 (2.111(6) Å, trans to C), as expected since nitrogen has the lower trans-influence. However, the distance Pt(1)—C(1) = 1.956(6) Å in 2 is shorter than either of these Pt-C(phenyl) distances, as a result of the chelate effect. Other bond distances and angles are comparable to those reported for related complexes [PtR₂(bu₂bpy)] (5, 16) or $[PtX{2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}]$ (15).

Reactions with acids

Complex 1 reacted with 1 equiv. of acid HX (X = Cl, CF_3CO_2 , CF_3SO_3 , BF_4) at room temperature to give benzene and the corresponding product [PtXPh(bu₂bpy)] (**3a**, X = Cl; **3b**, X = CF_3CO_2; **3c**, X = CF₃SO₃; **3d**, X = BF₄) (Scheme 1). The complexes were characterized by elemental analysis and by their ¹H NMR spectra, which showed the presence of nonequivalent *t*-BuC₄H₃N units and only a single phenylplatinum group.

The reaction of complex 1 in CDCl₃ solution with HCl at -78 °C gave an intermediate hydridoplatinum(IV) complex 4a (Scheme 1) that was identified by its ¹H NMR spectrum. The hydride resonance was observed at $\delta = -20.15$ with ${}^{1}J(\text{PtH}) = 1613 \text{ Hz}$ (Table 3). The trans oxidative addition of HCl was shown by the observation of equivalent *t*-BuC₄H₃N and phenyl groups. Complex 4a decomposed at -20 °C by reductive elimination of benzene to yield the product [PtClPh(bu₂bpy)] (3a) and no other intermediates were observed. The similar reaction of 1 in CDCl₃ with the other acids failed to give detectable hydride intermediates, but the reaction with HBF₄ or CF₃SO₃H in CDCl₃-CD₃CN gave a hydride intermediate (5) characterized by $\delta(\text{PtH}) = -21.84$, ${}^{1}J(\text{PtH}) = 1619$ Hz. This is presumed to be a cationic acetonitrile complex, since the spectral properties were the same in each case and acetonitrile is a stronger ligand than either triflate or tetrafluoroborate. Complex 5 decomposed on warming the solution to -20 °C to give complex 3d.

The complex [PtClPh(bu₂bpy)] (**3a**) reacted with HCl at room temperature to give benzene and [PtCl₂(bu₂bpy)] (5). When the reaction was carried out at -78 °C, the intermediate hydridoplatinum(IV) complex [PtHCl₂Ph(bu₂bpy)] (**6**)





Fig. 2. A view of the structure of complex **2**. 30% Thermal ellipsoids are shown and hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.



Table 1. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex 1.

Bond lengths (Å)	
Pt(1)—C(11)	2.023(2)
Pt(1)—N(1)	2.097(3)
Bond angles (°)	
N(1)-Pt(1)-N(1A)	77.1(2)
N(1A)-Pt(1)-C(11)	97.4(1)
N(1)-Pt(1)-C(11)	174.5(1)
C(11A)-Pt(1)-C(11)	88.2(2)

Table 2.	Selected	bond	lengths	(Å)	and	angles
$(^{\circ})$ for co	omplex 2.					

Bond lengths (Å)	
Pt(1) - C(1)	1.956(6)
Pt(1)—N(1)	2.079(5)
Pt(1)—N(2)	2.079(5)
Pt(1)—C(13)	2.111(6)
Bond angles (°)	
N(1)-Pt(1)-N(2)	164.1(2)
N(1)-Pt(1)-C(13)	97.8(2)
N(2)-Pt(1)-C(13)	97.9(2)
N(1)-Pt(1)-C(1)	82.3(2)
N(2)-Pt(1)-C(1)	81.9(2)
C(1)-Pt(1)-C(13)	177.2(2)





was detected. The ¹H NMR spectrum contained a hydride resonance at $\delta = -25.94$ with ¹*J*(PtH) = 1540 Hz, in the range expected for a hydride trans to chloride (Table 3) (5). The aromatic region of the spectrum contained six resonances for the bu₂bpy ligand and three for the phenyl group, consistent with the proposed structure that arises from trans oxidative addition. The hydride complex decomposed at -20 °C to give benzene and [PtCl₂(bu₂bpy)] (Scheme 2).

Reaction of [PtPh{2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂]] (2) with acids HX gave benzene and the corresponding complexes [PtX{2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂]] (7a, X = Cl; 7b, X = CF₃CO₂; 7c, X = CF₃SO₃; 7d, X = BF₄) (Scheme 3) (15). Reaction of complex 2 with HCl in CDCl₃ at -78 °C gave the hydridoplatinum(IV) complex [PtHClPh{2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂]] (8) which was characterized by a hydride resonance at δ = -21.36 with ¹*J*(PtH) = 1622 Hz. The hydride resonance de-

Table 3. ¹H NMR data for hydridoplatinum(IV) complexes.

Complex	δ (PtH)	$^{1}J(\text{PtH})$ (Hz)
$[PtHClPh_2(bu_2bpy)] (3a)$	-20.15	1613
$[PtHPh_2(MeCN)(bu_2bpy)]^+$ (5)	-21.84	1619
$[PtHCl_2Ph(bu_2bpy)]$ (6)	-25.94	1540
$[PtHClPh{2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}] (8)$	-21.36	1622
[PtHPh(MeCN){2,6-	-20.47	1644
$C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2\}]^+$ (9)		

Scheme 2.



Scheme 3.



cayed at -20 °C as reductive elimination of benzene occurred to give **7a**. Similarly, reaction of **2** in CDCl₃–CD₃CN at -78 °C with triflic acid or tetrafluoroboric acid gave [PtHPh(NCCD₃){2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂]⁺ (**9**) identified by its ¹H NMR spectrum (δ (PtH) = -20.47, ¹J(PtH) = 1644 Hz) and it decomposed at -20 °C to give benzene and complex **7c** or **7d**. The complexes **7** were inert to protonolysis under

Scheme 4.



mild conditions, and there was no evidence for the addition of protons to the aryl group, though several electrophiles are known to add easily to the ipso carbon atom (15).

Studies of H-D exchange

The reaction of 1 and 2 with DBF_4 in $CDCl_3$ -CD₃OD was studied to observe H-D exchange and hence, to investigate reversibility of the protonation and C-H reductive elimination steps. In each case, the benzene was analyzed by GC-MS. In the reaction with 1, the ratio of $C_6H_6:C_6H_5D:C_6H_4D_2$ was 0.1:1.0:0.2, indicating significant formation of $C_6H_4D_2$ but in the reaction of 2 the ratio was 0.1:1.0:0.01, indicating very little if any deuterium enrichment beyond C₆H₅D. Integration of the phenylplatinum resonances in the product 3a from reaction with complex 1 indicated that there was about 10% D-incorporation, distributed equally in the ortho, meta, and para positions. In the reaction with 2 there was no detectable D-incorporation in the C₆H₃ group of the NCN ligand. It has been shown previously that electrophilic attack at the ipso carbon atom of the C₆H₃ group of the NCN ligand is easy, but of course the chelate ligand prevents scrambling if reversible addition of D occurs at this point and no direct evidence of such reactivity was found (15).

Discussion

The intermediacy of hydridoplatinum(IV) complexes in the protonolysis of metal–carbon bonds in electron-rich alkyl or aryl complexes of platinum(II) or in C-H activation by electrophilic platinum complexes, is now accepted as the general rule, though other mechanisms are possible (1–12). It is easier to detect these hydridoplatinum(IV) complex intermediates when they are generated by protonation of alkyl or aryl platinum(II) complexes and many details of their structures and energetics have been determined over recent years (1–10). Strong dependence on the nature of the hydrocarbyl group, the supporting ligands, the acid used, and the solvent medium has been demonstrated (3–5). The phenylplatinum complexes 1 and 2 are constrained to have the phenyl group(s) trans to nitrogen or carbon, respectively, and so a study of the dependence of protonolysis mechanism on stereochemistry is possible.

The chemistry shown in Schemes 1–3 illustrates that the mechanism of protonolysis of the phenylplatinum groups in **1**, **2**, and **3a** is similar in each case. Intermediate hydridoplatinum(IV) complexes are detected by low-temperature ¹H NMR in all cases. These intermediates are formed essentially quantitatively at -78 °C and they survive for several hours at this temperature, but they decompose on warming to -10 to -20 °C by reductive elimination of benzene. No other intermediates were detectable during reactions that were monitored by NMR, and there were no very dramatic differences in reactivity.

The chief difference between 1 and 2 was observed when the deuterolysis of the phenylplatinum groups was carried out in $CDCl_3-CD_3OD$ solvent medium, in which there is a very large excess of exchangeable deuterium. The cleavage of the phenylplatinum groups from 1 or 2 under these conditions gave mostly C_6H_5D , as expected for simple cleavage. However, complex 1 also gave $C_6H_4D_2$ in significant yield and moderate deuterium enrichment in the residual phenylplatinum group of the product **3a**. Free benzene did Fig. 3. Proposed reaction coordinate diagram for the protonolysis of a phenyl group from either complex 1 or 2 in CDCl₃-CD₃OD.



not undergo H-D exchange under the experimental conditions, so the deuterium enrichment occurred during cleavage of the phenylplatinum group to give 3. A proposed sequence of reactions leading to H-D exchange is shown in Scheme 4. The five-coordinate complex 10* is proposed as a key intermediate based on earlier work (4, 5); it can be formed by addition of D⁺ to complex 1 or by chloride dissociation from the resting state complex [PtDClPh₂(bu₂bpy)] (4a*), which is not shown in Scheme 4. Reductive elimination with C-D bond formation then leads naturally to the benzene- d_1 complex 11*, for which there are now several known precedents (4, 7, 10). Deuterium enrichment in the phenylplatinum groups requires that this reductive elimination reaction be reversible to form a hydrido(deuteriophenyl)platinum(IV) cation 10** (Scheme 4). The complex 11* is expected to be fluxional and to undergo rapid edge-to-edge migration of the benzene group, and so the position of the deuterium label will naturally scramble among all possible positions in 11* and 10** (though only one is shown in Scheme 4). Formation of $C_6H_4D_2$ requires further deuterium incorporation, likely by deprotonation of 10** to give 1* followed by addition of D⁺ to give 10*** and C-H reductive elimination to give 11**. Dissociation or displacement of the coordinated benzene from 11 is irreversible, so free benzene cannot coordinate and hence, cannot undergo H-D exchange. In principle, the reactions of Scheme 4 can continue and give complete H-D exchange but only modest enrichment is observed. Hence, the benzene dissociation or displacement step from 11 to give 3 is competitive with the C-H oxidative addition and PtH-PtD exchange steps. Since the addition of D⁺ to complex 2 gives no significant amount of $C_6H_4D_2$, in this case the C-H reductive elimination is probably irreversible.

The difference between the chemistry of complexes 1 and 2 can be understood in terms of the qualitative reaction coordinate diagram shown in Fig. 3. There is a destabilizing effect of two strong donor ligands (antisymbiosis) in organoplatinum chemistry, and so the trans-diaryl arrangement in 2 is less stable than the cis-diaryl arrangement in 1. This relative stability is maintained through the various intermediates through to the proposed benzene complex, but is most pronounced in the trans-diaryl complexes. The six-coordinate hydridoplatinum(IV) complex is the most stable of the intermediates and so the only one that is directly observable in either case. The difference comes at the benzene loss step. The trans-ligand controls the rate of ligand loss through the trans-effect, and so the activation energy for benzene loss is

Table 4. Relative energies and bond distances as predicted by the DFT calculations.

Complex	В	С	D	F	G	Н
$\overline{E \text{ (kcal mol}^{-1})}$	0	3.1	-10.0	2.5	-16.9	-17.0
Distances (Å)						
PtH ¹	1.53	1.87	1.91	2.91	2.69	2.69
PtH ²	2.66	2.64	2.43	2.68	2.64	2.65
PtC^4	2.07	2.55	2.52	2.08	2.06	2.07
PtC^1	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.57	2.37	2.35
PtC^2	3.06	3.00	3.00	3.45	2.38	2.35
PtC ³	2.93	2.99	3.00	2.35	3.27	3.23
PtN^1	2.28	2.28	2.27	2.10	2.11	2.11
PtN ²	2.28	2.07	2.07	2.26	2.30	2.26

much lower for 2 than for 1. For 1 the activation energy for benzene loss from the benzene complex cation (Fig. 3) is similar to that for the reverse reactions leading to H-D exchange, whereas for 2 the benzene loss is much faster and so the back reactions are not competitive.

The relevance to C—H bond activation is also clear from Fig. 3. The trans-aryl group in [PtX(NCN)] will labilise the group X^- and so facilitate benzene coordination, but the overall energetics for oxidative addition of the C—H bond will be less favorable than in the case of [PtXPh(NN)]. It is interesting that a platinum(II) complex with a pincer ligand, which has a nitrogen-donor amide rather than a carbondonor aryl group at the center, is capable of activating benzene to give a phenylplatinum(II) derivative (17).

The mechanism by which the five-coordinate hydrido(phenyl)platinum(IV) intermediate might be transformed to the benzene complex was examined by using density functional theory (DFT) on the model complex [PtHMe- $Ph(NH_3)_2$, chosen so as to give a reasonable model for the complex $[PtHPh_2(bu_2bpy)]^+$ (10). This model is also useful since it allows a comparison of the Me…H and Ph…H reductive elimination pathways. Some data are given in Table 4 and summarized in Fig. 4, while the proposed mechanism is summarized in Scheme 5. The five-coordinate complex B (Fig. 4, Scheme 5) has square-pyramidal stereochemistry. The hydride is slightly displaced towards the methyl group (HPtC = 85°) and the phenyl group rotates away from the position in which it is orthogonal to the C₂PtN₂ plane to avoid steric effects between the hydride and the ortho hydrogen atom of the phenyl group (Fig. 4). Complex B can decompose by C-H reductive elimination to give either a phenyl(methane)platinum(II) complex **D** or a methyl(benzene)platinum(II) complex G (Scheme 5). The formation of **D** (Scheme 5) occurs in a very similar way to that found earlier for methane reductive elimination from methyl(hydrido)platinum(IV) complexes (9), with a late transition state C (Scheme 5) and the activation energy was calculated as 3.1 kcal mol⁻¹ (Table 4). The reductive elimination from **B** by coupling of the hydride and phenyl groups proved more difficult to define by DFT. The final state is predicted to be G (Scheme 5, Fig. 4) in which the benzene ligand is η^2 -bonded, with the C-C axis perpendicular to the plane of the platinum(II) and with the benzene oriented towards the methyl group. The orientation of the benzene in G

Fig. 4. The predicted structures of the complexes $[PtHMePh(NH_3)_2]^+$ (B) and $[PtMe(C_6H_6)(NH_3)_2]^+$ (F and G) and below the calculated energies (kcal mol⁻¹) of the complexes B–G.



Scheme 5.



is very similar to that found experimentally in the hydrido(benzene)platinum(II) complex $[PtH(C_6H_6)\{\kappa^2-(Hpz^*)BHpz^*_2\}]^+$, in which benzene is oriented towards the

hydride (10). There is a conformer of G in which the benzene is oriented towards the ammine (H) and it is very close in energy, presumably because the steric effects of CH_3 and

 NH_3 are essentially the same (Table 4), but **H** will certainly be less favored in complexes with bulkier amine or imine ligands. The hydrogen atoms $C^{1}H^{1}$ and $C^{2}H^{2}$ in **G** and **H** are bent away from the platinum by about 10° but otherwise the benzene molecule is like free benzene. The transition state was expected to resemble E (Scheme 5), with the hydride bridging between platinum and the ipso carbon in an analogous way as in C, but no such transition state could be located. The only transition state found was F in which the Pt—H bond is completely broken (PtH¹ = 2.91 Å) and the C—H bond completely formed ($C^1H^1 = 1.09 \text{ Å}$) (Scheme 5, Fig. 4). Complex **F** is another η^2 -bonded benzene complex of platinum(II) but with atom H¹ still oriented roughly perpendicular to the plane of platinum(II) and so with the coordinated C-C axis in a less favorable orientation than in G or **H** for binding to platinum. The benzene is oriented towards the ammine ligand in \mathbf{F} (Fig. 4). It is possible that the reaction proceeds in two steps, with a first transition state on the way to C-H reductive elimination (E) but this could not be defined and is probably close in energy to **F**; the transition from **F** to **G** just requires rocking about the $Pt-C^1$ axis. The benzene complex G is more stable than the methane complex C, as expected from the relative ligating abilities of benzene and methane. Since the transition state for C-H reductive elimination was not found, the relative energies of the transition states C and E are not known. Complex E is placed slightly higher than C or F in Fig. 4, based on known selectivity for methane elimination the in methyl(phenyl)platinum(II) complexes with nitrogen-donor ligands (4). The activation energy for the benzene C-H oxidative addition step, as measured by the energy difference between **G** and **F**, is calculated as 19 kcal mol^{-1} , which can be compared to experimental activation energies of $\Delta G = 13$ to 14 kcal mol⁻¹ for transformation of the benzene complex $[PtH(C_6H_6){\kappa^2-(Hpz^*)BHpz^*_2}]^+$ and similar arene complexes, to the corresponding hydrido(phenyl)platinum(IV) complexes, such as $[PtH_2Ph{\kappa^2-(Hpz^*)BHpz^*_2}]^+$ (10).

Although there are still some questions about the detailed mechanism of the reductive elimination step to form benzene from complex **B**, it seems that the initial C...H bond formation occurs by movement of the hydride parallel to the Pt-C axis, but then a major sideways motion of the phenyl group occurs so as to allow side-on η^2 -coordination of the forming benzene group. The activation of benzene by oxidative addition (4, 7, 10, 17) is then expected to follow the microscopic reverse of this sequence.

Experimental section

Syntheses were carried out using a nitrogen atmosphere, employing either Schlenk or glovebox techniques. Solvents were dried and distilled under N₂ prior to use. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded using Varian Inova 400 and 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported relative to SiMe₄. GC–MS experiments were carried out using a Finnigan Mat 8200 spectrometer; samples were prepared using CD₂Cl₂–CD₃OD solutions followed by direct injection to the GC coupled to the MS and isotopic composition of benzene was determined by simulation, based on spectra of authentic samples. The phenylplatinum(II) complexes were stable in $CD_2Cl_2-CD_3OD$ solution in the absence of added acid, as shown by NMR. The complexes [{PtPh₂(μ -SMe_2)}_n], bu₂bpy, and [PtCl{2,6-C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂}] were prepared according to literature methods (15, 18). Solutions containing HCl or DCl were prepared by reaction of a known amount of acetyl chloride with MeOH or CD₃OD, respectively. The DFT calculations were carried out at the B3LYP level employing a LANL2DZ basis set, which uses a relativistic effective core potential for platinum. The program used was the Gaussian-94 software package (19) and the methods used were as described and justified previously (9).

[PtPh₂(bu₂bpy)] (1)

To a solution of [{PtPh₂(μ -SMe₂)}_n] (0.494 g, 1.04 mmol) in Et₂O was added bu₂bpy (0.280 g, 1.04 mmol). The solution immediately turned orange in color. After 12 h, the orange precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with Et₂O, and dried under vacuum. Yield: 54%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) & 8.45 (d, 2H, J_{HH} = 6Hz), 7.94 (s, 2H), 7.45 (d, 4H, J_{HH} = 8Hz, H₀(Ph)), 7.35 (d, 2H, J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 7.01 (t, 4H, J_{HH} = 7 Hz, H_m(Ph)), 6.88 (t, 2H, J_{HH} = 7 Hz, H_p(Ph)), 1.37 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₃₀H₃₄N₂Pt (%): C 58.33, H 5.55; found: C 58.11, H 5.56.

[PtClPh(bu₂bpy)] (3a)

To a solution of **1** (0.062 g, 0.099 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added HCl (0.099 mmol). The orange precipitate of the product was filtered off, washed with Et₂O, and dried under vacuum. Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (acetone- d_6) δ : 9.31 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.42 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.32 (m, 2H, H_o(Ph)), 6.98 (t, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_m(Ph)), 6.87 (t, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_p(Ph)), 1.44 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.38 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₂₄H₂₉ClN₂Pt (%): C 50.04, H 5.07; found: C 49.56, H 4.94.

$[PtPh(O_2CCF_3)(bu_2bpy)]$ (3b)

To a solution of **1** (0.068 g, 0.11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ was added CF₃CO₂H (9 µL, 0.11 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and the solvent was removed under vacuum to yield the product as an orange powder. Yield: 56%. ¹H NMR (acetone- d_6) δ : 8.85 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm PtH}$ = 60 Hz, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.53 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_o(Ph)), 7.13 (t, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_m(Ph)), 7.08 (t, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_p(Ph)), 1.46 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.39 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₂₆H₂₉F₃N₂O₂Pt₁(%): C 47.78, H 4.47; found: C 47.49, H 4.41.

$[PtPh(CF_3SO_3)(bu_2bpy)]$ (3c)

This was prepared similarly by using CF₃SO₃H. Yield: 64%. ¹H NMR (acetone- d_6) & 8.88 (d, 1H, $J_{HH} = 6$ Hz), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, 1H, $J_{PtH} = 58$ Hz, $J_{HH} = 6$ Hz), 7.84 (d, 1H, $J_{HH} = 6$ Hz), 7.54 (d, 1H, $J_{HH} = 6$ Hz), 7.35 (d, 2H, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, H_0 (Ph)), 6.98 (t, 2H, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, H_m (Ph)), 6.87 (t, 1H, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, H_p (Ph)), 1.46 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.40 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₂₅H₂₉F₃N₂O₃SPt (%): C 43.54, H 4.24; found: C 43.56, H 4.31.

$[PtPh(BF_4)(bu_2bpy)]$ (3d)

This was prepared similarly by using HBF₄. Yield: 48%. ¹H NMR (acetone- d_6) &: 8.89 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.85 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.55 (d, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.37 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H₀(Ph)), 7.13 (m, 2H, H_m(Ph)), 7.05 (m, 1H, H_p(Ph)), 1.46 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.40 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₂₄H₂₉BF₄N₂Pt (%): C 45.95, H 4.66; found: C 45.47, H 4.80.

[PtHClPh₂(bu₂bpy)] (4a)

To an NMR tube charged with a solution of **1** (0.052 g, 0.085 mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) at -78 °C was added HCl (0.085 mmol). ¹H NMR in CDCl₃ at -80 °C δ : 8.18 (s, 2H), 8.06 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH} = 6$ Hz), 7.86 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH} = 7$ Hz), 7.29 (d, 4H, $J_{\rm HH} = 7$ Hz, H_o(Ph)), 6.76 (t, 4H, $J_{\rm HH} = 7$ Hz, H_m(Ph)), 6.67 (t, 2H, $J_{\rm HH} = 7$ Hz, H_p(Ph)), 1.19 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), -20.15 (s, 1H, $J_{\rm PtH} = 1613$ Hz, Pt-H). Compound **2** was indefinitely stable at -78 °C but decomposed rapidly at -20 °C to give C₆H₆ and [PtClPh(bu₂bpy)] (**3a**) as monitored by NMR.

[PtH(NCCD₃)Ph₂(bu₂bpy)][BF₄] (7)

This was prepared similarly in CDCl₃–CD₃CN (1.0 mL) by using HBF₄. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃–CD₃CN) δ : 8.45 (s, 2H), 8.10 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.52 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.18 (d, 4H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_o(Ph)), 6.99 (t, 4H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_m(Ph)), 6.89 (t, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_p(Ph)), 1.36 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), –21.84 (s, 1H, $J_{\rm PtH}$ = 1619 Hz, Pt-H). Compound **7** was indefinitely stable at –78 °C but decomposed rapidly at –20 °C to give C₆H₆ and [Pt(BF₄)(C₆H₅)(tbu₂bpy)] (**3d**).

[PtHCl₂Ph(bu₂bpy)] (6)

To an NMR tube charged with a solution of **3a** (0.016 g, 0.028 mmol) in CDCl₃ (0.6 mL) at -78 °C was added HCl (0.028 mmol). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) & 9.17 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH} = 6.8$ Hz, H_o(Ph)), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.89 (t, 2H, $J_{\rm HH} = 7$ Hz, H_m(Ph)), 6.76 (t, 1H, $J_{\rm HH} = 7$ Hz, H_p(Ph)), 1.28 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.22 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), -25.94 (s, 1H, $J_{\rm PHH} = 1540$ Hz, Pt-H). Compound **6** was indefinitely stable at -78 °C but decomposed rapidly at -10 °C to give C₆H₆ and [PtCl₂(bu₂bpy)].

$[PtPh{2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}] (2)$

To a solution of $[PtCl(C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2)]$ (0.357 g, 0.78 mmol) in ether (10 mL) at 0 °C was added PhLi (0.43 mL, 0.78 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min, then for 1 h at room temperature. The beige precipitate that had formed was filtered off, washed with pentane, and recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂-pentane to yield colorless crystals of the product (15). Yield: 56%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.67 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH} = 6$ Hz), 7.11 (t, 1H, $J_{\rm HH} = 7$ Hz), 6.97 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm PtH} = 42$ Hz, N-CH₂), 2.89 (s, 12H, $J_{\rm PtH} = 44$ Hz, NMe₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 145.54, 139.59, 126.84, 123.19, 122.63, 119.25, 81.22, 54.36.

$[PtCl{2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}]$ (7a)

To a solution of **2** (0.052 g, 0.105 mmol) in a THF: Et_2O (50:50) mixture was added HCl (0.105 mmol). The reaction

mixture was stirred for 2 h at which time the beige precipitate was filtered off and washed with ether. Yield: 61%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 6.97 (t, 1H, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz), 6.79 (d, 2H, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz), 4.00 (s, 4H, $J_{PtH} = 45$ Hz, N-CH₂), 3.06 (s, 12H, $J_{PtH} = 36$ Hz, NMe₂). Anal. calcd. for C₁₂H₁₉ClN₂Pt (%): C 34.17, H 4.54; found: C 34.01, H 4.62.

$[Pt(CF_{3}CO_{2})\{2,6-C_{6}H_{3}(CH_{2}NMe_{2})_{2}\}]$ (7b)

This was prepared similarly using CF₃CO₂H. Yield: 48%. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ : 6.81 (t, 1H, J_{HH} = 6 Hz), 6.79 (d, 2H, J_{HH} = 4 Hz), 4.01 (s, 4H, J_{PtH} = 48 Hz, N-CH₂), 2.95 (s, 12H, J_{PtH} = 36 Hz, NMe₂). Anal. calcd. for C₁₄H₁₉F₃O₂N₂Pt (%): C 33.67, H 3.83; found: C 33.59, H 3.72.

$[Pt(CF_3SO_3){2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}]$ (7c)

This was prepared similarly using CF₃SO₃H. Yield: 36%. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ : 6.92 (t, 1H, J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 6.76 (d, 2H, J_{HH} = 7 Hz), 3.98 (s, 4H, J_{PtH} = 41 Hz, N-CH₂), 2.99 (s, 12H, J_{PtH} = 37 Hz, NMe₂). Anal. calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉F₃N₂O₃PtS (%): C 29.16, H 3.58; found: C 29.42, H 3.73.

$[Pt(BF_4){2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}]$ (7d)

This was prepared similarly using HBF₄. Yield: 57%. ¹H NMR (acetone- d_6) & 6.72 (t, 1H, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz), 6.55 (d, 2H, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz), 3.78 (s, 4H, $J_{PtH} = 48$ Hz, N-CH₂), 2.76 (s, 12H, $J_{PtH} = 38$ Hz, NMe₂). Anal. calcd. for C₁₂H₁₉BF₄N₂Pt (%): C 30.46, H 4.05; found: C 30.42, H 4.11.

$[PtHClPh{2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}]$ (8)

To an NMR tube charged with a solution of **2** (0.046 g, 0.091 mmol) in CDCl₃ at -78 °C was added HCl (0.091 mmol). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 7.70 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 6 Hz), 7.16 (t, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz), 6.98 (d, 2H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H₀(Ph)), 6.96 (m, 2H, H_m(Ph)), 6.94 (t, 1H, $J_{\rm HH}$ = 7 Hz, H_p(Ph)), 4.15 (s, 4H, N-CH₂), 2.89 (s, 12H, NMe₂), -21.36 (s, 1H, $J_{\rm PtH}$ = 1622 Hz, Pt-H). Compound **8** was indefinitely stable at -78 °C but decomposed rapidly at -20 °C to give C₆H₆ and [PtCl{C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂]] (**7a**).

$[PtHPh(NCCD_3){2,6-C_6H_3(CH_2NMe_2)_2}][CF_3SO_3]$ (9)

This was prepared similarly in CDCl₃–CD₃CN solution at –78 °C by using CF₃SO₃H. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃–CD₃CN) δ : 7.92 (t, 1H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 7.46 (d, 2H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 8$ Hz), 6.98 (m, 2H, H_o(Ph)), 6.87 (t, 2H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, H_m(Ph)), 6.75 (t, 1H, $J_{\text{HH}} = 7$ Hz, H_p(Ph)), 4.10 (s, 4H, N-CH₂), 2.86 (s, 12H, NMe₂), –20.47 (s, 1H, $J_{\text{PtH}} = 1644$ Hz, Pt-H). Compound **9** was indefinitely stable at –78 °C but decomposed rapidly at –20 °C to give C₆H₆ and [Pt(CF₃SO₃){C₆H₃(CH₂NMe₂)₂]] (7c).

X-ray structure determinations

Crystals of **1** and **2** were grown from acetone and chloroform solution, respectively. Crystals were mounted on glass fibres. Data were collected by using a Nonius Kappa-CCD diffractometer with COLLECT (20) software. Crystal data and refinement parameters are listed in Table 5. Data were scaled using SCALEPACK (21), and empirical absorption corrections were applied using redundant data and XPREP (SHELXTL 5.03). Full-matrix least-squares refinement on

Complex	$1 \cdot 2 Me_2 CO$	2	
Formula, fw	C ₃₆ H ₄₆ N ₂ O ₂ Pt, 733.84	C ₁₈ H ₂₄ N ₂ Pt, 463.09	
Temperature (K)	200(2)	293(2)	
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71070	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2/c	P2(1)/n	
Cell dimensions	a = 12.7265(3) Å	a = 9.3780(19) Å	
	b = 14.2079(2) Å	b = 14.663(3) Å	
	c = 10.0711(2) Å	c = 12.650(3) Å	
	$\beta = 69.0990(3)^{\circ}$	$\beta = 107.35(3)^{\circ}$	
Volume (Å ³), Z	1701.2(6), 2	1660.2(6), 4	
Density (calcd.) (Mg m ⁻³)	1.433	1.856	
Abs. coeff. (mm^{-1})	4.156	2.112	
F(000)	740	224	
θ Range (°)	2.60-27.48	2.67-24.99	
No. of reflns collected	17 452	5665	
Data/restraints/param.	3897/0/203	2918/0/190	
Goodness-of fit on F^2	1.029	0.961	
Final <i>R</i> indices $(I > 2\sigma(I))$	R1 = 0.0309	R1 = 0.0321	
	wR2 = 0.0732	wR2 = 0.081	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0361	R1 = 0.0395	
	wR2 = 0.0752	wR2 = 0.0852	

 Table 5. Crystal data and structure refinement for complexes 1 and 2.

 F^2 was performed after solving using Patterson methods and the solution package SHELXTL 5.03 (22). Complex 1 contained two molecules of acetone of solvation.³

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