Formation of Diphenylphosphanylbutadienyl Complexes by Insertion of Two P-Coordinated Alkynylphosphanes into a $Pt-C_6F_5$ Bond: Detection of Intermediate and Reaction Products

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Abstract: The reactions between cis- $[M(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C\equiv CR)_2]$ (M = Pt, Pd; R = Ph, tBu, Tol 2, 3) or *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂- $(PPh_2C \equiv CR)(PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)]$ (R = Ph 4, Tol 5) and cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] 1 have been investigated. Whereas $[M](PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)_2$ ($[M] = cis \cdot M(C_6F_5)_2$) is inert towards 1, the analogous reactions starting from $[M](PPh_2C \equiv CR)_2$ or $[Pt](PPh_2C \equiv CR)(PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)$ (R =Ph, Tol) afford unusual binuclear species $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu$ -{C(R')=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)= $C(R)(C_6F_5)$] $M(C_6F_5)_2$] (R = R' = Ph, Tol, M = Pt 6a,c, M = Pd 7a,c; M = Pt, R' =tBu, R = Ph 8, Tol 9 containing a bis(diphenylphosphanyl)butadienyl bridging ligand formed by an unprecedented sequential insertion reaction of two P-coordinated PPh₂C=CR ligands into a $Pt-C_6F_5$ bond. Although in solution the presence of coordinated solvent S (S =

 $(thf)_x(H_2O)_y$ in 6, 7 is suggested by NMR spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction analyses of different crystals of the mixed complex $[Pt(C_6F_5)\mu{-}\{C(tBu)=C(PPh_2) C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)(C_6F_5)Pt(C_6F_5)^2$ unequivocally establish that in the solid state the steric crowding of the new diphenylbutadienyl ligand formed stabilizes an unusual coordinatively unsaturated T-shaped 3-coordinated platinum(II) center. Structure determinations of the mononuclear precursors cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C=CR)_2]$ (R = Ph, tBu, Tol) have been carried out to evaluate the factors affecting the insertion processes. The reactions of the platinum

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complexes 6 towards neutral ligands $(L = CO, py, PPh_2H, CNtBu)$ in a 1:1 molar ratio afford related diplatinum derivatives 10-13, whereas treatment with CNtBu (1:2 molar ratio) or 2,2'bipy (1:1 molar ratio) results in the opening of the chelating ring to give cis, cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)(L)₂ μ -{1- κ C¹:2- κ PP'- $C(R) = C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2) = C(R)(C_6F_5)$ $Pt(C_6F_5)_2$] (14, 15). The unsaturated or solvento complexes are unstable in solution evolving firstly, through an unexpected formal 4-1 R (Ph, Tol) migration, to the intermediate diphosphanylbutadienyl isomer derivatives $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu$ - $\{C(C_6F_5)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(R)_2\}M (C_6F_5)_2$] (16, 18) (X-ray, R = Ph, M = Pt) and, finally, to 1-pentafluorophenyl-2,3bis(diphenylphosphanyl)naphthalene mononuclear complexes (17, 19) by annulation of a phenyl or tolyl group.

Introduction

Carbon-carbon bond forming and C-C bond activation reactions caused by transition metals have received great

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attention as a result of their inherent importance in the design of efficient and selective processes.^[1] The facile migratory insertion of C=C and C=C units into M-H and M-C bonds represents a crucial step involved in various synthetic organic reactions as well as polymer synthesis catalyzed by transition metals.^[1, 2] In this context, complexes of Group 10 metals have been frequently employed^[3] as exemplified by reactions of alkynes with nickelacycles and palladacycles giving entries to unusual and interesting free or coordinated poly- or heterocyclic compounds.^[4] The insertion of alkynes across the Pt-H bond of mononuclear Pt complexes has been examined in detail by Clark and co-workers^[5] and several mechanistic studies of the multiple insertion of alkynes into Ni-C and Pd-C have also been reported.^[4e, 6] It is unlikely for metal-R_F bonds to undergo insertion reactions,^[7] particularly when they are metal-fluoroaryl bonds, which are quite robust.^[7a, b, 8] There have been only a few reports on the formal insertion of isonitriles into titanium^[9] and palladium^[10] M-C₆F₅ bonds to give pentafluorobenzimidoyl derivatives, and more recently Espinet and co-workers have shown that the addition of Pd-C₆F₅ to coordinated olefins is also a relatively easy process.^[11] Surprisingly, as far as we are aware, apart from the results reported in our preliminary communication,^[12] the insertion of an acetylenic fragment into a M-C₆F₅ ligand has never been described. In that report,^[12] we communicated an unprecendent insertion of two P-coordinated PPh₂C=CPh ligands into a Pt-C₆F₅ bond that yielded unexpected diphenylphosphanylbutadienyl homo- and heterobinuclear complexes. X-ray diffraction studies ([M] = Pt(C₆F₅)₂, L = PPh₂H) confirmed the presence of an unusual 2,3-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)-1,3-butadien-1-yl acting as a bischelating μ -1(3,4- η , κ C¹):2 κ ²P,P' bridging ligand. We now report: i) the exten-

Abstract in Spanish: Se ha investigado la reactividad de los complejos cis- $[M(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C\equiv CR)_2]$ (M = Pt, Pd; R = Ph, tBu, Tol 2, 3) y cis- $Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C \equiv CR)(PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)$ (R = Ph 4, Tol 5) frente a cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]$ 1. En contraste con la ausencia de reactividad de $[M](PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)_2$ ([M] =cis- $M(C_6F_5)_2$) frente a 1, las reacciones análogas utilizando como precursores $[M](PPh_2C \equiv CR)_2$ y $[Pt](PPh_2C \equiv CR)$ - $(PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)$ (R = Ph, Tol) dan lugar a especies binucleares poco usuales $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu-\{C(R')=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(R) (C_6F_5)$ $M(C_6F_5)_2$ (R = R' = Ph, Tol, M = Pt 6a, c, M = Pd**7**a,c; M = Pt, R' = tBu, R = Ph **8**, Tol **9**) que contienen un ligando puente del tipo bis(difenilfosfina)butadienilo, formado mediante inserción sucesiva de los dos ligandos P-coordinados $PPh_2C \equiv CR$ en uno de los enlaces $Pt-C_6F_5$. Aunque mediante espectroscopía de RMN se sugiere la presencia en disolución de disolvente coordinado S ($S = (thf)_x(H_2O)_y$) en los complejos **6** y 7, el análisis por difracción de Rayos X de diferentes cristales del complejo mixto $[Pt(C_6F_5)\mu-\{C(tBu)=C(PPh_2)C (PPh_2) = C(Tol)(C_6F_5) Pt(C_6F_5)_2$ 9 establece de forma inequívoca que en estado sólido el nuevo ligando difenilfosfinabutadienilo formado estabiliza un centro coordinativamente insaturado de Pt^{II} tricoordinado en forma de T. Con objeto de evaluar los factores que afectan a los procesos de inserción se ha llevado a cabo la determinación estructural de los precursores mononucleares cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C\equiv CR)_2]$ (R = Ph, tBu, Tol). El tratamiento de los complejos de diplatino 6 frente a ligandos neutros (L = CO, py, PPh_2H , CNtBu) en relación molar 1:1 permite preparar los derivados análogos 10–13, mientras que las reacciones con exceso de CNtBu (relación molar 1:2) o con 2,2'-bipy (1:1) provocan la apertura del anillo quelato generando los complejos cis,cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)(L)_2\mu - \{1 - \kappa C^1 : 2 - \kappa PP' - C(R) = C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2) = C(R) - C(R) (C_6F_5)$ }Pt $(C_6F_5)_2$] (14, 15). Los complejos 6 y 7, con moléculas de disolvente como ligando, son inestables en disolución evolucionando inicialmente, a través de una inesperada migración formal 4-1 R (Ph, Tol), a los derivados difosfinabutadienilo isómeros intermedios $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S) \mu_{C(C_{6}F_{5})} = C(PPh_{2})C(PPh_{2}) = C(R)_{2}M(C_{6}F_{5})_{2}$ (16, 18) (rayos-X, R = Ph, M = Pt) y, finalmente, a los complejos mononucleares 1-pentafluorofenil-2,3-bis(difenilfosfina)naftaleno (17, 19) por anulación de un grupo fenilo o tolilo respectivamente.

sion of this reaction to other P-coordinated $PPh_2C\equiv CR$ ligands and detailed spectroscopic characterization data for all complexes including novel X-ray diffraction studies (9, 14c); ii) the observation that the solvento derivatives (L = THF, H₂O) are unstable in solution leading, through an



unexpected formal 4-1 (R = Ph, Tol) migration, to analogous μ -C(C₆F₅)=C(PPh₂)=C(PPh₂)=C(R)₂ phosphanylbutadienyl isomer derivatives (**16**, **18**) (X-ray **16a**) and, finally, to 1-pentafluorophenyl-2,3-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)naphthalene mononuclear complexes by annulation of a phenyl (**17a**, **19a**) or tolyl group (**17c**, **19c**). Furthermore, in order to gain an insight into the factors affecting the initial insertion and coupling processes, the molecular structures of several *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CR)₂] (R = Ph, *t*Bu, Tol) have been studied by X-ray diffraction and are also presented.

Results and Discussion

Alkynylphosphanes PPh₂C=CR are versatile molecules not only as polyfunctional ligands^[13] but also because they participate in a number of coupling and insertion reactions.^[14] Detailed studies of alkynylphosphanes with transition metalcarbonyl clusters have also shown that these ligands are excellent sources of metal-coordinated phosphide and ynyl fragments, which may also take part in further coupling or insertion processes.^[15] Carty and co-workers have demonstrated in a highly elegant way that the reactivity of the alkynyl function of PPh2C=CR molecules can be modulated by simple P-coordination to a palladium or platinum center in *cis*-[PtX₂(PPh₂C \equiv CR)₂] complexes.^[16] The thermal coupling of the pendant alkynyl groups of cis-[PtX(Y)(PPh₂C=CPh)₂] $(X = Y = Cl, I, CF_3, C_6F_5; X(Y) = o-C_6H_4O_2, Me, Cl)^{[17]}$ yielding the corresponding complexes containing the unsymmetrical diphosphane 1-phenyl-2,3-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)naphthalene (Scheme 1, A, i) was of particular relevance to the work described here. X-ray diffraction studies revealed that in these cis-bis(alkynylphosphane) derivatives, the sterically less demanding alkynyl groups are forced into a configuration, which facilitates alkyne-alkyne interaction.[17] Along the same lines several recent reports have shown that the Bergman cyclization of 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphanylethynylbenzene) can be accelerated or inhibited by metal complexation because chelation of the ligand modulates the critical distance of the alkynyl termini (Scheme 1, B, ii).^[18]

The aim of this work was to investigate the possibility of inducing alkyne coupling of two P-coordinated PPh₂C=CR ligands by simultaneous η^2 -coordination to a second metal center (Scheme 1, iii). Thus, considering that *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] **1** is able to interact easily with systems such as PhC=CPh^[19] or alkynylmetal complexes,^[2a, 13b, 20, 21] we decided to examine the reactivity of **1** towards compounds *cis*-[M(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CR)₂] (M = Pt, Pd; R = Ph, *t*Bu, Tol) or



Scheme 1. The coupling of pendant alkynyl groups of *cis*- $[MX(Y)(PPh_2C=CPh)_2]$ (M = Pt; X = Y = Cl, I, CF₃, C₆F₅; X(Y) = *o*-C₆H₄O₂, Me, Cl) to yield the corresponding complexes containing the unsymmetrical diphosphane 1-phenyl-2,3-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)naphthalene (A, i); Bergman cyclization of 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphanylphosphanylbenzene) by metal complexation (B, ii).

cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C≡CR)(PPh₂C≡CR')] (R=Ph, Tol; R' = *t*Bu) as a means of obtaining bis-[μ - κ P: η ²-(PPh₂C≡CR)] bridged complexes. We found that the initial η ²-alkyne adducts, spectroscopically detected at low temperature, evolve through an unexpectedly easy sequential double insertion of both PPh₂C≡CR into a Pt-C₆F₅ bond, which yields unusual μ -2,3-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)-1,3-butadien-1-yl complexes.

Synthesis of the precursor mononuclear complexes: Mononuclear bis(diphenylphosphane)alkyne complexes cis- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C \equiv CR)_2]$ (R = Ph 2a, tBu 2b, Tol 2c) and mixed cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CR)(PPh₂C=CtBu)] (R = Ph 4, Tol 5) are synthesized in a straightforward manner by displacing the tetrahydrothiophene ligands (THT) from $\textit{cis-}[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(tht)_2] \quad or \quad \textit{cis-}[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)(tht)],$ respectively, with the appropriate diphenylalkynylphosphane ligand. The analogous palladium complexes cis- $[Pd(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C\equiv CR)_2]$ **3a**-c were prepared from $(NBu_4)_2[Pd(\mu-Br)(C_6F_5)_2]_2$ by cleavage of the bridges and displacement of the halide ligands with PPh2C=CR (Scheme 2). All compounds are air-stable white solids with spectroscopic properties characteristic of a cis geometry and a P-coordination mode for the PPh₂C=CR ligands. Their IR spectra showed typical ν (C=C) strong absorptions (one for



Scheme 2. Synthesis of mononuclear complexes 2-5 (L = PPh₂C=CR).

2a,c, and 3a,c derivatives and two for 2b, 3b, 4, and 5 derivatives) in the $2170 - 2214 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ region due to the P-coordinated alkynylphosphane ligands^[13b] and the expected two bands $(798-774 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ assigned to the X-sensitive mode of the C₆F₅ groups,^[22] which are characteristic of the $cis-M(C_6F_5)_2$ moiety. A singlet phosphorus resonance (δ range -8.79 to +0.23) and especially the magnitude of ¹J(¹⁹⁵Pt,³¹P) (2400-2426 Hz) in complexes 2 and 3 are consistent with a cis configuration of the ligands about the platinum center. The mixed

derivatives **4** and **5** showed, as expected, two singlets in their ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra and two sets of C₆F₅ or C=CR signals in their ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectra in agreement with the presence of two different alkynylphosphane ligands. Finally, in accordance with a *cis* geometry for complexes **2** and **3**, the acetylene carbon resonances appear [C_a/C_b δ = 69.6 – 81.6/106.0 – 119.0] as the typical A part of a second-order AXX' system (see Experimental Section for details) with *N* values ¹*J*(C,P) + ³*J*(C,P) (89.8 – 106.9 Hz) and ²*J*(C,P) + ⁴*J*(C,P) (11.8 – 16 Hz), respectively, typical of this type of compound.^[13b] However, in the mixed complexes **4** and **5**, the C_b resonances appear as doublets (δ = 118.2 **4**, 118.1 **5** *t*Bu; 107.4 **4**, 107.9 **5** R) and the C_a signals as doublets of doublets (δ 69.5 **4**, 69.6 **5** *t*Bu; 80.1 **4** 79.3 **5** R), respectively.

Single-crystal X-ray analyses of 2a-c were performed in order to determine the relative orientation of the two acetylenic moieties in the complexes. Perspective views of the three complexes are shown in Figure 1, and selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1. All complexes have square-planar geometry at the metal center with Pt–C(C₆F₅) and Pt–P distances within the normal ranges found for related complexes.^[23] It has been previously noted^[17b, 18a, b] that the coupling of two proximate acetylenic fragments can only be activated by heating or induced by the presence of metal centers if the separation between the α -carbon atoms is

> < 3.4 Å (twice the van der Waals radius of carbon). The close proximity of the α -carbon atoms of the phenyl or tolyl alkynyl groups is shown by the C(7)-C(7a) [3.20(2) Å **2a**] and C(13)-C(34) distances [3.34(2) Å 2c], which are considerably less (2a) or slightly (2c) less than 3.4 Å (the distance between C=C middle points: 3.423 Å 2a, 3.538 Å **2c**). It should be noted that for complex 2a, the small separation between the alkyne termini [3.20(2) Å] is in keeping with

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the reported formation of the unsymmetrical diphosphane complex $cis-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2\{o-C_{16}H_{10}(PPh_2)_2\}]$ on heating.^[17] In comparison, the corresponding distance in cis-[PtCl₂(PPh₂C=CPh)₂],^[17] which also undergoes intramolecular coupling of the phosphanylacetylene ligands under relatively mild conditions, is 3.110(10) Å. The distance found for complex 2c [3.34(2) Å] is longer than that found in cis-[PtClMe(PPh₂C=CPh)₂],^[17b] [3.213(14) Å], which requires forcing conditions (melting of the solid sample) to achieve coupling. In contrast, the PPh2C=CtBu ligands in complex 2b have undergone a slight rotation away from one another, and thus they increase the separation between C(25) and C(43) atoms of the alkyne termini to 3.61(1) Å. In this case, the higher steric demand of the tBu groups forces the separation between the C=C middle point to a distance of 3.963 Å. Consequently, the torsional angles C_{α} -P(1)-P(2)-C_{\alpha} $[65.3(6)^{\circ}$ **2a**, $68.9(6)^{\circ}$ **2c**, $70.7(4)^{\circ}$ 2b] and the P-Pt-P' angles $[92.87(13)^{\circ}$ **2a**, $93.32(7)^{\circ}$ **2c**, $95.04(9)^{\circ}$ **2b**] in the three complexes show an increase in the order tBu > Tol > Ph, which is parallel to the increase of the distance between the C_{α} atoms. As expected, the distortion from the linearity of the alkynyl groups, which helps to keep the C_{α} atoms of both ligands in proximity, follows the order Ph > Tol(average) > *t*Bu(average) [P(1)-C(7)-C(8)]167.7(8)° **2a**; P(1)–C(13)–C(14) 165(3)°, P(2)-C(34)-C(35) 173(2)° **2c**; P(2)–C(43)–C(44) 175.9(8)° and P(1)-C(25)-C(26) 179.2(8)° 2b].

Reactions of $cis-[M(C_6F_5)_2-(PPh_2C\equiv CR)_2]$ and $cis-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2-(PPh_2C\equiv CR)(PPh_2C\equiv CtBu)]$ with $cis-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]$ 1: As shown in Scheme 3, the (diphenylphosphanyl)alkyne $cis-[M(C_6F_5)_2-(PPh_2C\equiv CR)(PPh_2C\equiv CR')]$ complexes (2a,c, 3a,c) readily react with an equimolar amount of 1 in CH_2Cl_2 at temperatures between 0

Figure 1. Perspective view of molecular structures of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CPh)₂]. 0.5 CCl₄ (**2a**) (a, top); cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CTol)₂] (**2c**) (c, bottom).

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Table 1. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CR)₂] (R = Ph **2a** • 0.5 CCl₄, tBu **2b** • CH₂Cl₂, and Tol **2c**).

	bond lengths			angles			torsion angle
	Pt-P	C=C	C_{α} - C_{α}	P−C≡C	C=C-C	P-Pt-P'	C_{α} -P-P'-C' _{α}
$2a \cdot 0.5 \text{CCl}_4$	2.310(3)	1.200(11)	3.20(2)	167.7(8)	177.0(10)	92.87(13)	65.3(6)
$\mathbf{2b}\boldsymbol{\cdot}\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$	2.298(2)	1.176(10)	3.61(1)	179.2(8)	176.6(9)	95.04(9)	70.7(4)
	2.294(3)	1.182(10)		175.9(8)	178.4(9)		
2 c	2.285(6)	1.18(4)	3.34(2)	165(3)	179(4)	93.32(7)	68.9(6)
	2.315(7)	1.20(3)		173(2)	176(3)		

cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂]



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Scheme 3. Synthesis of butadienyl bridging complexes. The notation used for inequivalent groups and metals is shown in the inset.

and $+10^{\circ}C$ to give orange solutions, from which the double inserted products $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu - \{C(R')=C(PPh_2)C-C(PP$ $(PPh_2)=C(R)(C_6F_5)[M(C_6F_5)_2]$ (R = R' = Ph, Tol, M = Pt **6a**, 6c, Pd 7a, 7c) are isolated in good (platinum) or moderate (palladium) yields as deep yellow solids. The tert-butyl derivatives (2b, 3b) did not react with 1, even under reflux conditions (CH₂Cl₂, 5 h for 2b or 1 h for 3b), perhaps for steric reasons. The lower η^2 -bonding capability of PPh₂C=CtBu than PPh₂C=CPh groups in complexes cis- $[M(C \equiv CR')_2(PPh_2C \equiv CR)_2]$ (R = Ph or tBu) has been previously observed.^[13b] In contrast to this, the mixed mononuclear complexes cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CR)(PPh₂C=CtBu)] (R = Ph 4, Tol 5) react cleanly with 1 to selectively form the corresponding double inserted complexes 8 (R = Ph) and 9 (R = Tol) as yellow solids and in high yields. It should be noted that at 25 °C in donor solvents (acetone or THF) neither the complexes 2a or 2c, nor the mixed derivatives 4 and 5 reacted with 1. It is also noteworthy that all reactions are clean, no regioisomers are obtained, and the overall process is highly *regiospecific*, with the first insertion taking place selectively on the aryl acetylenic fragment for the mixed derivatives **4** and **5**, and *stereoselective* (*cis,cis* insertion).

The IR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of 6-9 confirm the presence of the C-C₆F₅ unit and the existence of four different types of C_6F_5 groups arising from an asymmetric structure (See Scheme 3 for notation). Thus, the IR spectra have absorptions characteristic of the C₆F₅ bonded to carbon^[10a, b] (split bands at $\approx\!1500$ and $990\,\text{cm}^{-1}$ are seen) and three absorptions corresponding to the $\nu C_6 F_5$ (X-sensitive) (range 820-777 cm⁻¹) concordant with an asymmetric structure. In all complexes the organic $C-C_6F_5$ group (ring A) is easily assigned, because the ortho- and para-fluorine resonances are up- and downfield shifted, respectively, and the separation between these signals is reduced to approximately $\delta = 30$. This ring (A) exhibits a typical pattern of five signals of equal intensity, and this indicates that, if any, very slow bond rotation takes place around the C-C₆F₅ bond on the NMR timescale (see below). In the palladium complexes (7), the C_6F_5 (**B**) group (assigned on the basis of the presence of platinum satellites) has the typical set of three resonances (2:1:2, AA'MXX' spin system) of a freely rotating group, while the C_6F_5 ligands coordinated to the palladium center (type C,C') produce the two expected different sets of resonances [AFMRX systems: 3o-F (1:2:1), 2p-F, 4m-F (1:1:1:1)] corresponding to rigid rings. In the platinum derivatives, the pattern for the C_6F_5 ring **B** also corresponds to a rigid ring as revealed by a ¹⁹F-¹⁹F COSY spectrum registered for complex 6a at room temperature (See Figure 1S, Supporting information), which also confirms that the C_6F_5 ring **B** is indeed close to the organic ring (**A**) and that both *o*-fluorine signals of the $C-C_6F_5$ group (type A) are related to each other probably through slow rotation of this ring.^[24] Examination of the ¹⁹F NMR spectra of complexes 6 at different temperatures indicates the presence at low temperature $(-50 \,^{\circ}\text{C})$ of at least three conformers in a ratio of 1:2:1; these are probably generated by different conformational modifications of the bis(diphenyl)butadienyl bridging ligand. Thus, as is clearly observed in the signals due to the organic fragment C–C₆F₅ group (A) (Figure 2), as the temperature is lowered both the o-fluorine and p-fluorine resonances broaden and split. In the low regime limit (-50°C) , one of the *o*-F_A is split into three signals [-127.0](pst), -127.7 (m), -128.5 (m)] of relative intensities 2:1:1, and the other o-F_A into two [-129.5 (dm), -129.9 (dm)] of 2:2 intensities. The only para-F (C-C₆F₅ A) signal observed at room temperature is also split at -50 °C into three signals (2:1:1), which confirm the presence of three magnetically nonequivalent C₆F₅ organic rings.



Figure 2. ¹⁹F NMR spectra at different temperatures of complex **6c** in CDCl_3 (*ortho*-fluorine region (a), and *para*-fluorine region (b) of the $\text{C-C}_6\text{F}_5$ ring **A**).

All complexes (6-9) revealed two different phosphorus resonances, which are strongly deshielded (range $\delta = 24.81 -$ 40.0/34.2-42.45), as expected for a rigid five-membered ring.^[25] One of the signals (the upfield signal in complexes 6 and 7 or the downfield one in complexes 8 and 9) appears as a broad doublet (6) or singlet (7-9) flanked by platinum satellites due to long-range $({}^{3}J(Pt,P) 270-379 \text{ Hz } 6-9)$ and short-range (¹*J*(Pt,P) 2284-2308 Hz 6, 8, 9) coupling to ¹⁹⁵Pt, which is therefore, assigned to phosphorus P^2 (mutually *trans* to the platinum center Pt¹, see Scheme 3 for notation). The other resonance also appears as a broad doublet or singlet with the expected platinum satellites in complexes 6, 8, and 9 (range $\delta = 34.2 - 42.45$). The broadness of these signals is probably due to long-range unresolved coupling to the ofluorine atoms of the C₆F₅ groups, which are located mutually trans to both phosphorus atoms. The low-temperature $(-50^{\circ}\text{C})^{13}\text{C}^{1}\text{H}$ NMR spectra of the most soluble and stable complex 6c have two doublets of multiplets at $\delta = 97.5$ and 71.5 (J(C,P) = 114.2 and 48.11 Hz, respectively) characteristic of sp² carbon atoms bound to phosphorus. The presence of solvent S in the final complexes (see Scheme 3) is inferred from their ¹H NMR spectra. Complexes 6 and 7 have signals due to coordinated THF [≈ 3.4 (s, OCH₂), ≈ 1.5 (s; CH₂)] and $H_2O \approx 1.8$ (s), which disappear or shift after the addition of D₂O or/and free THF. Careful examination of proton spectra of freshly precipitated samples of complexes 8 and 9 reveals only small amounts of THF (0.4 and 0.35 moles by mole of 8 and 9, respectively vs. ≈ 0.6 mole observed in 6 and 7). Even crystals of 9 obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-hexane in a solution in CH₂Cl₂ had traces of THF (0.05 mole by mole of product).

Complexes 6a and 6c crystallize easily in different solvent systems, but none of the crystals obtained were suitable for X-ray crystallography. An X-ray crystallographic investigation of 7a was attempted, and, although the study confirmed the connectivity shown in Scheme 3, a high degree of disorder associated with the solvent coordination site at Pt (partial occupancy for THF and H₂O) prevented satisfactory refinement. Crystals of the mixed derivative 9 suitable for an X-ray diffraction study were obtained by diffusion at low temperature $(-30^{\circ}C n-hex$ ane/CH₂Cl₂). The molecular structure is depicted in Figure 3, and important bond lengths and angles are indicated in Table 2. The structure confirms that the two acetylenic fragments of 5 have condensed with one of the C_6F_5 groups of 1 to form the new 2,3-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)butadienyl ligand that bridges the two platinum centers. A few similar $\eta^{3}(\kappa C^{1}:\eta^{2}C^{3,4})$ butadienyl backbones have been previously described as having been



Figure 3. View of the molecular structure of complex 9, showing the atomnumbering scheme (a, top); schematic view of the butadienyldiphosphane bridging ligand around the unsaturated platinum Pt(2) (b, bottom).

Table 2. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles $[^{\circ}]$ for $[Pt(C_6F_5)\mu-\{C(tBu)=C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)(C_6F_5)\}Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ (9).

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Pt(1)-C(1)	2.089(5)	P(2)-C(40)	1.852(5)
Pt(1)-C(7)	2.079(5)	P(1)-C(13)	1.854(5)
Pt(1)-P(2)	2.2932(13)	C(13)-C(14)	1.453(7)
Pt(1)-P(1)	2.2718(13)	C(13)-C(40)	1.514(7)
Pt(2)-C(41)	1.986(5)	C(14)-C(15)	1.499(6)
Pt(2)-C(58)	2.041(5)	C(14)-C(22)	1.518(7)
Pt(2)-C(13)	2.153(4)	C(40) - C(41)	1.364(6)
Pt(2)-C(14)	2.170(4)	C(41)-C(42)	1.522(7)
Pt(2)-C(40)	2.576(5)		
C(7) - Pt(1) - C(1)	85.7(2)	C(40)-C(13)-P(1)	112.8(3)
C(7) - Pt(1) - P(1)	89.50(14)	C(15)-C(14)-C(22)	114.4(4)
C(1) - Pt(1) - P(2)	96.12(14)	C(13)-C(14)-Pt(2)	69.7(2)
P(1)-Pt(1)-P(2)	89.38(5)	C(13)-C(14)-C(22)	120.2(4)
C(41)-Pt(2)-C(58)	105.71(19)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	122.7(4)
C(58)-Pt(2)-C(14)	162.00(19)	C(41)-C(40)-C(13)	105.3(4)
C(58)-Pt(2)-C(13)	158.32(19)	C(41)-C(40)-P(2)	135.3(4)
C(40) - P(2) - Pt(1)	105.56(16)	C(13)-C(40)-P(2)	117.2(3)
C(13)-P(1)-Pt(1)	106.11(16)	C(40)-C(41)-C(42)	137.1(4)
C(14)-C(13)-C(40)	117.8(4)	C(40)-C(41)-Pt(2)	98.9(3)
C(14)-C(13)-P(1)	128.3(4)	C(42)-C(41)-Pt(2)	123.4(3)

formed by sequential insertion of two alkynes into Ru-X (X = H, Me),^[26a] Pd-X (X = Cl, Ph),^[26b, c] or into cyclometallated Pd^{II} or Ni^{II} complexes.^[4] An unexpected structural feature of this complex is the fact that the new unsymmetrical butadienyldiphosphane generated ligand stabilizes an unusual coordinatively unsaturated T-shaped 3-coordinated platinum(II) center.^[27] As can be observed, the novel ligand displays a $\kappa^2 PP':3,4-\eta-\kappa C^1$ bonding mode and acts as a vinyl-olefin $(\sigma - \eta^2)$ ligand to the Pt(2)(C₆F₅) unit. In contrast to Pt(1), which exhibits a normal square-planar geometry, the Pt(2) center displays a slightly distorted T-shaped coordination environment formed by the C_{ipso} of the C₆F₅ group and the η^3 -butadienyl backbone, which is σ -bonded through C(41) and η^2 -bonded through the C(13)–C(14) double bond (see Figure 3b). Three-coordinated 14-electron species (d⁸ ML₃, M = Pd, Pt) have been known to offer a low-energy reaction pathway for many fundamental organometallic reactions^[28] including insertion processes into Pt-X bonds,^[29] symmetrization,^[30] atropisomerization,^[31] and substitution processes,^[32] thermal decomposition of mono- and dialkyl compounds,^[33] or protonolysis.^[34] Oxidative addition and reductive elimination of C-H bonds by d⁸ ML₄ species also require an unsaturated 3-coordinated complex.^[33f, 35] Strong support of the existence of these intermediate species comes mostly from kinetic studies, and their configurational stability has been supported by MO calculations.^[29a, 36] Ground-state stabilization of some of these 14-electron species by a β -agostic interaction has been also reported,^[37] but, to the best of our knowledge so far not a single example has been characterized by X-ray crystallography. In this context, the unusual stabilization of the Pt(C₆F₅) unit by the σ , η^2 -butadienyl backbone provides very good additional support so that such species could be stable under adequate electronic and steric conditions.

In agreement with a T-shaped geometry around Pt(2), the angles C(58)–Pt(2)–C(14,13) [162.00(19)°, 158.32(19)°] and, particularly, the angle formed by C(58)–Pt(2) and the midpoint of C(13)–C(14) (176.58°) are almost linear. The

ortho-F-platinum separations to both C_6F_5 rings [Pt(2)-F(16,20)]3.209(3), 3.207(3) Å; Pt(2)-F(11,15) 3.274(3), 4.560(3) Å] are out of the sum of the van der Waals radii (3.19 Å) excluding any bonding interaction. The vacant coordination site mutually *trans* to the vinyl carbon C(41) is also reflected in the Pt(2)-C(41) bond length [1.986(5) Å], which is notably shorter than the corresponding one in 12a [2.022(9) Å]^[12] and also in **14c** [2.064(3) Å] (see below). This value [1.986(5) Å] is also short compared with those observed in other Pt-C(vinyl) bonds^[38] (trans-[PtP(Cy)₃(H)C=(CHOH)-2.11(2) Å,^[38a] C(O)NHR] cis-[Pt(CH=CHSiPh₃)SiPh₃- $(PPhMe_2)_2$] 2.043(6) Å,^[29b] or *trans-(E)-*[PtBr(C(Ph)=C(Ph)-SiMe₃)(PEt₃)₂] 2.053(9) Å^[38b]). Although the η^2 -olefin interaction seems also to be stronger than that observed for the related complex 12a [Pt(2)-C(13),C(14) 2.153(4), 2.170(4) Å in 9 vs. Pt(1)-C(13),C(14) 2.396(9), 2.322(9) Å in 12a^[12]], the bond lengths fall within the usual range found in η^2 coordinated olefins.^[39] In contrast to the usual perpendicular orientation of the olefins to the platinum coordination plane, the dihedral angle between Pt(2)-C(13)-C(14) and Pt(2)-C(41)-C(58) is only 69.73° probably imposed by the steric constraints of the butadienyl backbone. The interatomic distances [C(40)-C(41) 1.364(6), C(13)-C(40) 1.514(7), C(13)-C(14) 1.453(7) Å] and angles about the butadienyl chain [torsional angle C(41)-C(40)-C(13)-C(14) 57.2(5)°] are within the expected range.^[4] It is worth noting that the C_6F_5 group is located gem to the tolyl group, and this indicates that the reaction is regioselective with the first insertion taking place with the PPh2C=CTol ligand. The lack of reactivity of the sterically bulky alkynyldiphenylphosphanes PPh₂C=CR $(R = tBu, SiMe_3)$ in double insertion reaction processes in Ni–C bonds of benzyne complexes $[Ni{(1,2-\eta)-4,5-}]$ $X_2C_6H_2$ (PEt₂)₂ (X = H, F) has been previously observed.^[14b] In the case of the mixed complexes 4 and 5, the regioselectivity observed is probably governed by either electronic or steric demands of the alkyne termini. It could be related to an initial favored cis attack of the nucleophilic C₆F₅ group on the less-hindered and more polarized $(M-PC_a^{\delta-}\equiv C_{\beta}^{\delta+}R)^{[40]}\beta$ carbon of the alkyne. Another feature of the butadienyldiphosphane ligand, which merits comment, is the fact that in the final complex the PPh₂ groups are mutually cis not only in the vinyl unit but also in the η^2 -alkene fragment, and this indicates that an overall cis, cis di-insertion process has taken place. As was commented above, there have been several studies on the insertion of alkynes into cyclometallated Ni^{II} or Pd^{II} complexes. For these systems, a trans arrangement about the η^2 -alkene bond is usually displayed in the final butadienyl backbones [Pd-cis-CR=CR-trans-CR=CR(Ar)], which requires isomerization of the first inserted alkyne.^[4d] However, *cis,cis* di-inserted products, in particular those leading to η^1 butadienyl systems,^[3b] have also been observed.^[4l, 26b, c] In complexes 6-9, the final stereoselectivity could be attributed to the simultaneous coordination of both phosphorus atoms to the $M(C_6F_5)_2$ fragment, which prevents the usual *cis,trans* isomerization.[4e]

NMR spectroscopy follow-up of the reactions of **2a**,c and **3a**,c with **1** (see Experimental Section) leads us to suggest a stepwise pathway as the most plausible mechanism for the insertion of both P-PPh₂C=CR ligands into the Pt^{II}-C₆F₅

bond, which is outlined in Scheme 4. It should be noted that when the reactions are monitored at room temperature no intermediates are detected. However, monitoring the reactions at low temperature $(-50^{\circ}C)$ indicates, in all cases, the formation of the expected η^2 -bis(alkyne) adducts, which are in equilibrium with the starting complexes. It was clearly observed that the alkynyl substituent affects the equilibrium between the starting complex and the bis(η^2 -alkyne) adduct, and the equilibrium was displaced to the latter to a much smaller degree for the tolyl derivatives 2c and 3c. Although the initial adducts $[(C_6F_5)_2M\{\mu-\kappa PP:\eta^2(PPh_2C\equiv CR)_2\}Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ 6', 7' were not isolated, they can be unambiguously characterized in solution by spectroscopic means. In particular, the presence of one downfield phosphorus resonance $[\delta(P) \ 2.15, \ ^1J(Pt,P) =$ 2341 Hz, **6'a** (Pt, Ph); 2.66, ${}^{1}J(Pt,P) = 2380$ Hz **6'c** (Pt, Tol); 9.27 7' \mathbf{a} (R = Ph); 9.55 7' \mathbf{c} (R = Tol)], reflecting the deshielding effect of phosphorus atoms due to the bridging mode of PPh₂C=CR ligands^[13b] and only one set of C₆F₅ signals (see Experimental Section for details) agrees with the formulation of 6' and 7' shown in Scheme 4. In the formation of the final diplatinum complexes 6a and 6c by raising the temperature (to -10° C for **6a** or 20° C for **6c**), no other intermediate species was detected by NMR spectroscopy, but we noted that the formation of the final di-inserted phenyl derivative **6a** is clearly enhanced and occurs at lower temperatures (≈ -20 °C for **6a** vs. $\approx 0^{\circ}$ C for **6c**). In both cases, the formation of **6** was only accompanied by the gradual and simultaneous disappearance of 6' and 2. Under these conditions, the subsequent insertion processes are believed to occur quickly and easily. The formal insertion produces an unsaturated 14-electron platinum fragment, which occasionally forms a more stable 16-electron fragment by a coordination of a donor molecule (THF, H₂O). The most definitive evidence for the proposed stepwise pathway came from the detection of the formation



Scheme 4. Mechanism of the reaction of complexes 2 and 3 with 1.

and disappearance of a new intermediate, in low proportion, in the Pd-Pt systems (3/1). At very low temperature (\approx -50 °C) in the **3a/1** system or higher (≈ -20 °C) in the **3c/1** system, the presence of two additional and somewhat broad phosphorus resonances [$\delta(P)$ 11.16, -3.29 7" a; 10.89, -3.29**7"** c] and, particularly, the ¹⁹F resonances for one C_6F_5 group at chemical shifts typical of a C-C₆F₅ unit^[41] would suggest an asymmetric monoinserted alkyne-vinyl species in the course of the reaction. Raising the temperature results in the formation of 7, which is observed again at lower temperatures in the phenyl derivative (7a $\approx -10^{\circ}$ C vs. 7c $\approx 5^{\circ}$ C). The formation of **7a** occurred at -10° C, and at this temperature the precursor 3a and the intermediate species 7'a and 7"a gradually disappear (with a nearly constant ratio), and the signals due to 7a grow concomitantly. At low temperature, the formation of 7a is slow and requires about 12 h to complete it. In the tolyl system (3c/1) by raising the temperature from 5 to $20\,^{\circ}\text{C},$ the amount of final complex $7\,c$ gradually grows, whilst 3a and 7'c and also 7"c decrease and disappear at this temperature. The fact that the first insertion process can not be observed in the platinum derivatives and that the η^2 bis(alkyne) adducts 6' and 7' and precursors remain at intermediate temperatures with the final di-inserted products suggest that the alkyne insertion steps are slow in relation to the formation of the initial η^2 -bis(alkyne) products. In any case, it is remarkable that the insertion into the robust Pt-C₆F₅ takes place under relatively very mild conditions. In this context, the observed lack of reactivity of the bulky tertbutylethynyl derivatives 2b could be attributed to their inability to form the initial bis(η^2 -alkyne) adducts. In fact, as we noted above, the lower η^2 -bonding capability of $PPh_2C \equiv CtBu$ with respect to that of the $PPh_2C \equiv CPh$ ligands has been previously noted^[13a, b] and could be attributed mainly to steric reasons. Along the same lines, no evidence of formation of 6-9 is found in donor solvents such as acetone.

> This fact also shows the importance of having access to a very electrophilic 14-electron " $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)]$ " type intermediate species, which is easier to generate in CH₂Cl₂ than in acetone and which should be captured by the precursors 2-5to form the initial 1:1 bis(η^2 alkyne) adduct. This "cis-like", unsaturated solvento species is analogous to those previously proposed by R. Romeo, et al.^[32b] "cis-PtMe₂(Me₂SO)" for the catalyzed cis-trans isomerization of cis-[Pt(PEt₃)₂-(neopentyl)Cl] by small amounts of cis-[PtMe₂(Me₂) SO_2 , or by Scott and Puddephatt "cis-PtMe₂(SMe₂)" for the chloro exchange reaction between cis-[PtMe₂(SMe₂)₂] and *trans*- $[PtCl_2(SMe_2)_2]$ to yield trans-[PtClMe(SMe2)2].[30]

Synthesis of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(L)\mu$ -{ $C(R)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(R)$ -(C_6F_5)} $Pt(C_6F_5)_2$] (10–15): In order to know the stability of the new bis(diphenylphosphanyl)-1,3-butadien-1-yl bridging ligand we considered it would be of interest to examine the reactivity of diplatinum complexes 6 toward different neutral ligands. The results of these reactions are summarized in Scheme 5. Bubbling CO through solutions of 6 in CH_2Cl_2 for



Scheme 5. Reactivity of 6 toward donor ligands.

5 min resulted in a clean and quantitative formation of related 10a and 10c complexes, which are isolated as yellow microcrystalline solids (72% 10a, 80% 10c). Related binuclear derivatives $[Pt(C_6F_5)(L)\mu - \{C(R) = C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2) = C(R) - C(R)$ (C_6F_5)]Pt $(C_6F_5)_2$] (L = py 11, PPh₂H 12, CNtBu 13) are obtained in a similar way as air-stable yellow (13) or orange (11, 12) microcrystalline solids by treatment of 6 with stoichiometric amounts of the corresponding ligand. It should be noted that the reactions with CNtBu were carried out using a diluted solution (≈ 0.044 N) of CNtBu in diethyl ether in order to minimize the formation of the corresponding 1:2 adducts 14, which are formed by displacement of the olefinic function. As expected, treatment of 6 with excess of CNtBu (1:2 molar ratio) gives 14 as lemon yellow solids. The olefinic function is also displaced by a bidentate N-N ligand such as 2,2'-bipy to generate the corresponding stable μ - $\kappa^2 PP'$: η^1 -2,3bis(diphenylphosphanyl)butadienyl diplatinum complexes 15. η^1 -Butadienyl backbones are rare but have been obtained previously by the insertion of two alkynes into M-X bonds^[3b] or by selective addition of M-H bonds to the carbon-carbon triple bond of enynes.[42]

All complexes have been characterized by elemental analysis, mass spectrometry, IR and NMR (1 H, 19 F, 31 P{ 1 H}) spectroscopy and, in the case of **12a** and **14**, their structures have been confirmed by X-ray analyses. The 31 P{ 1 H} NMR spectra exhibit, both at room and low (-50° C) temperature,

two deshielded and well-separated signals attributed to the phosphorus atoms of the butadienyl ligand and, in the case of 12, an additional low-frequency resonance ($\delta = 12.50$ (dd) 12a, 12c) due to PPh_2H ligands. The most deshielded resonance (P¹ $\delta = 29.07, -38.11$), flanked only by a set of platinum satellites, is attributed to phosphorus P¹ bonded to the olefin fragment and the other signal ($P^2 \delta = 22.57 - 28.55$), which is flanked by two sets of platinum satellites $[{}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{2})]$ and ${}^{3}J(Pt^{1},P^{2})]$, to P² (bonded to the vinyl fragment). The ¹H NMR spectra confirm the asymmetry of the butadienyl backbone (two different methyl resonances for tolyl derivatives) and the presence of the incoming ligand. Thus, the tertbutylisocyanide derivatives exhibit one (13) or two (14) singlets confirming the coordination of one or two nonequivalent isocyanide ligands, respectively, and the terminal P-H proton in complexes 12 gives rise to a broad doublet $({}^{1}J(P,H) = 373 \text{ Hz})$ of doublets $({}^{4,5}J(P,H) = 5.1 \text{ Hz} \mathbf{12a}, 4.8 \text{ Hz})$ 12c). Although ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy revealed the presence of four different rigid C₆F₅ rings in all complexes, the different connectivity of the butadienyl backbone in the η^1 -bonded derivatives 14 and 15 is particularly reflected in the orthofluorine resonances of rings **A** (C–C₆ F_5) and **B** (*cis* to the vinyl fragment). One of the o-F_B is strongly shifted downfield and exhibits, as confirmed by a ¹⁹F-¹⁹F COSY spectrum of **14c** at low temperature (-50 °C, Figure 4a), a strong scalar coupling with the highest deshielded o-FA resonance suggesting, in agreement with the solid-state structure of 14c, that these rings are very close in the space. For complexes 14, these two signals appear clearly at low temperature as dd due to a F-F coupling between different rings of approximately 50 Hz (54 Hz 14a; 53 Hz 14c) and a typical ${}^{3}J(o-F,m-F)$ of 20-28 Hz. Scalar couplings through the space between orthofluorine atoms of two mutually *cis* perfluoro rings have been previously noted,[24] and, along the same lines, a strong interaction between two o-F of both mutually cis rings C is also observed in complex 14c. In complexes 14 (see Figure 4b), the ortho-fluorine resonances (and also the two m-F) broaden as the temperature is raised and finally collapse into a broad singlet ($\delta = -110$) at the highest accessible temperature (ca. +50 °C) with a value of ΔG^{\pm} (ΔG^{\pm}_{323} = 56.2 KJ mol⁻¹ 14c) for the rotation of this ring, which is comparable to those observed in other pentafluorophenyl platinum complexes.^[13b, 43]

The molecular structure of complexes 12a and 14 have been confirmed by X-ray crystallography. Structural details for 12a were given in the preliminary communication.^[12] The structures of 14a and 14c are essentially identical, and therefore the geometrical details of 14c only are included and commented on (Figure 5 and Table 3). As can be observed, the new ligand now acts as a five-electron μ - $1\kappa PP':2\kappa C^1$ vinyl diphosphane bridging ligand [Pt(1)–P(1,2)] 2.2844(7), 2.2743(7) Å; Pt(2)–C(53) 2.064(3) Å]. The absence of chelation reduces the strain on the butadienyl backbone, which is particularly reflected by the internal angles at C_{α} and C_{β} [C(52)-C(53)-Pt(2) $129.9(2)^{\circ}$, C(53)-C(52)-C(37) 125.3(3)° in 14c vs. C(40) - C(41) - Pt(2)98.9(3)°, C(41)-C(40)-C(13) 105.3(4)° in 9 and C(39)-C(40)-Pt(1) $101.0(7)^{\circ}$, C(40)-C(39)-C(13) $111.1(9)^{\circ}$ in **12a**]. The C(38)–C(37) [1.362(4) Å] and C(52)–C(53) [1.363(4) Å] bond



Figure 4. ${}^{19}F - {}^{19}F$ COSY spectrum of complex **14c** in CDCl₃ at -50 °C (a); ${}^{19}F$ NMR spectra of complex **14c** in CDCl₃ at different temperatures (*o*-fluorine region) (b).

lengths are identical and in the range of double Csp²=Csp² bonds, while the C(37)–C(52) length [1.511(4) Å] is typical of single Csp²–Csp² bonds.^[44] The dihedral angle between the unsaturated fragment C(53)–C(52)–C(37) and C(38) [torsion angle (46.4(4)°)] and the Pt(2) coordination plane is 59.33°. Finally, the two CN*t*Bu ligands remain linear [169.1(3)– 175.0(3)°] and are in a *cis* position, and this confirms that the displacement of the η^2 -olefin bond in the 1:1 adducts **13** has taken place with stereoretention.

Reaction in solution of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu-\{C(R)=C(PPh_2)-C(PPh_2)=C(R)(C_6F_5)\}M(C_6F_5)_2]$ (M = Pt 6, M = Pd 7): Complexes 6 and 7 are stable in the solid state, for at least several weeks if stored in a freezer, but they are unstable in solution,

C(7) P(1) C(37) C(38) C(61) C(67) C(61) C(67) C(52) Pt(2) C(1) P(2) C(53) C(72) N(2) C(54) C(54)

Figure 5. Molecular structure of 14c.

Table 3. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles $[^{\circ}]$ for cis,cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)(CNtBu)₂ μ -{ $\kappa C'$: $\kappa PP'$ -C(Tol)=C(PPh₂)C(PPh₂)=C(Tol)-(C₆F₅)]Pt(C₆F₅)₂] (**14c**).

Pt(1)-C(1)	2.074(3)	P(2)-C(25)	1.826(3)
Pt(1) - C(7)	2.082(3)	P(2)-C(52)	1.865(3)
Pt(1) - P(2)	2.2743(7)	N(1)-C(67)	1.141(4)
Pt(1) - P(1)	2.2844(7)	N(1)-C(68)	1.464(4)
Pt(2)-C(72)	1.986(3)	N(2)-C(72)	1.133(4)
Pt(2)-C(67)	1.988(3)	N(2)-C(73)	1.469(4)
Pt(2)-C(61)	2.063(3)	C(38)-C(37)	1.362(4)
Pt(2)-C(53)	2.064(3)	C(38)-C(39)	1.482(4)
P(1)-C(13)	1.816(3)	C(38)-C(46)	1.506(4)
P(1)-C(19)	1.820(3)	C(37)-C(52)	1.511(4)
P(1)-C(37)	1.863(3)	C(52)-C(53)	1.363(4)
P(2)-C(31)	1.822(3)	C(53)-C(54)	1.508(4)
C(1) - Pt(1) - C(7)	84.58(11)	C(37)-C(38)-C(46)	121.7(3)
C(1) - Pt(1) - P(2)	98.01(8)	C(39)-C(38)-C(46)	110.9(2)
C(7) - Pt(1) - P(1)	95.41(8)	C(38)-C(37)-C(52)	123.2(3)
P(2) - Pt(1) - P(1)	82.76(3)	C(38)-C(37)-P(1)	124.8(2)
C(72) - Pt(2) - C(67)	86.84(12)	C(52)-C(37)-P(1)	110.7(2)
C(67) - Pt(2) - C(61)	87.25(12)	C(53)-C(52)-C(37)	125.3(3)
C(72) - Pt(2) - C(53)	91.18(11)	C(53)-C(52)-P(2)	122.2(2)
C(61)-Pt(2)-C(53)	95.32(11)	C(37)-C(52)-P(2)	112.33(19)
C(37) - P(1) - Pt(1)	102.24(9)	C(52)-C(53)-C(54)	119.8(2)
C(52) - P(2) - Pt(1)	108.09(9)	C(52)-C(53)-Pt(2)	129.9(2)
C(67)-N(1)-C(68)	173.0(3)	C(54)-C(53)-Pt(2)	109.86(17)
C(72)-N(2)-C(73)	175.0(3)	N(1)-C(67)-Pt(2)	172.0(3)
C(37)-C(38)-C(39)	127.1(3)	N(2)-C(72)-Pt(2)	169.1(3)

and these give rise to black solutions over a period of approximately four hours (M = Pt) or two hours (M = Pd) at room temperature. The resulting products were similar in all cases; here we only describe the studies carried out with complex **6a**, and the rest are detailed in the Experimental Section. Analyses of the black solutions obtained for **6a** showed the presence of two novel complexes **16a** and **17a** together with unchanged **6a** (Scheme 6); the relative amounts depended on the solvent and the time employed. For example, after 48 h in diethyl ether, a mixture of **6a/16a/17a** in a molar

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ratio 0.72:0.7:1 was obtained, while in THF, only complex **17a** was observed. Although the mechanism by which both complexes are formed is unknown, we believe that the prolonged presence of light induces either the fast transformation of **16a** into **17a** or its decomposition. Thus, we have observed that while the absence of light increases the proportion of isomer **16a** in the final mixtures, in THF and under prolonged photolysis (45 min), the mononuclear derivative **17a** is the only final characterizable species, and only traces of **16a** were detected at the beginning of the irradiation.

A mixture of orange and white crystals of 16a and 17a, respectively, was obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-hexane at room temperature into a solution of 6a in diethyl ether in the presence of light. These crystals were separated by hand and were suitable for spectroscopic characterization and for X-ray diffraction. Spectroscopic data for 16a are quite similar to those of 6a, and these suggest that both complexes are isomers. Thus, two different ³¹P resonances are seen with an identical pattern [24.00 (br) ${}^{1}J(Pt,P) = 2278 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J(Pt,P)$ \approx 320 Hz; 36.33 (br) ¹J(Pt,P) 2159 Hz **16a** vs. 24.81 (d) ${}^{1}J(Pt,P) = 2284 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J(Pt,P) = 276 \text{ Hz}; 36.03 \text{ (d)} {}^{1}J(Pt,P) =$ 2251 Hz, $J(P,P) \approx 7$ Hz in **6a**], and ¹⁹F spectroscopy clearly confirms not only the presence of a C-C₆F₅ but also the existence again of four different types of C₆F₅ moieties. The most remarkable difference is the unusual upfield shift found for the two ortho-fluorine resonances of the C-C₆F₅ unit [-132.4 (d), -135.35 (d) in 16a vs. -128.0, -129.5 (d) 6a],and this suggests a change in their electronic environment. The spectroscopic data for 17a are clearly different and they point to a product of a different nature. In particular, 17a exhibits two strongly deshielded phosphorus resonances ($\delta =$ 46.57, 43.83) with platinum coupling constants comparable with those of **6a** and **16a**. Its ¹⁹F NMR spectrum clearly



Scheme 6. Reaction in solution of complexes 6 and 7.

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establishes the existence of only three different sets of resonances (each with an intensity ratio 2o-F:1p-F:2m-F) revealing the presence of only three types of C₆F₅ groups with one of them arising from a C-C₆F₅ organic entity [$\delta = -133.75$ (2o-F), -151.98 (t, p-F), -160.9 (m; 2m-F)]. The geometry of both compounds has been elucidated by crystal structure analyses (Figure 6), but selected interatomic distances and angles are only given for **16a** (Table 4). For



Figure 6. A view of the molecular structure of **16a** (a, top); schematic view of the preliminary X-ray diffraction study of **17a** showing the connectivity of the atoms (b, bottom).

Table 4. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles $[\circ]$ for $[Pt(C_6F_5)(H_2O)-\mu-[C(C_6F_5)=C(PPh_2)=C(PPh_2)=Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ (**16a**).

$\mu (0(0_{6}^{-1}5)^{-1}0(11_{2}^{-1})^{-1}0(11_{2}$						
Pt(1)-C(7)	2.061(5)	Pt(2)-C(37)	2.371(4)			
Pt(1)-C(1)	2.079(4)	P(1)-C(37)	1.860(4)			
Pt(1) - P(2)	2.2786(11)	P(2)-C(31)	1.819(5)			
Pt(1) - P(1)	2.2966(12)	P(2)-C(51)	1.824(5)			
Pt(2)-C(52)	1.955(4)	C(37)-C(38)	1.410(6)			
Pt(2)-C(59)	2.025(4)	C(37)-C(51)	1.509(5)			
Pt(2)–O(1)	2.186(3)	C(51)-C(52)	1.338(6)			
Pt(2)-C(38)	2.304(4)	C(52)-C(53)	1.485(6)			
P(2) - Pt(1) - P(1)	87.03(4)	C(52)-C(51)-C(37)	108.0(4)			
C(37) - P(1) - Pt(1)	101.73(14)	C(52)-C(51)-P(2)	132.5(3)			
C(51) - P(2) - Pt(1)	104.28(13)	C(37)-C(51)-P(2)	118.6(3)			
C(38)-C(37)-C(51)	119.2(4)	C(51)-C(52)-C(53)	128.4(4)			
C(38)-C(37)-P(1)	129.5(3)	C(51)-C(52)-Pt(2)	105.5(3)			
C(51)-C(37)-P(1)	108.5(3)	C(53)-C(52)-Pt(2)	126.1(3)			
C(37)-C(38)-Pt(2)	75.0(2)					

complex 17a, the poor quality of the data prevents any detailed discussion. It is immediately apparent from the X-ray diffraction of 16a that this complex is essentially an isomer of 6a with a water molecule occupying one of the vacant coordination sites. The structure of 16a could be produced from that of **6a** by a formal 4-1 phenyl migration from the olefinic carbon-4 to the vinyl carbon-1 with a concomitant change of the C_6F_5 ring **B**, again, mutually *cis* to the new vinyl function, and a coordination site, which is occupied by a molecule of H_2O [Pt(2)–O(1) 2.186(3) Å]. As can be observed, in the final dienyl chain the organic C_6F_5 group is bonded to the resulting vinylic carbon [C(52)-C(53)]1.485(6) Å], while both phenyl groups are mutually gem and connected to the new olefinic carbon C(38). The novel 2,3bis(diphenylphosphanyl)-1,3-butadien-1-yl ligand is again bonded as a classic diphosphane to the $Pt(1)(C_6F_5)_2$ unit and as a 3,4- η - κ C¹(σ , π) fragment to Pt(2) by C(52) [Pt(2)-C(52)] 1.955(4) Å], C(37) [Pt(2)–C(37) 2.371(4) Å], and C(38) [Pt(2)-C(38) 2.304(4) Å]. The Pt-C(vinyl) bond length [Pt(2)-C(52) 1.955(4) Å] is short and it demonstrates the low trans influence of the oxygen donor ligand. The interatomic distances and angles for the butadienvl backbone [torsional angle C(38)–C(37)–C(51)–C(52) $62.5(5)^{\circ}$] are within the expected values compared with those observed for 9, 12 a^[12] and related systems.^[4] As commented previously, because of the poor quality of the crystals of complex 17a, the structure analysis is not of high accuracy. Nevertheless, the connectivity, shown in Scheme 6, was unequivocally established (Figure 6b), and it confirms the presence of the new unsymmetrical diphosphane ligand 1-pentafluorophenyl-2,3-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)-4-phenylnaphthalene,

which acts as a chelating ligand to the $Pt(C_6F_5)_2$ organometallic fragment. Few examples of naphthalene-based bis-

(tertiary phosphanes) are known. The closest analogue systems are 1-phenylnaphthalene-2,3-bis(diphenylphosphane), which is obtained by thermal coupling of the pendant alkynyl groups of *cis*-[PtClX(PPh₂C=CPh)₂] (X = Cl, Me)^[17] and 1,4-disubstituted-2,3-naphthalene(diphenylphosphane) derivatives generated by double insertion of the PPh₂C=CR ligands in the Ni⁰-benzyne bond of the complexes [Ni{(1,2- η)-4,5-X₂C₆H₂](PEt₃)₂] (X = H, F).^[14b]

Although the formation of these rearrangement products is beyond the initial scope of the present work we also explore the solution behavior of the remaining complexes 6c, 7a, and 7c. We were unable to obtain the related 16c, 17c, and 18–19 (see Scheme 6) complexes as pure products, but NMR data of the final mixtures indicate that their formation follows an analogous pattern (see Experimental Section for details) to that for 6a with a clear higher tendency of the mixtures toward the final naphthalene-based mononuclear derivatives. Although we have no evidence as to whether compounds 17 are formed from 16 or directly from 6 we believe that these mononuclear complexes are probably generated from 16 by intramolecular coupling of a phenyl (16 a) or tolyl (16 c) group (probably through a radical pathway) with concomitant loss of the remaining platinum organometallic unit as metallic platinum (and probably C₆F₅H). A plausible sequence of reactions leading to 16 and 17 is outlined in Scheme 7. In any case, starting from 6c, only one regioisomer, that we believe to be 17c, is generated. However, from the NMR data it cannot be unambiguously determined whether the methyl group (X) is in position 7 (and therefore coming from 16c) or in position 6 (coming from 6c). The formation of 16 starting from 6 may be rationalized as a formal 4-1 phenyl shift. Phenyl migrations in unsaturated systems are rare although there are precedents.^[45] In our complexes, this shift could be envisaged as an initial olefinic C-C(Ph) bond activation promoted by the very electrophilic platinum center; this reaction leads to intermediate Pt^{IV} species, followed by a subsequent C-C reductive elimination to form the final observed butadienyl isomers 16 (see Scheme 7). Oxidative additions of C-C bonds have been achieved in the presence of highly reactive species, and those that lead to the formation of strong M-aryl bonds are particularly favorable.^[46]

Conclusion

The present study provides novel reactivity patterns for P-coordinated alkynyl phosphanes. Unusual binuclear Pt_2 (6, 8, 9) or Pd-Pt (7) complexes stabilized by 2,3-bis(diphenyl-phosphanyl)-3,4-butadien-1-yl bridging ligands have been



Scheme 7. Proposed mechanism for the reaction of 6.

prepared by reaction of $cis-[M(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C\equiv CR) (PPh_2C \equiv CR')$] (R = R' = Ph, Tol or R = Ph, Tol, R' = tBu)with cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] **1** in CH_2Cl_2 under relatively mild conditions. A likely reaction sequence (Scheme 4) for the unprecedented sequential insertion of both P-coordinated alkynyl phosphanes into the Pt-C₆F₅ bond of the "cis- $Pt(C_6F_5)_2$ " synthon suggests the initial formation of the expected bis(η^2 -alkyne) adducts, which were observed by NMR studies at low temperature. The formation of these 1:1 adducts probably requires the existence of a highly reactive, three-coordinated, 14 electron "*cis*-Pt(C_6F_5)₂(thf)" species, which is consistent with the lack of reactivity between $[M](PPh_2C \equiv CR)(PPh_2C \equiv CtBu)$ (R = R' 2, 3; R \neq R' 4, 5) and *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)₂(thf)₂] **1** in donor solvents such as acetone or THF. The subsequent insertion steps (first insertion in the Pt-Pt 2/1 system or second insertion in the Pd-Pt 3/1 system) are believed to be rate-determining [or slower in relation to the formation of the bis(η^2 -alkyne) adducts] and give rise to a formal 14-electron $Pt(\sigma, \pi$ -butadienyl)(C₆F₅) fragment occasionally stabilized by a donor molecule (THF, H₂O). The overall process is regio- and stereoselective leading in the case of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CR)(PPh₂C=CtBu)] to a very crowded butadienyl $\{PPh_2\}_2C(tBu)-C=C(C_6F_5)(R)$ backbone, which stabilizes a very unusual T-shaped unsaturated three-coordinated platinum center as confirmed by X-ray diffraction (9). Complexes 6 exhibit a rich coordination chemistry, and are stable enough to react with donor ligands to form similar diplatinum complexes $[Pt(C_6F_5)(L)\mu-\{C(R)=C(PPh_2) C(PPh_2)=C(R)(C_6F_5)Pt(C_6F_5)_2$] (L = CO, py, PPh₂H, CNtBu 10-13) or related η^1 -vinyldiphosphane derivatives *cis,cis*- $[Pt(C_6F_5)(L)_2\mu - \{1 - \kappa C^1 : 2 - \kappa PP' - C(R) = C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2) = C(R) - C(R) (C_6F_5)$ Pt $(C_6F_5)_2$ [L = CNtBu 14, 1/2 (2,2'-bipy) 15]; these latter are formed by displacement of the η^2 -olefin function. However, complexes 6 and 7 are unstable in solution and evolve through a formal 4-1 phenyl shift to related orange σ,π - $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu - \{C(C_6F_5) = C(PPh_2) - C(PPh_2)$ butadienyl species $C(PPh_2)=C(R)_2 M(C_6F_5)_2$ (16, 18) and white naphthalenebased diphenylphosphane mononuclear compounds 17 and 19. We are currently investigating further synthetic applications of these P-coordinated alkynylphosphanes.

Experimental Section

General: All reactions and manipulations were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere by using Schlenk techniques and distilled solvents purified by known procedures. The spectroscopic instrumentation employed has been previously reported.^[20a] PPh₂C=CR (R = Ph,^[47] tBu,^[47] Tol^[48]), *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(tht)₂],^[49] (NBu₄)₂[Pd(μ -Br)(C₆F₅)₂]₂,^[49] and *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] **1**^[50] were prepared according to literature methods. The synthesis of complexes **2a**, **2b**, **3a**, **3b**, **6a**, and **7a** as well as **10a – 12a**, **13a**, and **14a** was reported as supporting information,^[12] and is therefore not included in this work. Complex *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CtBu)(tht)] used as precursor for the synthesis of compounds **4** and **5** has been prepared as in the following section.

Synthesis of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=C*t*Bu)(tht)]: A solution of PPh₂C=C*t*Bu (0.098 g, 0.367 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was treated with cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(tht)₂] (0.259 g, 0.367 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 1 hour. Evaporation to a small volume and addition of *n*-hexane (\approx 5 mL) afforded cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=C*t*Bu)(tht)] as a white solid (0.208 g, 64% yield).

¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 7.64 (dd, *o*-H; Ph), 7.35 (m, 6 H; Ph), 2.83 (st, ³*J*(Pt,H) ≈ 35 Hz, 4H; *a*-CH₂, tht), 1.69 (st, 4H; β-CH₂, tht), 1.33 (s, *t*Bu); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = -118.3, -118.2 (m, ³*J*(Pt,*o*-F) ≈ 400, 370 Hz; 4*o*-F), -160.5 (t; 1*p*-F), -162.8 (m; 2*m*-F), -163.3 (dt; 1*p*-F), -164.7 (m; 2*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = -7.22 (s, ¹*J*(Pt,P) = 2485 Hz); IR: $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2203 (m), 2163 (s) (C=C), 801 (vs), 787 cm⁻¹ (s)(C₆F₅)_{X-sens}; MS (ES⁺): *m/z* (%): 895 (10) [Pt(PPh₂C₂*t*Bu)₂(C₆F₅)⁺+H], 727 (16) [Pt(PPh₂C₂*t*Bu)₂⁺], 549 (100) [Pt(PPh₂C₂*t*Bu)(tht)⁺], 461 (50) [Pt(PPh₂C₂*t*Bu)⁺]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₄H₂₇F₁₀PPtS (883.7): C 46.21, H 3.08, S 3.63; found: C 46.20, H 3.37, S 3.61.

The following notation was employed for the carbon assignment in the tolyl derivatives.



Synthesis of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CTol)₂] 2c: PPh₂C=CTol (0.281 g, 0.935 mmol) was added to a colorless solution of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(tht)₂] (0.300 g, 0.425 mmol) (2.2:1 molar ratio) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), and the mixture stirred for one hour at room temperature. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue treated with EtOH (\approx 5 mL), and this afforded **2c** as a white solid (0.427 g, 89% yield).

¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 7.66 (m, 8H; Ph), 7.24 (m, 12H; Ph), 6.85 (AB, J(H,H) = 7.7 Hz, $\delta_A = 6.95$, $\delta_B = 6.75$, 8H; C₆H₄), 2.31 (s, 6H; C_6H_4 -CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -117.8$ (m, ³J(Pt,o-F) \approx 327 Hz; o-F), -162.84 (t; p-F), -164.0 (m; m-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -6.18$ (s, ${}^{1}J(Pt,P) = 2407$ Hz); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 145.0$ (dd, ${}^{1}J(C,F) = 232$, ${}^{2}J(C,F) \approx$ 36 Hz; C₆F₅), 140.2 (s; C⁴, Tol), 136.8 (br d, ${}^{1}J(C,F) \approx 233$ Hz; C₆F₅), 132.7 $(AXX', {}^{2}J(C,P) + {}^{4}J(C,P) = 12.1 \text{ Hz}; o-C, PPh_{2}), 131.6 (s; p-C, PPh_{2}), 130.4$ (s; CH, Tol), 130.1 (AXX', four lines are observed, ${}^{1}J(C,P) + {}^{3}J(C,P) =$ 66 Hz; *i*-C, PPh₂), 128.5 (s; CH, Tol), 127.9 (AXX', ${}^{3}J(C,P) + {}^{5}J(C,P) =$ 11.5 Hz; m-C, PPh₂), 117.0 (brs; C¹, Tol), 108.3 (AXX', ²J(C,P) + ${}^{4}J(C,P) = 16.0 \text{ Hz}; \equiv C_{\beta}\text{Tol}), 79.1 \text{ (d, } AXX', {}^{1}J(C,P) + {}^{3}J(C,P) = 105.6 \text{ Hz},$ $^{2}J(Pt,C_{\alpha}) = 19 \text{ Hz}; -PC_{\alpha} \equiv), 21.35 \text{ (s; } C_{6}H_{4}CH_{3}), 21.32 \text{ (s; } C_{6}H_{4}CH_{3}) \text{ (These}$ signals are tentatively attributed to the presence of two different rotamers in solution); IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 2181$ (vs, C=C), 796 (m), 780 cm⁻¹ (m)(C₆F₅)_{X-sens}; MS (FAB⁺): m/z (%): 1130 (12) [M^+ +H]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₅₄F₁₀H₃₄P₂Pt (1129.9): C 57.40, H 3.03; found: C 57.75, H 3.18.

Synthesis of *cis*-[Pd(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CTol)₂] (3c): PPh₂C=CTol (0.354 g, 1.180 mmol) was added to a pale yellow solution of $(NBu_4)_2$ [Pd(μ -Br)(C₆F₅)₂]₂ (0.450 g, 0.295 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), and this immediately gave a colorless solution. Once the mixture had been stirred for one hour, the resulting solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was treated with cold EtOH (\approx 8 mL) to give 3c as a white solid (0.467 g, 76% yield).

¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 7.62$ (m, 8H; Ph), 7.24 (m, 12H; Ph), 6.87 (AB, J(H,H) = 6.4 Hz, $\delta_A = 6.96$, $\delta_B = 6.78$, 8H; C_6H_4), 2.32 (s, 6 H; C₆H₄–CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -115.5$ (dm; o-F), -162.0 (t; *p*-F), -163.1 (m; *m*-F); ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 0.07$ (s); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 144.7$ (dd, ${}^{1}J(C,F) = 232 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J(C,F) = 21 \text{ Hz}; C_{6}F_{5}), 140.2 \text{ (s; } C^{4}, \text{ Tol}), 137.2 \text{ (br dt,}$ ${}^{1}J(C,F) = 253 \text{ Hz}; C_{6}F_{5}), 135.7 \text{ (br d, } {}^{1}J(C,F) \approx 264 \text{ Hz}; C_{6}F_{5}), 132.5 \text{ (AXX',}$ ²*J*(C,P) + ⁴*J*(C,P) = 13.0 Hz; o-C, PPh₂), 131.5 (s; p-C, PPh₂), 130.5 (AXX', four lines are observed, ${}^{1}J(C,P) + {}^{3}J(C,P) = 55.1 \text{ Hz}$; *i*-C, PPh₂), 130.3 (s, CH; Tol), 128.5 (s; CH, Tol), 128.0 (AXX', ³J(C,P) + ⁵J(C,P) = 11.2 Hz; m-C, PPh₂), 117.2 (br s, C¹, Tol), 109.2 (AXX', ${}^{2}J(C,P) + {}^{4}J(C,P) = 14.2$ Hz; $\equiv C_{\beta}$ Tol), 79.4 (dd, AXX', ${}^{1}J(C,P) + {}^{3}J(C,P) = 91.6$ Hz; $-PC_{\alpha} \equiv$), 21.35 (s; $C_6H_4-CH_3$), 21.32 (s; $C_6H_4-CH_3$); IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 2178$ (vs; C=C), 777 cm⁻¹ $(m)(C_6F_5)_{X-sens}$; MS (ES⁺ ionized with Ag⁺): m/z (%): 1149 (100) [M^+ +Ag], 876 (32) $[M^+ - C_6F_5]$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{54}F_{10}H_{34}P_2Pd$ (1041.2): C 62.29, H 3.29; found: C 62.05, H 3.03.

Synthesis of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CR)(PPh₂C=CtBu)] (R = Ph 4, Tol 5): A solution of cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CtBu)(tht)] (0.200 g, 0.226 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was treated with PPh₂C=CPh (0.065 g, 0.226 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for one hour at room temperature. Evaporation to a small volume ($\approx 2 \text{ mL}$) and addition of EtOH ($\approx 8 \text{ mL}$) resulted in the precipitation of **4** as a white solid (0.160 g, 65% yield).

Complex **5** was prepared as a white solid following a similar procedure. *cis*- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C\equiv CtBu)(tht)]$ (0.280 g, 0.317 mmol), PPh₂C=CTol (0.095 g, 0.317 mmol), (0.242 g, 70 % yield).

Data for **4**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 7.62 (m, 7 H; Ph), 7.36 (m, 16H; Ph), 6.87 (m, 2H; Ph), 0.82 (s, 9H; -C(CH₃)₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -117.9$ (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 325$ Hz; 4*o*-F), -162.8 (t; 1*p*-F), -163.0 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.0 (m; 4*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -6.80$ (brs, ¹*J*(Pt,P¹) = 2402 Hz), -8.11 (br s, ${}^{1}J(Pt,P^{2}) = 2386 \text{ Hz}$); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta =$ 145.2 (br dm, ${}^{1}J(C,F) \approx 240$ Hz; C₆F₅), 136.7 (br d, ${}^{1}J(C,F) \approx 257$ Hz; C₆F₅), 132.9 (d, ²*J*(C,P) = 12.5 Hz, *o*-C; Ph, PPh₂), 132.5 (d, ²*J*(C,P) = 12.4 Hz, *o*-C; Ph, PPh₂), 131.6 (s; o-C, Ph), 130.6 (s; p-C, PPh₂), 130.2 (s; p-C, PPh₂), 129.7 (s; *p*-C, Ph), 127.9 – 127.6 (m; *m*-C, Ph, PPh₂), 120.0 (d, *J*(C,P) ≈ 2 Hz; *i*-C, \equiv -Ph), 118.2 (d, ${}^{2}J(C,P) = 12.6 \text{ Hz}; \equiv C_{\beta}tBu$), 107.4 (d, ${}^{2}J(C,P) = 14 \text{ Hz};$ $\equiv C_{\beta}Ph$), 80.1 (dd, ${}^{1}J(C,P) = 97.1$ Hz, ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 5.9$ Hz; C_{α} , $-PC_{\alpha} \equiv C_{\beta}Ph$), 69.5 (dd, ${}^{1}J(C,P) = 103.5$, ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 5.4$ Hz; C_{α} , $-PC_{\alpha} \equiv C_{\beta}tBu$), 29.3 (s; $C(CH_3)_3$, 28.0 (s; CMe₃); IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 2207$ (m), 2180 (s) (C=C), 796 (m), 778 cm⁻¹ (m)(C₆F₅)_{X-sens}; MS (apci⁻): m/z (%): 1081 (78) [M^{-}]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{50}F_{10}H_{34}P_2Pt$ (1081.8): C 55.51, H 3.17; found: C 55.77, H 2.89.

Data for 5: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 7.68 (m, 8H; Ph), 7.64 (m, 12 H; Ph), 6.86 (AB, J(H,H) = 8.0 Hz, $\delta_A = 6.98$, $\delta_B = 6.75$, 4H; C₆H₄), 2.32 (s, 3H; C₆H₄–CH₃), 0.81 (s, 9H; $-C(CH_3)_3$); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -117.9$ (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 320$ Hz; 4*o*-F), -162.9 (t; 1*p*-F), -163.0 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.1 (m; 4*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = -7.01$ (s, ${}^{1}J(Pt,P^{1}) = 2426$ Hz), -8.11 (s, ${}^{1}J(Pt,P^{2}) = -7.01$ 2423 Hz); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 145.2$ (dd, ${}^{1}J(C,F) \approx 232 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J(C,F) \approx 24 \text{ Hz}; C_{6}F_{5}), 140.2 \text{ (s; } C^{4}, \text{ Tol}), 136.6 \text{ (brd,}$ ${}^{1}J(C,F) \approx 253 \text{ Hz}; C_{6}F_{5}), 132.9 \text{ (d, } {}^{2}J(C,P) = 12.5 \text{ Hz}; o-C, PPh_{2}), 132.5 \text{ (d,}$ $^{2}J(C,P) = 12.5 \text{ Hz}; o-C, PPh_{2}), 131.6 (d, {}^{4}J(C,P) = 1.4 \text{ Hz}; C^{2.6}, \text{ Tol}), 130.8$ (dd, ${}^{1}J(C,P) = 63.8$, ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 1.7$ Hz; *i*-C, PPh₂), (for the other *i*-C(PPh₂) signal one of doublets is seen, the other is masked by the signal at 130.1), 130.4 (d, ${}^{4}J(C,P) = 2.4$ Hz, p-C, PPh₂), 130.1 (d, ${}^{4}J(C,P) = 2.3$ Hz; p-C, PPh₂), 128.5 (s; $C^{3,5}$, Tol), 127.81 (d, ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 5.8$ Hz; m-C, PPh₂), 127.6 (d, ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 5.7 \text{ Hz}; m-C, PPh_{2}, 118.1 (d, {}^{2}J(C,P) = 12.7 \text{ Hz}; \equiv C_{\beta}tBu), 117.1 (d,$ ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 3 \text{ Hz}; C^{1}, \text{ Tol}), 107.9 \text{ (d, } {}^{2}J(C,P) = 14.9 \text{ Hz}; \equiv C_{6} \text{ Tol}), 79.3 \text{ (dd,}$ ${}^{1}J(C,P) = 99, {}^{3}J(C,P) = 5.9 \text{ Hz}; C_{\alpha}, -PC_{\alpha} \equiv C_{\beta}\text{Tol}), 69.6 \text{ (dd, } {}^{1}J(C,P) = 101.3,$ ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 6.2 \text{ Hz}; C_{\alpha}, -PC_{\alpha} \equiv C_{\beta}tBu), 29.3 \text{ (d, } {}^{4}J(C,P) = 0.98 \text{ Hz}; C(CH_{3})_{3}),$ 27.9 (d, ${}^{3}J(C,P) = 1.8 \text{ Hz}$; CMe₃), 21.2 (s; C₆H₄CH₃); IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 2214$ (m), 2176 (s) (C=C), 798 (m), 780 cm⁻¹ (m)(C₆F₅)_{X-sens}; MS (FAB⁺): m/z (%): 1095 (7) $[M^+]$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{51}F_{10}H_{36}P_2Pt$ (1095.9): C 55.90, H 3.31; found: C 55.91, H 3.67.

Synthesis of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu-\{C(Tol)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)(C_6F_5)\}-M(C_6F_5)_2]$ (M = Pt 6c, Pd 7c): *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2] 1 (0.089 g, 0.133 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C=CTol)_2] 2 c (0.150 g, 0.133 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) at 0 °C, immediately forming an orange solution. After stirring the mixture at 0-10 °C for 45 min, the resulting solution was evaporated to a small volume (≈ 2 mL). The addition of *n*-hexane (10 mL) gave 6c as a deep yellow solid (0.176 g, 80% yield).

Complex **7c** was prepared similarly as a brown-yellow solid starting from cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] (0.068 g, 0.100 mmol) and cis-[Pd(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂C=CTol)₂] **3c** (0.104 g, 0.100 mmol) (0.68 g, 43 % yield).

Data for **6c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 9.25$ (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 4H), 7.30-6.27 (m, 18H), 6.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H; aromatics), 1.99 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.91 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.89 (s; H₂O), signals due to 0.6 mole of THF are observed: 3.4 (s; OCH₂), 1.52 (s; CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -114.1$ (br s, ³*J*(Pt,*o*-F) \approx 330 Hz, 1F), -116.1 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 300 \text{ Hz}$, 1F), -116.9 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx$ 330 Hz, 1F), -118.3 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 290$ Hz, 1F, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 440$ Hz, 2F) $(o-F_{B,C,C}) - 127.8$ (brs; 1 $o-F_A$), -129.6 (d, ${}^{4}J(Pt,o-F_A) \approx 95$ Hz; 1 $o-F_A$), -152.8 (t; 1*p*-F_A), -158.0 (m; 1*m*-F_A), -158.6 (t; 1*p*-F), -161.0 (m; 1*m*-F_A), -162.2 (t; p-F), -162.5 (m; 2m-F), -163.3 (t; p-F), -164.2 (m; 2m-F), -164.8 (m; 1m-F), -165.1 (m; 1m-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 36.0$ (br s, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{1}) = 2252$ Hz), 25.0 (br s, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{2}) =$ 2285, ${}^{3}J(Pt^{1},P^{2}) = 305$, ${}^{2}J(P^{1},P^{2})$ less than 5 Hz); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, -50 °C): $\delta = 160.3 - 117.5$ (C₆F₅, Ph), 97.5 (dm, J(C,P) = 114.2 Hz; =C-P), 71.5 (dm, J(C,P) = 48.1 Hz; =C-P), 22.7 (C₆H₄CH₃), 21.1 $(C_6H_4CH_3)$; IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 3602$ (w; OH), 1520 (s), 1504 (vs), 1064 (vs), 992 (s),

981 (m), 959 (vs), 820 (m), 792 (m), 779 cm⁻¹ (m) (C_6F_5) ; MS (FAB⁺): m/z(%): 1491 (26) $[Pt_2(C_6F_5)_2[(PPh_2C_2Tol)_2(C_6F_5)]^+]$, 1324 (21) $[Pt_2(C_6F_5)-[(PPh_2C_2Tol)_2(C_6F_5)]^+]$, 1156 (48) $[Pt_2[(PPh_2C_2Tol)_2(C_6F_5)]^+ - H]$, 1079 (24) $[Pt_2(C_6F_5)(PPh_2C_2Tol)(PPh_2Tol)^+ - H]$, 1003 (26) $[Pt_2(C_6F_5)-(PPh_2Tol)_2^+]$, 962 (46) $[Pt_{\{}(PPh_2C_2Tol)_2(C_6F_5)]^+]$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{684}F_{20}H_{39,6}OP_2Pt_2$ (1709.6) with $S = 0.4H_2O + 0.6THF$: C 48.06, H 2.33; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{66}F_{20}H_{34}P_2Pt_2$ (1659.1): C 47.78, H 2.06; found: C 48.06, H 1.90.

Data for **7c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 9.26$ (m, 2H), 7.82 (s, 4H), 7.30-6.40 (m, 18H), 6.29 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H; aromatics), 1.99 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.96 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.78 (s; H₂O), signals due to 0.6 mole of THF are observed: 3.45 (s; OCH₂), 1.56 (s; CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -111.6$ (m; 1*o*-F_{CC}), -114.1 (m; 2*o*-F_{CC}), -116.1 (m; 1*o*-F_{CC}), -118.3 (m, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) \approx 465 \text{ Hz}$; 2*o*-F_B,), $-128.2 \text{ (m; } 1 \text{ o-F}_{A}), -129.8 \text{ (m; } 1 \text{ o-F}_{A}), -152.6 \text{ (t; } 1 \text{ p-F}_{A}), -157.5 \text{ (m; } 1 \text{ m-}$ F_A), -158.4 (t; 1*p*-F), -160.7 (m; 1*m*-F_A), -161.4 (t; *p*-F), -162.4 (m; 1*p*-F) F + 2m-F), -163.2 (m; 1m-F), -163.7 (m; 1m-F), -164.1 (m; 1m-F), -164.5 (m; 1*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 42.45$ (br; P¹), 32.39 (br, ${}^{3}J(Pt^{1},P^{2}) = 290 \text{ Hz}; P^{2}); IR: \tilde{\nu} = 3604 (w, OH), 1519 (s), 1504$ (s), 1063 (s), 994 (m), 981 (m), 957 (s), 816 (m), 801 (m), 778 cm⁻¹ (s) (C₆F₅); MS (ES⁺): m/z (%): 1403 (100) $[M^+ - C_6F_5], M = PtPd(C_6F_5)_4(PPh_2C_2Tol)_2;$ elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{68.4}F_{20}H_{39.6}OP_2PdPt$ (1620.9) with $S\,{=}\,$ $0.6\,THF+0.4\,H_2O\colon$ C 50.69, H 2.46; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C66F20H34P2PdPt (1570.4): C 50.48, H 2.18; found: C 49.96, H 2.65.

Control of the formation of 6 and 7 by NMR spectroscopy: The control of the formation of **6a** and **7a** has already been reported.^[12] Monitoring the reactions by multinuclear NMR spectroscopy in CDCl₃ at room temperature revealed that the formation of the insertion products **6c** or **7c** (together with decomposition in the latter case) takes place almost instantaneously (within 5 min). However monitoring the reaction between **2c** and *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] **1** in CDCl₃ at -50° C by ³¹P{¹H}, ¹⁹F, and ¹H NMR spectroscopy (Table 5) revealed that this reaction takes place through the formation of the η^2 -bis(alkyne) adduct, [Pt(C₆F₅)₂ μ -[$\kappa P:\eta^2$ (PPh₂C=CTol)₂]Pt(C₆F₅)₂] **6'c**. At -50° C. Upon further warming, the proportion of **6'c** increased slightly. At 0°C, the final double inserted derivative **6c** started to appear and it increased its proportion with the temperature (Table 5).

Table 5. Control of the formation of 6.

<i>T</i> [°C]	2 c	6' c	6c
- 50 to - 30	1	0.1	_
-20	1	0.25	-
-10	1	0.7	-
0	1	1	0.3
5	pprox 0.9	1	0.9
10	≈ 0.30	0.25	1
20	≈ 0.1	_	1
20 °C/30 min	traces	-	1
20 °C/1 h	-	-	1

Data for **6'c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 0°C): $\delta = 2.32$ (s; Tol) the rest of the signals overlapped with those of **6c** and **2c**; ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 0°C): $\delta = -117.9 \text{ } o\text{-} F$ (overlapping with the signal of **2c**), -159.0 (t; *p*-F), -161.3 (t; *p*-F), -163.3 (m; *m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 0°C): $\delta = +2.66$ (s, ¹*J*(Pt,P) = 2380 Hz).

The Pd–Pt reaction system (3c/cis-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(thf)₂] 1) showed similar behavior to that described for the Pt–Pt reaction system (2c/1) between -50 to -30 °C, and it revealed the presence of the reactants and the η^2 -bis(alkyne) adduct 7' c (Table 6). However, at -20 °C a new intermediary named 7" c was also formed, which we proposed was the monoinserted alkyne – vinyl product analogous to that described for PPh₂C=CPh.^[12] This intermediate exhibited two different P resonances at 0 °C: $\delta = 10.89$ (br), -3.28 (br), although the signals in the ¹⁹F and ¹H NMR spectrum could not be assigned. It appeared in very low proportion and remained essentially constant at increasing temperature (based on the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra,

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Table 6. Control of the formation of **7**.

<i>T</i> [°C]	3 c	7′ c	7″ c	7 c
-50 to -30	1	0.06 - 0.07	_	_
-20	1	0.09	0.06	_
- 10	1	0.3	0.06	_
0	0.98	1	0.13	_
5	0.6	1	0.15	0.3
15	0.3	0.3	_	1
20°C/1 h	-	-	-	1

Table 6). Besides the increasing proportion of **7'c** with temperature, the double inserted product started to form at 5 °C. The amount of **7c** gradually grew in the reaction mixture with a concomitant decrease of **3c** and **7'c**, and at 15 °C, **7" c** was not observed. Within 1 h at 20 °C, the formation of **7c** was completed, although small amounts of unidentified decomposition species (detected by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy up 10 °C) were also present probably due to the low stability of **7c** in solution.

Data for **7'c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 0 °C): δ = 2.32 (s; Tol). The rest of the signals overlap with the signals of **3c**; ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 0 °C): δ = -115.3, *o*-F (overlapping with the signal of **3c**), -158.9 (t; *p*-F), -160.5 (t; *p*-F), -162.4 (m; *m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 0 °C): δ = 9.55 (s).

Synthesis of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu-\{C(tBu)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(R)(C_6F_5)\}-Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ (R = Ph 8, Tol 9): *cis*- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(thf)_2]$ (0.087 g, 0.129 mmol) was added to a solution of *cis*- $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C=CPh)(PPh_2C=CtBu)]$ 4 (0.140 g, 0.129 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at room temperature to give a deep yellow solution. The mixture was stirred for one hour, evaporated to a small volume (≈ 3 mL), and treated with *n*-hexane (≈ 8 mL), which caused the precipitation of a deep yellow solid 8 (0.180 g, 86% yield).

Complex **9** was prepared, as described for **8**, by treating *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)₂(PPh₂C=CTol)(PPh₂C=CtBu)] **5** (0.150 g, 0.137 mmol) with *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)₂(thf)₂] (0.092 g, 0.137 mmol). A deep yellow solid was formed (0.161 g, 72% yield).

Data for **8**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 8.56$ (m, 2 H), 7.79– 6.78 (m, 21 H), 6.46 (d, J(H,H) = 7.5 Hz, 2H; aromatics), 0.50 (s, 9H; $C(CH_3)_3$, signals due to 0.4 mole of THF were observed: 3.72 (brs; OCH₂), 1.83 (brs; CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -112.8$ (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 497$ Hz, 2F), -115.5 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 333$ Hz, 1F), -115.8 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 243$ Hz, 1F), -117.3 (brm, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 310$ Hz, 1F), -117.6 (brm, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o-\text{F}) \approx 220$ Hz, 1F) ($o-\text{F}_{B,C,C}$), -128.6 (dm, ${}^{4}J(\text{F},\text{Pt}) =$ 79 Hz, J(F,F) = 25 Hz; 1*o*-F_A), -129.8 (dm, ${}^{4}J(F,Pt) \approx 96$, J(F,F) = 24 Hz; $1o-F_A$, -150.9 (t; $1p-F_A$), -154.0 (t; 1p-F), -159.5 (m; 2m-F), -161.2 (m; 2*m*-F), -161.8 (t; 1*p*-F), -162.6 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.0 (m; 2*m*-F), -164.5 (m; 2*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 39.7$ (brs, ${}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) = 2303, {}^{3}J(Pt^{1},P^{2}) = 361 \text{ Hz}), 34.4 \text{ (br s, } {}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{1}) = 2283 \text{ Hz}); \text{ IR}:$ $\tilde{v} = 1523$ (s), 1504 (vs), 1063 (s), 989 (m), 976(m), 959 (s), 788 (m), 778 cm⁻¹ (m) (C_6F_5) ; MS (ES⁻): m/z (%): 1610 (7) $[M^-]$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{62.8}F_{20}H_{37.2}O_{0.4}P_2Pt_2$ (1630.3) with S = 0.4 THF: C 46.27, H 2.30; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₆₂F₂₀H₃₄P₂Pt₂ (1611.0): C 46.22, H 2.13; found: C 46.64, H 1.89.

Data for 9: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 8.63$ (m, 2 H), 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.19 (s, 4H), 6.95 (s, 3H), 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 6.98 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 7.66 Hz, 2H; aromatics), 2.01 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 0.50 (s, 9H; C(CH₃)₃), signals due to 0.35 mole of THF were observed: 3.71 (brs, OCH₂), 1.83 (brs, CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -112.8$ (br s, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) = 440$ Hz, 2F), -115.4 (br s, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) \approx$ 300 Hz, 1 F), -115.7 (m, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) \approx 235$ Hz, 1 F), -117.4 (m, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) \approx$ 300 Hz, 1 F), -117.5 (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 270$ Hz, 1 F) ($o-F_{B,C,C}$), -128.8 (dm, ${}^{4}J(F,Pt) = 85 \text{ Hz}; o-F_{A}), -129.7 (brm; 1 o-F_{A}), -151.0 (t; 1 p-F_{A}), -154.2 (t; t)$ 1p-F), -159.6 (m; 2m-F), -161.3 (m; 2m-F), -161.9 (t; 1p-F), -162.7 (t; 1p-F), -164.0 (m; 2m-F), -164.6 (m; 2m-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 40.0$ (brs, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{2}) = 2308$, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt}^{1},\text{P}^{2}) = 379$ Hz), 34.2 (brs, ${}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{1}) = 2263 \text{ Hz}$); IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 3602$ (w; OH), 1520 (s), 1503 (vs), 1064 (s), 994 (m), 976 (m), 957 (s), 803 (w), 793 (m), 780 cm⁻¹ (m) (C_6F_5); MS (ES⁺): m/z (%): 1457 (32) $[M^+ - C_6F_5]$, 1290 (17) $[M^+ - 2C_6F_5]$, 1122 (41) $[M^+ - 3C_6F_5 - H]$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{63,7}F_{20}H_{38,8}O_{0,35}P_2Pt_2$ (1641.9) with S = 0.35 THF: C 46.60, H 2.38; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₆₃F₂₀H₃₆P₂Pt₂ (1625.1): C 46.56, H 2.23; found: C 46.98, H 1.89.

Synthesis of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(L)\mu$ -{C(Tol)=C(PPh₂)C(PPh₂)=C(Tol)(C₆F₅)}-Pt(C₆F₅)₂] (L = CO 10c, py 11 c, PPh₂H 12 c): Bubbling CO for 5 min or addition of the corresponding ligand (0.090 mmol: 7.3 µL of pyridine, 15.6 µL of PPh₂H) to solutions which contained 6c (0.15 g, 0.090 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at room temperature, immediately produced in each case dark orange solutions. After 5 min (CO) or 30 min (the rest) of stirring, the solutions were evaporated to a small volume (≈ 2 mL). Addition of *n*hexane (5 mL) and standing at -30 °C gave microcrystalline yellow (10c) or orange solids (11c, 12c) (0.121 g, 80% yield 10c; 0.127 g, 80% 11c; 0.151 g, 90% 12c).

Data for **10 c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 8.96$ (m, 2 H), 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.33-6.53 (m, 17H), 6.46 (d, J(H,H) = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, J(H,H) = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.16 (d, J(H,H) = 7.8 Hz, 2 H) (aromatics), 2.08 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 2.03 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -114.3$ (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 322$ Hz), -116.0 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx$ 335 Hz), -117.0 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 320$ Hz), -117.8 (dm, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = can$ not be calculated), -118.5 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 209$ Hz), -119.5 (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 209$ Hz), -119.5 $\mathrm{F}) \approx 437 \ \mathrm{Hz}) \ (6 \ o\text{-}F_{\mathrm{BCC}}), \ -125.6 \ (\mathrm{st}; \ o\text{-}F_{\mathrm{A}}), \ -128.8 \ (\mathrm{dm}, \ {}^4J(\mathrm{F},\mathrm{Pt}) \approx 85,$ $J(F,F) = 26 \text{ Hz}; o-F_A), -151.1 (t; 1p-F_A), -157.7 (t; 1p-F), -158.4 (m; 1m-1000)$ F_A), -159.0 (m; m- F_A), -161.1 (m; 1m-F), -161.8 (t; 1p-F), -162.4 (m; 1*m*-F), -162.8 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.0 (m; 2*m*-F), -164.5 (m; 1*m*-F), -164.9 (m; 1*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = 34.51$ (brs, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{1}) = 2206 \text{ Hz}), 26.82 \text{ (br s, } {}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{2}) = 2261, {}^{3}J(\text{Pt}^{1},\text{P}^{2}) = 196 \text{ Hz}); \text{ IR}:$ $\tilde{v} = 2105 \text{ (vs)}, 2058 \text{ (w) (CO)}, 1520 \text{ (s)}, 1502 \text{ (s)}, 1065 \text{ (s)}, 995 \text{ (s)}, 958 \text{ (s)}, 805$ (s), 792 (s), 781 cm⁻¹ (s) (C_6F_5); MS (ES⁻): m/z (%): 1659 (20) $[M^- - CO]$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₆₇F₂₀H₃₄OP₂Pt₂ (1687.1): C 47.70, H 2.03; found: C 47.77, H 2.05.

Data for **11 c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 9.27$ (m, 2H), 8.70 (br s, 2H), 7.88 (s, 4H), 7.51 - 6.60 (m), 6.20 (br s) (21H), 6.29 (d, J(H,H) =7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (d, J(H,H) = 7.6 Hz, 2H) (aromatics), 1.97 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.78 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = -114.0$ (br s, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) = 328$ Hz), -116.2 (br s, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) = 288$ Hz), -116.9 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 384$ Hz), -118.5 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 237$ Hz), -118.8 (d, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 480$ Hz), -121.3 (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 445$ Hz; $6o-F_{BCC}$), -128.9 (m; 2*o*-F_A), -153.1 (t; 1*p*-F_A), -157.0 (m; 1*m*-F_A), -160.5 (t; 1*p*-F), -161.3 (m; *m*-F_A), -162.3 (t; 1*p*-F), -162.9 (1*m*-F), -163.4 (t; *p*-F, *m*-F), -164.08 (m; 1*m*-F), -164.4 (m; 1*m*-F), -164.8 (m; 1*m*-F), -165.1 (m; 1*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = 36.5$ (brs, ${}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{1}) = 2248 \text{ Hz}), 22.7 \text{ (br s, } {}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) = 2282, {}^{3}J(Pt^{1},P^{2}) = 293 \text{ Hz}); \text{ IR}:$ $\tilde{\nu} = 1520$ (s), 1500 (vs), 1063 (vs), 993 (s), 959 (vs), 800 (s), 789 (s), 778 cm⁻¹ (sh) (C_6F_5); MS (FAB⁺): m/z (%): 1492 (9) [$Pt_2(C_6F_5)_2$ {(PPh_2C_2Tol)₂- (C_6F_5) ⁺+H], 1157 (75) [Pt₂{(PPh₂C₂Tol)₂(C₆F₅)}⁺]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₇₁F₂₀H₃₉NP₂Pt₂ (1738.2): C 49.06, H 2.26, N 0.81; found: C 49.02, H 2.68, N 1.17.

Data for **12 c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 9.14$ (m, 2 H), 7.83 – 6.43 (m, 32 H), 6.16 (d, J(H,H) = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (d, J(H,H) = 7.8 Hz, 2H)(aromatics), 4.29 (dd, ${}^{1}J(P,H) = 373$, ${}^{4,5}J(P,H) = 4.8$ Hz, 1 H; PPh₂H), 1.97 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.94 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, $20 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$: $\delta = -114.2 \,(\text{m}, \,^{3}J(\text{Pt}, o-\text{F}) = 350 \,\text{Hz}; 1 \, o-\text{F}), -116.0 \,(\text{m}, \,^{3}J(\text{Pt}, o-\text{F}) = 350 \,\text{Hz}; 1 \, o-\text{F})$ 275 Hz; 1*o*-F), -116.6 (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 370$ Hz; 1*o*-F), -118.07 (dm, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 450 \text{ Hz}; 2 o-F), -118.4 \text{ (m, }{}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 60 \text{ Hz}; 1 o-F) (o-F_{BCC}),$ -125.4 (m; 1*o*-F_A), -128.2 (m, ${}^{4}J(F,Pt) = 90$ Hz; 1*o*-F_A), -152.5 (t; 1*p*-F_A), -157.6 (m; 1*m*-F_A), -160.7 (m; 1*m*-F_A), -162.2 (2t overlapped; 2*p*-F), -163.20 (m; m-F), -163.37 (t; 1p-F), -164.1-(-165.2) (m; 5m-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = 36.7$ (brs, ¹J(Pt²,P¹) = 2204 Hz), 25.9 (brs, ${}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) = 2239$, ${}^{3}J(Pt,P^{2}) \approx 180$ Hz), 12.5 (m, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{1},\text{P}^{3}) = 1775 \text{ Hz}); \text{ IR: } \tilde{\nu} = 1520 \text{ (s), } 1504 \text{ (vs), } 1064 \text{ (s), } 994 \text{ (s), } 958$ (vs), 803 (s), 792 (m), 785 cm⁻¹ (w) (C_6F_5); MS (FAB⁺): m/z (%): 1845 (4) $[M^+]$, 1677 (14) $[M^+ - C_6F_5 - H]$, 1492 (15) $[M^+ - C_6F_5 - PPh_2H]$, 1342 (15) $[Pt_2{(PPh_2C_2Tol)_2(C_6F_5)}(PPh_2H)^+ - H];$ elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{78}F_{20}H_{45}P_3Pt_2$ (1845.3): C 50.77, H 2.46; found: C 51.01, H 3.13.

Synthesis of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(CNtBu)\mu-\{C(Tol)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)-(C_6F_5)\}Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ (13c) and *cis,cis*- $[Pt(C_6F_5)(CNtBu)_2\mu-\{1-\kappa C^1:2-\kappa PP^-C(Tol)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)(C_6F_5)\}Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ (14c): A solution of CNtBu (0.044 n, 2 mL, 0.0885 mmol) in diethyl ether was added to a stirred solution of 6c (0.155 g, 0.093 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at room temperature (0.95:1 molar ratio), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The resulting pale-orange solution was evaporated to a small volume (≈ 2 mL) and treated with *n*-hexane (5 mL) to give a yellow solid (0.137 g,

89% yield) identified by NMR spectroscopy as $[Pt(C_6F_5)(CNtBu)\mu$ - $\{C(Tol)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)(C_6F_5)\}Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ **13c**.

The compound 14c was obtained as a pure lemon-yellow solid, in a similar way, by addition of CNtBu (20.5 $\mu L,$ 0.180 mmol) to a solution of $6\,c$ (0.150 g, 0.090 mmol) in a 2:1 molar ratio (0.120 g, 70 % yield).

Data for **13c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 9.07$ (m, 2H), 7.73 (m), 7.29-6.33 (m, 22 H), 6.25 (d, J(H,H) = 7.78 Hz, 2 H), 5.17 (d, J(H,H) = 7.77 Hz, 2H) (aromatics), 2.02 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 2.00 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.07 (s, 9H; CNtBu); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = -114.5$ $(brs, {}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 325 \text{ Hz}), -115.8 (brs, {}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 260 \text{ Hz}), -116.8 (brs, {}^{3}J(Pt,o-F$ $^{3}J(\text{Pt},o-\text{F}) \approx 300 \text{ Hz}), -117.8 \text{ (dm)}, -118.1 \text{ (br s)}, -119.7 \text{ (m, } ^{3}J(\text{Pt},o-\text{F}) \approx$ 430 Hz) $(6o-F_{BCC})$, -125.8 (m, ${}^{4}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 100$ Hz; $1o-F_{A}$), -129.1 (m, ${}^{4}J(\text{Pt},o-\text{F}) \approx 110 \text{ Hz}; 1 o-\text{F}_{\text{A}}), -153.1 \text{ (t; } 1 p-\text{F}_{\text{A}}), -159.4 \text{ (m; } 1 m-\text{F}_{\text{A}}),$ -160.1 (t; 1*p*-F), -160.8 (m; 1*m*-F_A), -162.3 (t; 1*p*-F), -162.8 (m; 1*m*-F), -163.4 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.1 (m; 3*m*-F), -164.8 (m; 1*m*-F), -165.2 (m; 1 m-F; ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = 32.62$ (s, ¹J(Pt², P¹) = 2235 Hz), 26.21 (s, ${}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) = 2254$, ${}^{3}J(Pt^{1},P^{2}) = 181$ Hz); IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 2208$ (s; C=N, 1519 (s), 1505 (s), 1066 (vs), 990 (s), 956 (s), 803 (s), 793 (s), 780 cm⁻¹ (s) (C_6F_5) ; MS (FAB^+) : m/z (%): 1658 (5) $[M^+ - CNtBu]$, 1491 (15) $[M^+ - CNtBu]$ $C_6F_5 - CNtBu$], 1407 (21) $[M^+ - 2C_6F_5]$, 1323 (15) $[M^+ - 2C_6F_5 - C_6F_5]$ CNtBu - H]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{71}F_{20}H_{43}NP_2Pt_2$ (1742.23): C 48.95, H 2.49, N 0.80; found: C 49.49, H 2.49, N 0.80.

Data for 14c: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CD₃COCD₃, -50° C): $\delta = 8.17$ (m, 2H), 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.59-6.96 (m, 20H), 6.65 (m, 3H), 6.13 (d, J=7.02 Hz, 1H) (aromatics), 2.14 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 2.09 (s, 3H; C₆H₄CH₃), 1.32 (s, 9H; CNtBu), 1.07 (s, 9H; CNtBu); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CD₃COCD₃, -50° C): $\delta = -106.3$ (dd, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 363$, J(F,F) = 53, 28 Hz; $1 o-F_{B}$), -114.3 (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 305$ Hz), -114.7 (dm; $1 o-F_{B}$), -115.7 (m), -116.25 (m), -116.5 (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 230$ Hz), (o-F_{CC}) (assignment based on a COSY F-F experiment at -50 °C), -124.6 (dd, J(F,F) = 53, 22 Hz; $1 o - F_A$, $-131.5 (d; 1 o - F_A)$, $-155.4 (t; 1 p - F_A)$, -157.0 (t; 1 p - F), -162.4 (m; 1 p - F) $1m-F_A$, -164.4 (m; 3m-F + 2p-F), -164.9 (m; $1m-F_A$), -165.6 (m; $3m-F_A$) F); (at +50 °C): $\delta = -110.0$ (coalescence signal, *o*-F), -114.1 (br s, ${}^{3}J$ (Pt,*o*-F) = 310 Hz), -114.6 (brs), -115.2 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 286$ Hz), -116.0 (brs, $^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 205 \text{ Hz}) (o-F_{BCC}), -124.0 (d; 1o-F_{A}), -131.1 (d; 1o-F_{A}),$ -156.0 (t; 1*p*-F_A), -158.5 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.0 (br s, 2*m*-F), -164.7 (m; 1*m*-F), -165.4 (m; 2p-F+3m-F), -166.5 (brs, 2m-F); ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (121.5 MHz, CD₃COCD₃, -50° C): $\delta = 29.07$ (s, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{1}) = 2308$ Hz), 24.37 (br s, ${}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) = 2234$, ${}^{3}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) = 219$ Hz); IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 2220$ (vs), 2194 (vs) (CN), 1518 (s), 1504 (vs), 1062 (vs), 998 (s), 974 (s), 958 (vs), 789 (s), 777 cm⁻¹ (m) (C₆F₅); MS (FAB⁺): *m*/*z* (%): 1849 (8) [*M*⁺+Na+H], 1659 (10) $[Pt_{2}(C_{6}F_{5})_{3}\{(PPh_{2}C_{2}Tol)_{2}(C_{6}F_{5})\}^{+}+H], 1491 (7) [Pt_{2}(C_{6}F_{5})_{2}\{(PPh_{2}C_{2}Tol)_{2}-H], 1491 (7) [Pt_{2}(C_{6}F_{5})_{2}](PPh_{2}C_{2}Tol)_{2}-H], 1491 (PPh_{2}C_{2}Tol)_{2}-H], 1491 (PPh_{2}C_{2}Tol)_{2}-H],$ $(C_{6}F_{5})^{+}$, 611 (61) [Pt $(C_{6}F_{5})_{2}$ (CNtBu)⁺ – H], 555 (34) [Pt₂(CNtBu)₂⁺ – H], 361 (24) [Pt(CNtBu)₂⁺]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{76}F_{20}H_{52}N_2P_2Pt_2$ (1825.4): C 50.01, H 2.87, N 1.53; found: C 49.75, H 3.25, N 1.75.

Synthesis of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(2,2'-bipy)\mu-\{C(R)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(R)(C_6F_5)\}$ - $Pt(C_6F_5)_2$] (R = Ph 15a, Tol 15c): Complexes 15a and 15c were prepared as orange solids following an analogous procedure to that described for ${\bf 11}$ and 12. 15a: 6a (0.140 g, 0.086 mmol), 2,2'-bipy (0.013 g, 0.086 mmol) (0.130 g, 85% yield). 15c: 6c (0.130 g, 0.0785 mmol), 2,2'-bipy (0.012 g, 0.0785 mmol) (0.131 g, 92% yield).

Data for **15a**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 8.24 - 6.04$ (aromatics); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -107.6$ (dm, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 455 \text{ Hz}; 1 o-F_{B}), -115.8 \text{ (brs, } {}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 340 \text{ Hz}; 1 o-F),$ -116.6 (brs; 1*o*-F), -117.0 (brs; 2*o*-F), -117.5 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) \approx 226$ Hz; 1*o*-F) (*o*-F_{BCC}), -125.4 (dm; 1*o*-F_A), -133.7 (d, J(F,F) = 22.9 Hz; 1*o*-F_A), -155.4 (t, 1*p*-F_A), -157.7 (m; 1*m*-F), -162.4 (m; 2*m*-F+1*p*-F), -162.9(m; 1*m*-F), -164.2 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.3 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.8 (m; 1*m*-F), -165.5 (m; 3m-F); ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, $20^{\circ}C$): $\delta = 37.97$ (brs, ${}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{1}) = 2260 \text{ Hz}), 28.55 \text{ (br s, } {}^{1}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) = 2214, {}^{3}J(Pt^{2},P^{2}) \approx 230 \text{ Hz}); \text{ IR}:$ $\tilde{v} = 1503$ (vs), 1064 (s), 996 (s), 958 (vs), 800 (m), 787 (m), 776 cm⁻¹ (s) (C_6F_5) ; MS (FAB⁺): m/z (%): 1620 (20) $[M^+ - C_6F_5]$, 1452 (10) $[M^+ - C_6F_5]$ $2C_6F_5$], 519 (40) [Pt(C_6F_5)(bipy)⁺+H], 351 (100) [Pt(bipy)⁺]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{74}F_{20}H_{38}N_2P_2Pt_2$ (1787.2): C 49.73, H 2.14, N 1.57; found: C 49.78, H 2.47, N 1.56.

Data for **15c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 8.21 - 6.35$ (aromatics), 1.99 (brs, 6H; C₆H₄CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20°C): $\delta = -107.5$ (m, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 411$ Hz; 1 $o-F_{\rm B}$), -115.7 (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 411$ Hz; 1 $O-F_{\rm B}$), -115F) \approx 317 Hz; 1*o*-F), -116.8 (brs; 3*o*-F), -117.3 (brs, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt},o\text{-F}) \approx 285$ Hz; 1o-F) (o-F_{BCC}), -125.4 (m; 1o-F_A), -133.7 (brs; 1o-F_A), -155.6 (t; 1pF_A), -158.1 (m; 1*m*-F), -162.7 (m; 3F), -163.1 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.4 (m; 2*p*-F), -164.5 (m; 1m-F), -165.3 (m; 3m-F); ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H}$ NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 38.11$ (s, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{1}) = 2267$ Hz), 28.24 (br s, ${}^{1}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{2}) =$ 2232 Hz, ${}^{3}J(\text{Pt}^{2},\text{P}^{2}) \approx 213 \text{ Hz})$; IR: $\tilde{\nu} = 1500 \text{ (sh)}$, 1496 (vs), 1064 (vs), 996 (s), 958 (vs), 800 (m), 787 (m), 776 cm⁻¹ (w) (C₆F₅); MS (FAB⁺): m/z(%): 1815 (50) $[M^+]$, 1648 (34) $[M^+ - C_6F_5]$, 1481 (22) $[M^+ - 2C_6F_5]$, 1296 (16) $[M^+ - Pt(C_6F_5)(bipy)]$, 1130 (90) $[M^+ - Pt(C_6F_5)_2(bipy)]$, 519 (40) [Pt(C_6F_5)(bipy)⁺+H]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{76}F_{20}H_{42}N_2P_2Pt_2$ (1815.3): C 50.29, H 2.33, N 1.54; found: C 49.96, H 2.69, N 1.02.

 $[Pt(C_{6}F_{5})(S)\mu-\{C(Ph)=C(PPh_{2})C(PPh_{2})=C(Ph)(C_{6}F_{5})\}-$ Reaction of Pt(C₆F₅)₂] 6a: preparation of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(H_2O)\mu - \{C(C_6F_5) = C(PPh_2) - C(PPh$ $C(PPh_2)=C(Ph)_2Pt(C_6F_5)_2$ 16 a and $cis-[(C_6F_5)_2Pt\{C_{10}H_4-1-C_6F_5-4-Ph-$ 2,3-KPP'(PPh2)2] 17a: The following experiments were carried out.

- 1) Compound 6a (0.08 g, 0.048 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (5 mL) in presence of air, and the yellow solution was exposed to ambient light without stirring for 48 h. The resulting black mixture was evaporated to dryness and analyzed by NMR spectroscopy, which indicated the presence of three products: compound 6a and two novel complexes 16a and 17a in an approximate molar ratio of 0.72:0.7:1 (6a:16a:17a).
- 2) Under identical conditions but using THF as the solvent, mainly complex 17a was observed in the final mixture.
- 3) Slow diffusion of *n*-hexane into a solution of complex **6a** in diethyl ether in ambient light generated a mixture of orange (16a) and white crystals (17a) in a 2:1 approximate proportion, suitable for spectroscopic characterization and for X-ray diffraction.
- 4) Compounds 16a and 17a could also be separated from the final residue obtained from 6a (0.1 g, 0.060 mmol) in THF after 24 h of exposure to ambient light. After treatment of the residue with a mixture of diethyl ether/n-hexane (1:5, 10 mL), **17 a** separated out as a white solid (0.030 g, 40% yield), and slow evaporation of the filtrate afforded orange crystals (0.015 g, 19% yield) of 16a.
- 5) A solution of compound 6a in THF for only 24 h, but in the absence of light, gave a mixture of 6a, 16a, and 17a in an approximate molar ratio of 0.9:1:0.8.
- 6) Irradiation of a solution of 6a in THF (0.125 g, 0.075 mmol) through a Pyrex glass at room temperature under an argon atmosphere with a medium-pressure mercury lamp (125 W) gave the molar proportions collected in Table 7.

Table 7. Results of the irradiation of 6a.

time [min]	6a	16 a	17 a
15	1	traces	0.2
25	1	-	0.5
45	0.38	_	1
60	-	-	1

Data for 16a (from crystals separated by hand): ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 20 °C): $\delta = 9.42$ (brm), 7.81 (m), 7.57 – 6.64 (m, 30 H) (aromatics), 1.65 (s; H₂O); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -115.2$ (brs, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 340 \text{ Hz}; 1 \text{ } o-F), -117.7 \text{ (m; } 3 \text{ } o-F), -118.4 \text{ (d, } {}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) =$ 469 Hz; 2*o*-F), -132.4 (d; 1*o*-F_A), -135.35 (d; 1*o*-F_A), -155.2 (t; 1*p*-F_A), -157.4 (t; 1*p*-F), -161.8 (m; 2*m*-F_A), -162.2 (*p*-F), -162.66 (m; 1*m*-F), -162.8 (t; 1*p*-F), -163.33 (m; 1*m*-F), -163.8 (m; 1*m*-F), -164.0 (m; 1m-F), -164.43 (m; 2m-F); ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, $20^{\circ}C$): $\delta =$ 36.33 (brs, ${}^{1}J(Pt,P) = 2159 \text{ Hz}$), 25.00 (brs, ${}^{1}J(Pt,P) = 2278$, ${}^{3}J(Pt,P) \approx$ 320 Hz); MS (FAB⁺): m/z (%): 1648 (4) $[M^+]$, 1464 (25) $[Pt_2(C_6F_5)_3(PPh_2C_2Ph)_2^++H], \quad 1297 \quad (25) \quad [Pt_2(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C_2Ph)_2^++H],$ 1102 (44) $[Pt(C_6F_5)_2(PPh_2C_2Ph)_2^++H]$, 934 (62) $[Pt(C_6F_5)(PPh_2C_2Ph)_2^+]$, 379 (80) [Pt(PPh₂)⁺ – H].

Data for **17a**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = 7.45 - 7.12$ (m), 6.87 (m) (27 H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): $\delta = -116.5$ (dm, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) = 275$ Hz; 2*o*-F), -117.3 (dm, ${}^{3}J(Pt,o-F) =$ 277 Hz; 2o-F), -133.75 (d; 2o-F, C-C₆F₅), -151.98 (t; 1p-F, C-C₆F₅), -160.9 (m; 2*m*-F, C–C₆*F*₅), -162.51 (t; 1*p*-F), -162.58 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.7

(m; 4*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 46.57 (d, ¹J(Pt,P) = 2290 Hz), 43.83 (d, ¹J(Pt,P) = 2249 Hz, ²J(P,P) less than 5 Hz); MS (apci +): *m*/*z* (%): 1100 (100) [*M*⁺ - C₆F₅], 933 (30) [*M*⁺ - 2C₆F₅]; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₅₈F₁₅H₂₉P₂Pt (1267.9): C 54.94, H 2.31; found: C 55.31, H 2.85.

Reaction of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu-\{C(Ph)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Ph)(C_6F_5)\}$ Pd(C_6F_5)₂] (7a): characterization of $[(C_6F_5)_2Pd\{C_{10}H_4-1-C_6F_5-4-Ph-2,3-\kappa PP'(PPh_2)_2\}]$ (19a): The reaction of 7a (0.05 mmol) in diethyl ether (20 mL) at room temperature and ambient light over three days produced a black solution, NMR spectra (³¹P and ¹⁹F) of which showed the presence of complex 19a together with a small amount of 18a (analogous to the species 17a with M = Pd). However, monitoring by NMR spectroscopy of a sample after 24 h indicated the presence of 7a, 18a, and 19a in an approximate molar ratio of 0.13:0.18:1.

Data for **19a**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 7.56 - 6.64 (m, 27 H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = -114.2 (m; 2*o*-F), -115.1 (m; 2*o*-F), -133.95 (d; 2*o*-F; C-C₆F₅), -151.96 (t; 1*p*-F, C-C₆F₅), -160.82 (m; 2*m*-F, C-C₆F₅), -161.81 (t; 1*p*-F), -161.88 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.1 (m; 4*m*-F); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 52.74 (brs), 50.65 (brs); MS (FAB⁺): *m*/*z* (%): 1011 (32) [*M*⁺ - C₆F₅], 844 (60) [*M*⁺ - 2C₆F₅], 767 (66) [*M*⁺ - 2C₆F₅ - Ph].

Reaction of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu-\{C(Tol)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)(C_6F_5)]-Pt(C_6F_5)_2]$ (6c): characterization of $[(C_6F_5)_2Pt\{7-CH_3-C_{10}H_3-1-C_6F_5-4-Tol-2,3-\kappa PP(PPh_2)_2]]$ (17 c): The following experiments were carried out with complex 6c. A solution of 6c (0.121 g, 0.071 mmol) in diethyl ether (25 mL) at room temperature was exposed to ambient room light for 7 h. Analysis of the final dark solution indicated the presence of 6c and 17c (1:0.87 molar ratio) together with a small amount of 16c. After 24 h, only 17c and trace amounts of 16c were detected. Irradiation of a solution of 6c (0.15 g, 0.088 mmol) in THF through Pyrex glass at room temperature under an argon atmosphere with a medium-pressure mercury lamp (125 W) also produced 17c (Table 8). However, in this case, other unidentified species were also observed by ³¹P NMR spectroscopy.

Table 8. Results of the irradiation of 6c.

time [min]	6c	17 c	
5	1	0.12	
15	1	0.54	
25	0.86	-	
35	0.25	1	
45	-	1	

Data for **17c** obtained from a mixture in diethyl ether after 24 h: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 7.90–6.57 (25 H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2 H) (aromatics), 2.31 (s; CH₃), 2.29 (s; CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = -116.3 (m; *o*-F), -117.2 (m; *o*-F), -134.0 (dm; 2*o*-F; C⁻C₆F₅), -152.3 (t; 1*p*-F, C⁻C₆F₅), -161.0 (m; 2*m*-F; C⁻C₆F₅), -162.7 (2t; 2*p*-F), -164.5 (m; 4*m*-F); ³¹P[¹H] NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 45.56 (d, ¹/(Pt¹,P¹) = 2279 Hz), 43.52 (brs, ¹/(Pt²,P²) = 2213 Hz); MS (FAB⁺): *m/z* (%): 1491 (10) [*M*⁺+Pt], 1128 (33) [*M*⁺ - C₆F₅], 962 (88) [*M*⁺ - 2C₆F₅], 795 (55) [*M*⁺ - 3C₆F₅], 377 (100) [PPh₃C₂Tol⁺].

Reaction of $[Pt(C_6F_5)(S)\mu-\{C(Tol)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)(C_6F_5)\}$ -Pd(C₆F₅)₂] (7c): characterization of $[(C_6F_5)_2Pd\{7-CH_3-C_{10}H_3-1-C_6F_5-4-Tol-2,3-\kappa PP'(PPh_2)_2]$ (19c): The results of the reaction of yellow solutions of 7c (0.120 g, 0.075 mmol) in diethyl ether or THF (40 mL) in the presence of light are collected in Table 9.

Data for **19c**: ¹H NMR (300.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 7.45 – 6.80 (23 H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H) (aromatics), 2.30 (s; 2CH₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282.4 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = -114.1 (dm; 2*o*-F), -115.0 (dm; 2*o*-F), -134.15 (dm, 2*o*-F; C–C₆*F*₅), -152.3 (t; 1*p*-F; C–C₆*F*₅), -161.0 (m; 2*m*-F; C–C₆*F*₅), -161.9 (t; 1*p*-F), -162.0 (t; 1*p*-F), -164.2 (m; 4*m*-F); ³¹P[¹H] NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ = 51.7 (m), 50.58 (m); MS (FAB⁺): *m*/*z* (%): 1039 (55) [*M*⁺ – C₆*F*₅], 872 (100) [*M*⁺ – 2C₆*F*₅], 795 (70) [*M*⁺ – 2C₆*F*₅ – Ph], 377 (100) [PPh₃C₂Tol⁺].

For $[Pt(C_6F_5)(H_2O)\mu-\{C(C_6F_5)=C(PPh_2)C(PPh_2)=C(Tol)_2\}Pd(C_6F_5)_2]$, **18c**, only the position of the *o-F* (C-C_6F_5): -132.5 (dm), -135.0 (dm) (data

Table 9. Results of the reaction of 7c.

time [h]	7 c	18 c	19 c
diethyl ether			
5	1	-	0.3
24	0.65	-	1
48	-	-	1
THF ^[a]			
5	1	-	-
24	1	-	0.26
48	1	0.48	0.55
144	0.62	0.66	1
200	traces	0.2	1

[a] Other unidentified products are also detected.

extracted from the ${\rm ^{19}F}$ NMR spectrum of a solution in THF) could be assigned.

Crystallography: Data for 12a and 14a have been previously given.^[12] Crystals of complexes 2a, 2b, 2c, 9, 14c, and 16a were obtained at low temperature (243 K) or room temperature (16a) by slow diffusion of nhexane into a solution of the respective compound in CHCl₃/CCl₄ (2a), dichloromethane (2b, 9), tetrahydrofuran (2c), acetone (9), or diethyl ether (16a). Tables 1S and 2S, available as Supporting information, contain details of the structural analyses for all complexes. Data for 2c, 9, 14c, and 16a were collected with a NONIUS kCCD area-detector diffractometer and for 2a and 2b with a four-circle Siemens P4 diffractometer by using graphite-monochromated Mo_{Ka} radiation. An empirical absorption correction based on psi-scan was carried out for 2a and 2b and a scalepack for 2c. 9. 14c. and 16a. The structures were solved (SHELXL-93^[51] 2a. 2b: SHELXL-97^[52] 2c, 9, 14c, 16a) by the Patterson method and refined by a full-matrix least-squares method against F^2 . All hydrogen atoms were constrained to idealized geometries, and isotropic displacement parameters of 1.2 (2a, 2b) and 1.2, for the phenyl, and 1.5, for the methyl groups (2c, 9, 14c, 16a), times the U_{iso} value of their attached carbon were fixed. Lattice solvent was found in 2a (0.5 CCl₄), 2b (1 CH₂Cl₂), 9 (0.5 CH₂Cl₂, disordered and two half molecules of water), 14c (1CH3COCH3 in two different positions), and 16a (2/3 diethyl ether). For 2a, 2c, and 9 a residual peak $(>1 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3})$ was observed close to the Pt atoms with no chemical meaning. CCDC-172959-172964 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK; fax: (+44)1223-336-033; or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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