# Synthesis and crystal structure of a platinum-silver cluster compound, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]$ $\left(\mathrm{Cy}=\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11}, \mathrm{dppp}=\left\{\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\right\}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ with a distorted tetrahedral geometry 

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#### Abstract

The cluster compound $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right] \quad$ (2) $\quad\left(\mathrm{Cy}=\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right.$, dppp $=$ $\left.\left\{\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{P}\right\}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ has been obtained in high yield from the reaction between $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]$ (1) and $\mathrm{AgCF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$. The molecular structure of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}_{\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2^{-}}-1.00}\right.$ (dppp)]-2 $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ has been determined by X-ray diffractometry. The structure is based on a distorted tetrahedron. One Pt-Pt bond is significantly shorter, at 2.653(2) $\AA$, than the other two, which have lengths of $2.709(2)$ and $2.697(2) \AA$, respectively. Similarly one $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Ag}$ bond is, at 2.690 (3) $\AA$, considerably shorter than the other two, which are $2.927(3)$ and $2.919(4) \AA$. The $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}^{-}$anion is coordinated weakly to the silver through one oxygen atom ( $\mathrm{Ag}-\mathrm{O}=2.30(3) \AA$ ). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR studies have demonstrated that the tetrahedral structure is maintained in solution.


## Introduction

The 42 and 44 electron platinum triangular cluster compounds $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}\left(\mu-\mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mu-\mathrm{X})\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]^{-}(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}$ or I) are sufficiently nucleophilic to react with $\mathrm{MPR}_{3}^{+}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cu}, \mathrm{Ag}$ or Au$)$ fragments [1-4]. The former, when reacted with $\mathrm{AuPPh}_{3}^{+}$, results in the formation of a tetrahedral cluster $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Au}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{+}$, whereas the latter with $\mathrm{Au}\left\{\mathrm{P}\left(p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~F}\right)_{3}\right\}^{+}$can give rise to either tetrahedral $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Au}(\mu-\mathrm{Cl})\left(\mu-\mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{P}\left\{p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~F}\right\}_{3}\right)\right]$ or trigonal bipyramidal $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Au}_{2}(\mu-\mathrm{Cl})\left(\mu-\mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{P}\left\{p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~F}\right\}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]^{+}$clusters. In the latter the gold atoms occupy axial sites of the trigonal bipyramid. Sandwich cluster compounds where $\mathrm{Cu}, \mathrm{Ag}$ or Au atoms are coordinated between two $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu\right.$ $\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}$ ] clusters have also been characterised using single crystal X-ray crystallographic techniques [5,6]. Although some years ago we reported the synthesis of an alternative class of 44 -electron platinum triangular cluster compounds, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}\left(\mu-\mathrm{SO}_{2}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right.$ ] [7], we have not previously reported their reactions with group 11 metal cations, which are isolobal with $\mathrm{H}^{+}$.

Since X-ray crystallographic studies indicated that these 44-electron triangular clusters are sterically crowded, their reactions with $\mathrm{Ag}^{+}$rather than $\mathrm{MPPh}_{3}^{+}$ ( $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cu}, \mathrm{Ag}$ or Au ) were investigated.

## Results and discussion

$\mathrm{AgO}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}$ reacts rapidly with $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]$ (1) in benzene giving $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]$ (2) as a bright red crystalline solid in high yield. The structure of 2 has been confirmed by a single crystal X-ray diffraction study. The relevant details of the crystallographic study are given in Table 1. Selected intramolecular bond lengths and angles are given in Table 2. The structure of the molecule revealed by the crystallographic analysis is illustrated in Fig. 1.

The structural analysis has confirmed the tetrahedral structure based on Ag capping the platinum triangle indicated by spectroscopic data. However, the single crystal structural analysis has demonstrated that the tetrahedron is extremely distorted. The $\operatorname{Pt}(1)-\operatorname{Pt}(2)$ bond is significantly shorter, at $2.653(2) \AA$, than the other two platinum-platinum bonds in the triangle which have lengths of 2.709(2) and $2.697(2) \AA$. Furthermore, the $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ bond is significantly shorter at $2.690(3) \AA$ than the other two $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Ag}$ bonds, which have lengths of $2.927(3)$ and $2.919(2) \AA$. The $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}^{-}$anion is coordinated to the Ag atom through one oxygen atom, $\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ $O(1)=2.30(3) \AA$, with a second oxygen atom making a much longer contact, $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)=2.95(4) \AA$. The $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ bond is essentially trans to the short $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ bond. The $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ bond angle is $154.2(8)^{\circ}$, compared with the $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ angle of $129.9(8)^{\circ}$.

The distorted tetrahedral cluster geometry has also been observed for $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}(\mu-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{5}\right]^{+}[8]$ and $\left.\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Au}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{5}\right]^{+}$[9]. In all these examples the

Table 1

| Compound | $\mathrm{C}_{81} \mathrm{H}_{72} \mathrm{AgF}_{3} \mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Molecular weight | 2047.54 |
| Space group | $P 2_{1} / a$ |
| Cell dimensions | a 27.22(1) $\AA \quad \alpha 90^{\circ}$ |
|  | $b 14.743(4) \AA \quad \beta 107.50(2)^{\circ}$ |
|  | c 21.312(3) $\AA \quad \gamma 90^{\circ}$ |
| Cell volume | 8156 A $^{3}$ |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| Density | $1.67 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ |
| Linear absorption coefficient | $55.73 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ |
| Radiation | Mo- $K_{\alpha}(\lambda=0.71069 \AA)$ |
| Standard reflections | 8-6-1,66-2,-818 |
| Decay of standards | 12\% |
| $2 \theta$ range | $0-36^{\circ}$ |
| Number of parameters varied | 378 |
| $R$ | 0.0507 |
| $R_{w}$ | 0.0579 |
| Goodness of fit | 1.15 |
| $F(000)$ | 3960 |
| Residual electron density | $1.23 \mathrm{e}^{\text {A }}$ |

Table 2
Selected bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}_{\left.\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]}\right.$

| $\overline{\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)}$ | 2.653(2) | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 2.709(2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 2.927(3) | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 2.27(1) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{C}(80)$ | 1.97(4) | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{C}(82)$ | 1.94 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 2.697(2) | $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 2.919(4) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 2.29(1) | $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{C}(80)$ | 1.94(4) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{C}(81)$ | 2.03(3) | $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 2.690 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{P}(3)$ | 2.302(9) | $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{P}(4)$ | 2.32(1) |
| $\mathrm{Pl}(3)-\mathrm{C}(81)$ | 2.13 (3) | $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{C}(82)$ | 2.21(5) |
| $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 2.30 (3) | $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 4.35(4) |
| $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 2.95(4) | $\mathrm{C}(80)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 1.34(4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(81)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 1.17(3) | $\mathrm{C}(82)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 1.16(5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 1.79(7) | $\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{F}(1)$ | 1.30(7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{F}(2)$ | 1.30(7) | $\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{F}(3)$ | 1.32(7) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 1.41(3) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 1.47(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 1.45(4) |  |  |
| $\mathbf{P t}(3)-\mathbf{P t}(1)-\mathbf{P t}(2)$ | 60.38(5) | $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 62.87(8) |
| $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 56.85(8) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 148.8(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 150.8(3) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 126.7(3) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 60.85(5) | $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 63.16(8) |
| $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 57.06(8) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 146.6(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 151.0(3) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 132.8(3) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 58.77(5) | $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 65.66(8) |
| $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 65.64(8) | $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 133.8(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 147.5(3) | $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 91.3(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(4)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 105.3(3) | $\mathrm{P}(4)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 106.9(2) |
| $\mathrm{P}(4)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 170.2(3) | $\mathrm{P}(4)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{P}(3)$ | 98.0(4) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 53.97(7) | $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 57.49(7) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 53.30 (7) | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 129.9(8) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 148.5(8) | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 154.2(8) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(2)-\mathrm{C}(80)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 85.5(17) | $\mathrm{O}(10)-\mathrm{C}(80)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 135.7(32) |
| $\mathrm{O}(10)-\mathrm{C}(80)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 138.6(32) | $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{C}(81)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 80.9(13) |
| $\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{C}(81)-\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ | 138.5(28) | $\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{C}(81)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 140.5(28) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{C}(82)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 81.2(18) | $\mathrm{O}(12)-\mathrm{C}(82)-\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | 150.7(40) |
| $\mathrm{O}(12)-\mathrm{C}(82)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 128.0(37) | $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 115.8(55) |
| $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 105.4(53) | $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{F}(1)$ | 108.3(64) |
| $\mathrm{F}(3)-\mathrm{C}(100)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 107.9(51) | $F(3)-C(100)-F(1)$ | 110.2(63) |
| $F(3)-C(100)-F(2)$ | 109.0(64) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 113.6(19) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(100)$ | 107.1(30) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(100)$ | 105.1(30) |
| $O(2)-S(1)-O(1)$ | 113.1(22) | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{C}(100)$ | 102.3(31) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 110.9(23) |  |  |

shorter $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Ag}$ or $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Au}$ bond is associated with the more sterically crowded platinum atom. In $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{5}\right]^{+}$the short $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Ag}$ distance is $2.741(1) \AA$ c.f. 2.823(1) and $2.915 \AA$ for the longer $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Ag}$ distances and in $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Au}(\mu-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{5}\right]^{+}$the short $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Au}$ distance is $2.700(1) \AA$ c.f. 2.902(2) and 2.910(1) $\AA$ for the longer $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Au}$ distances.

The ${ }^{31} \mathbf{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 2 shows three resonances at $63.0,33.6$ and 6.0 ppm with respect to trimethylphosphate. The corresponding data for the parent triangular cluster (1) at room temperature show just two resonances of equal intensity corresponding to the monodendate and bidendate phosphines. The in-


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]$ (a) showing all non-hydrogen atoms, the atoms of the cyclohexyl rings are blackered for clarity; (b) with the phenyl and cyclohexyl carbon atoms omitted for clarity.

Table 3
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR data for $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]^{a}$

| Chemical shifts | $\begin{aligned} & \delta[P(1), \mathrm{P}(2)] \\ & \delta[\mathrm{P}(3)] \\ & \delta[\mathrm{P}(4)] \end{aligned}$ |  | $\mathbf{P}(4)$ | $\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | $\begin{aligned} & 63.0 \mathrm{ppm} \\ & 33.6 \mathrm{ppm} \\ & 6.0 \mathrm{ppm} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coupling constants (Hz) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | P(2) | P(3) |  |  | $\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ | $\mathrm{Pt}(2)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 51 | 51 | 6 | 26 | 4691 | 283 | 391 |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)$ |  | 51 | 6 | 26 | 283 | 4691 | 391 |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)$ |  |  | 22 | 30 | 393 | 393 | 3578 |
| $\mathrm{P}(4)$ |  |  |  | 192 | 88 | 88 | 2940 |

${ }^{a}$ This interpretation assumes that the difference in coupling between ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ and ${ }^{107} \mathrm{Ag}(I=1 / 2,51.8 \%)$, and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ and ${ }^{109} \mathrm{Ag}(I=1 / 2,48.2 \%)$ is not resolved. An alternate interpretation would be to assign ${ }^{3} J[\mathrm{P}(1)-$ $P(4)]=0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, which would give ${ }^{2} J\left[P(1)-{ }^{107} \mathrm{Ag}\right]=32 \mathrm{~Hz}$ and ${ }^{2} J\left[P(1)-{ }^{109} \mathrm{Ag}\right]=20 \mathrm{~Hz}$, or vice versa.
equivalence of the phosphorus resonances associated with the dppp ligand in 2 can be attributed to the coordination of $\mathrm{Ag}^{+}$to one face of the triangular cluster. The ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum has been satisfactorily simulated using a computer analysis based on a system comprising the isotopomers $\mathrm{A}_{2} \mathrm{BCM}$ (no ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ nuclei, 29.1\%


Fig. 2. ${ }^{31} \mathbf{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathbf{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of 2. Expanded views are shown together with the calculated spectrum for the multiplets at 63.0 and 33.6 ppm .
abundance), $\mathrm{AA}^{\prime} \mathrm{BCMX}$ (one ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ nucleus, $\mathrm{X}, 29.6 \%$ abundance), $\mathrm{A}_{2} \mathrm{BCMY}$ (one ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ nucleus, $\mathrm{Y}, 14.8 \%$ abundance), $\mathrm{AA}^{\prime} \mathrm{BCMXY}$ (two ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ nuclei, X and $\mathrm{Y}, 15.1 \%$ abundance), $\mathrm{AA}^{\prime} \mathrm{BCMXX} X^{\prime}$ (two ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ nuclei, X and $\mathrm{X}^{\prime}, 7.5 \%$ abundance) and $\mathrm{AA}^{\prime} \mathrm{BCMXX}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{Y}$ (three ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pl}$ nuclei, $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}^{\prime}$ and $\mathrm{Y}, 3.8 \%$ abundance). The coupling constants are given in Table 3 and the relevant spectra are illustrated in Fig. 2. The resonances show rather different line widths, which do not become sharper on cooling to $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and could be associated with asymmetric relaxation effects for the different phosphorus environments.

The $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{P}$ and $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Pt}$ coupling constants for 2 show differences from those associated with 1 which can be understood in terms of the distortion of the $\mathrm{PtL}_{2}$ fragment, which itself is a consequence of the capping atom. This distortion breaks the symmetry of the dppp ligand, and leads to the $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{P}(3)$ bond becoming closer to the plane of the $\mathrm{Pt}_{3}$ triangle, and the $\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{P}(4)$ bond becoming nearer the perpendicular. This results in the coupling constants for $P(3)$ with $P(1)$ and $P(2)$, and with $\mathrm{Pt}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Pt}(2)$, becoming larger with respect to $1:{ }^{3} J[\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{P}(3)]=51 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ( 19 Hz for 1 ) and ${ }^{2} J[\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{P}(3)]=393 \mathrm{~Hz}(270 \mathrm{~Hz})$, whereas those for $\mathrm{P}(4)$ are decreased: ${ }^{3} J[\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{P}(4)]=6 \mathrm{~Hz}(19 \mathrm{~Hz})$ and ${ }^{2} J[\mathrm{Pt}(1)-\mathrm{P}(4)]=88 \mathrm{~Hz}(270 \mathrm{~Hz})$.

The geometry of the $\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{AgP}_{4}$ core in 2 also influences the ${ }^{2} J[\mathrm{Ag}-\mathrm{P}]$ coupling constants. The $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{P}(4)$ bond angle is $170.2(3)^{\circ}$ leading to $J[\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{P}(4)]$ -192 Hz , whereas the $\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}(3)-\mathrm{P}(3)$ angle is $91.3(3)^{\circ}$ with the corresponding coupling constant $J[\mathrm{Ag}(1)-\mathrm{P}(3)]=30 \mathrm{~Hz}$.

The IR spectrum of 2 shows the presence of bridging carbonyl ligands (1861w, $1816 \mathrm{~m}, 1782 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{~cm}{ }^{-1}$ ). These signals are all shifted to about $20 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ higher in frequency than in $1\left(1842 \mathrm{w}, 1790 \mathrm{~s}, 1763 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$. This increase in frequency results from a decrease in the $\pi$-back donation consistent with the electroneutrality principle.

Recently molecular orbital calculations have been completed on $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{~L}_{4}\right]$ ( $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{PH}_{3}$ ) clusters [10] which shed some light on the observation that the capping atom bonds more strongly to the more sterically crowded platinum atom. The


Fig. 3. Frontier orbitals of PtL and $\mathrm{PtL}_{2}$ as a function of bending angle.


Fig. 4. Important orbital interactions between frontier orbitals on $\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{~L}_{4}$ and the $\mathrm{Ag}^{+} s p$ hybrid.
replacement of a $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{L}$ fragment in $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{~L}_{3}\right]$ by an angular $\mathrm{PtL}_{2}$ fragment to form $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{~L}_{4}\right]$ can be interpreted in terms of differences in the electronic characteristics of the fragments (see Fig. 3). The $\mathrm{PtL}_{2}$ fragment has a higher lying HOMO and a lower lying LUMO. The former contributes significantly to a high lying orbital in the $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{~L}_{4}\right]$ cluster of $b_{1}$ symmetry which is illustrated schematically in Fig. 4. The higher localisation of the platinum $d p$ hybrid on the $\mathrm{PtL}_{2}$ fragment and its hybrid character ensures that the overlap with the outpointing $s p$ hybrid of the AgL fragment is larger for the more sterically crowded platinum. Therefore, the shorter $\mathrm{Ag}-\mathrm{Pt}$ bonds to this atom can be directly related to the higher nucleophilicity of this atom.

These molecular orbital calculations have indicated that the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Pt}$ bond opposite the $\mathrm{PtL}_{2}$ fragment should be shorter than the other two $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Pt}$ bonds. This is borne out by the present structural analyses, where it has been established that this bond is ca. $0.05 \AA$ shorter than the other $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Pt}$ bonds.

## Experimental

Reactions were routinely carried out, using standard Schlenk-line procedures, under an atmosphere of pure, dry dinitrogen and using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Microanalyses were carried out by Mr. M. Gasgoyne and his staff of this laboratory. Infrared spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls using a Perkin-Elmer 1710 FT-spectrometer.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker AM-300 spectrometer operating at 121.51 MHz referenced to trimethoxyphosphate. NMR computer simulations were carried out using the Oxford University VAX computer system using a program developed by Prof. R.K. Harris, then of the University of East Anglia, and adapted for use at Oxford by Dr. A.E. Derome. [ $\left.\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]$ was synthesised by the method of Clark et al. [11] from trans- $\left[\mathrm{PtH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ and CO. $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right]$ was synthesised from the reaction of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\right.$ $\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{3}$ ] and dppp [7].

Synthesis of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{Ag}\left(\mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{SCF}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(d p p p)\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ (2)
A solution of $\mathrm{AgCF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3} \cdot 1 / 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}(0.051 \mathrm{~g}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol})$ in benzene ( $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added to a solution of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dppp})\right](0.280 \mathrm{~g}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol})$ in benzene $\left(30 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. The mixture was stirred for 60 min in darkness. The volume of solvent was

Table 4
Atom coordinates

| Atom | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\overline{\mathrm{Pt}}$ (1) | 1611.3(5) | 2558(1) | 1945.1(7) | 391 |
| Pt (2) | 824.8(6) | 1801(1) | 2241.1(7) | 397 |
| $\mathrm{Pt}(3)$ | 1644.3(5) | 2381(1) | 3222.4(7) | 391 |
| $\mathrm{Ag}(1)$ | 1804(1) | 828(2) | 2650(2) | 613 |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 1966(4) | 3039(7) | 1164(5) | 503 |
| P (2) | -15(4) | 1327(7) | 1862(5) | 527 |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)$ | 2287(4) | 2029(7) | 4173(5) | 508 |
| $\mathrm{P}(4)$ | 1434(4) | 3801(7) | 3533(5) | 467 |
| C(1) | 1492(14) | 3190(26) | 317(17) | 636(116) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1068(15) | 3873(26) | 299(20) | 713(128) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 646(16) | 3733(28) | - 330(21) | 816(140) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 835(19) | 3732(34) | -913(25) | 1152(185) |
| C(5) | 1236(15) | 3112(27) | -919(19) | 723(123) |
| C(6) | 1715(14) | 3261(27) | -260(18) | 694(121) |
| C(7) | 2347(12) | 4084(21) | 1376(15) | 384(97) |
| C(8) | 2632(13) | 4416(24) | 904(17) | 514(113) |
| C(9) | 2965(13) | 5236(24) | 1170(18) | 582(114) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 2662(15) | 6006(27) | 1457(20) | 747(131) |
| C(11) | 2370(19) | 5678(34) | 1882(24) | 1103(174) |
| C(12) | 2012(14) | 4817(25) | 1562(18) | $629(120)$ |
| C(13) | 2433(12) | 2181(21) | 1067(16) | 418(100) |
| C(14) | 2864(14) | 2000(25) | 1688(18) | 603(114) |
| C(15) | 3258(16) | 1309(29) | 1639(20) | 826(144) |
| C(16) | 2943(17) | 432(29) | 1347(22) | 859(143) |
| C(17) | 2532(18) | 548(32) | 716(24) | 1031(169) |
| C(18) | 2126(15) | 1303(26) | 804(19) | 692(128) |
| $\mathrm{C}(19)$ | -371(14) | 1969(26) | 1115(18) | 627(121) |
| C(20) | -992(17) | 1717(31) | 842(21) | 945(148) |
| C(21) | -1180(15) | 2173(28) | 155(20) | 782(136) |
| C(22) | -1081(18) | 3185(33) | 143(22) | 1039(161) |
| C(23) | -512(18) | 3387(32) | 440(24) | 1080(167) |
| C(24) | -295(15) | 3035(29) | 1128(20) | 767(135) |
| C(25) | -332(13) | 1333(23) | 2521(17) | 488(106) |
| C(26) | -863(15) | $890(26)$ | 2371(19) | 745(128) |
| C(27) | -993(15) | 954(28) | 3035(19) | 733(131) |
| $\mathrm{C}(28)$ | --1010(14) | 1881(27) | 3272(18) | 644(117) |
| C(29) | -514(18) | 2357(34) | 3383(22) | 1101(163) |
| C(30) | -366(12) | 2297(24) | 2756(16) | 493(103) |
| C(31) | -86(13) | 106(24) | 1606(17) | 554(113) |
| C(32) | 102(16) | -32(29) | 948(20) | 821(141) |
| C(33) | 14(17) | -1028(32) | 822(22) | 940 (152) |
| C(34) | 273(17) | -1676(31) | 1339(23) | 992(153) |
| C(35) | 104(15) | - 1491(26) | 1962(19) | 704(123) |
| C(36) | 162(14) | -474(26) | 2189(19) | 668(122) |
| C(37) | 2639(15) | 3009(26) | 4514(19) | 680(124) |
| C(38) | 2322(15) | 3830(27) | 4663(20) | 706(129) |
| C(39) | 2005(15) | 4378(27) | 4066(20) | 763(135) |
| C(40) | 2144(13) | 1511(24) | 4876(17) | 500(108) |
| C(41) | 2358(15) | 1788(28) | 5491(21) | 756(126) |
| C(42) | 2210(15) | 1438(27) | 6007(19) | 651(121) |
| C(43) | 1878(18) | $724(33)$ | 5904(24) | 1003(159) |
| $\mathrm{C}(44)$ | 1668(14) | 358(24) | 5300(18) | 564(113) |
| C(45) | 1763(13) | 783(24) | 4744(16) | 473(105) |

Table 4 (continued)
Atom coordinates

| Atom | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(46) | 2805(16) | 1262(34) | 4099(19) | 1669(111) |
| C(47) | 3288(22) | 1700(21) | 4053(19) | 1669(111) |
| C(48) | 3698(14) | 1133(37) | 4000(18) | 1669(111) |
| C(49) | 3627(16) | 127(33) | 3991(18) | 1669(111) |
| C(50) | 3145(22) | -311(21) | 4037(19) | 1669(111) |
| C(51) | 2734(15) | 256(37) | 4091(19) | 1669(111) |
| C(52) | 1190(13) | 4641(25) | 2897(17) | 471(107) |
| C(53) | 1358(17) | 5527(32) | 2890(22) | 879(149) |
| C(54) | 1146(17) | 6098(28) | 2387(23) | 826(140) |
| C(55) | 772(15) | 5838(28) | 1856(19) | 648(123) |
| C(56) | 594(16) | 4988(29) | 1788(20) | 715(130) |
| C(57) | 797(18) | 4481(30) | 2369(25) | 940(152) |
| C(58) | 965(13) | 3748(25) | 4015(18) | 496(109) |
| C(59) | 1031(15) | 3120(28) | 4506(20) | 749(129) |
| C(60) | 663(16) | 3158(30) | 4901(19) | 800(134) |
| C(61) | 325(21) | 3854(38) | 4745(27) | 1194(188) |
| C(62) | 270(20) | 4494(37) | 4267(28) | 1224(192) |
| C(63) | 626(20) | 4516(35) | 3934(24) | 1110(177) |
| C(80) | 956(16) | 2034(28) | 1408(21) | 822(144) |
| C(81) | 970(13) | 1653(23) | 3226(17) | 436(99) |
| C(82) | 2153(19) | 2997(31) | 2702(23) | 1004(165) |
| C(100) | 1867(31) | -1556(52) | 1603(37) | 1756(284) |
| C(200) | 1262(18) | 3851(33) | 7299(20) | 1805(115) |
| C(201) | 742(24) | 4129(23) | 7267(22) | 1805(115) |
| C(202) | 318(14) | 3488(40) | 7052(22) | 1805(115) |
| C(203) | 415(18) | 2569(34) | 6869(18) | 1805(115) |
| C(204) | 935(24) | 2292(23) | 6901(19) | 1805(115) |
| C(205) | 1358(14) | 2933(40) | 7117(21) | 1805(115) |
| C(300) | 4287(18) | 2607(32) | 5376(18) | 1685(112) |
| C(301) | 4506(14) | 3470(41) | 5400(20) | 1685(112) |
| C(302) | 4403(17) | 4140(23) | 5809(25) | 1685(112) |
| C(303) | 4081(18) | 3946(32) | 6193(19) | 1685(112) |
| C(304) | 3861(13) | 3083(41) | 6168(20) | 1685(112) |
| C(305) | 3964(16) | 2414(24) | 5760(25) | 1685(112) |
| O(1) | 2286(12) | -397(22) | 2516(15) | 1136(111) |
| O(2) | 2335(14) | -1971(24) | 2818(18) | 1470(138) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 1514(16) | - 1104(26) | 2527(20) | 1634(152) |
| $\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 739(10) | 1857(18) | 769(12) | 800(86) |
| $\bigcirc(11)$ | 769(9) | 1352(16) | 3593(12) | 596(75) |
| $\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 2532(10) | 3392(19) | 2925(13) | 792(88) |
| S(1) | 2019(6) | - 1228(10) | 2448(7) | 1022(45) |
| $F(1)$ | 1606(12) | -2307(24) | 1443(16) | 1552(120) |
| F(2) | 2311(15) | -1660(25) | 1495(18) | 1817(142) |
| F(3) | 1617(12) | -877(23) | 1238(16) | 1506(121) |

reduced in vacuo and hexane added to give a red solid. Recrystallisation from benzene/hexane gave 0.237 g ( $73 \%$ ) of product as dark red crystals. (Found: C, $45.9 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.0 . \mathrm{C}_{79} \mathrm{H}_{104} \mathrm{AgF}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ calc.: $\left.\mathrm{C}, 46.1 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.1 \%\right) ; \nu(\mathrm{CO})$ at 1861 w , $1816 \mathrm{~m}, 1782 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

Crystal data for $\mathrm{C}_{67} \mathrm{H}_{92} \mathrm{AgF}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{Pt}_{3} \mathrm{~S} \cdot 2 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
Red crystals were grown by the slow diffusion of hexane into a toluene solution of 2. A single crystal of dimensions $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ was mounted in a glass capillary. Diffraction data were collected on a CAD4 diffractometer. 6738 reflections were collected by $\omega / 2 \theta$ scans (scan width $0.70+0.35 \tan \theta$ ), of which 2741 were considered unique and observed ( $I \geqslant 3 \sigma(I), R_{\text {merg }}=0.0423$ ). These were corrected for Lorentz and polarisation effects and an empirical absorption correction was applied (min/max correction $1.00 / 2.51$ ).

The structure was solved by a combination of Patterson and the trial instruction in crystals, and Fourier methods, and full-matrix least-squares refinement of all the non-hydrogen atoms. One of the phenyl groups on the dppp ligand was refined as a rigid group. After converting the platinum, silver and phosphorus atoms to have anisotropic thermal parameters, the hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically. On application of a Chebyshev weighting scheme (coefficients 4.881, -4.975, $3.715,-1.245$ ), the model converged at $R=0.0507, R_{w}=0.0579$. Programs and sources of scattering factor data are given in the references [12,13]. The atom coordinates are shown in Table 4. Lists of structure factors are available from the authors.

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