# Some complexes containing $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}_{5}-\mathrm{Co}_{3}$ fragments: Molecular structure of trans $-\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.(\mathrm{CO})_{6}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ determined using synchrotron radiation 

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#### Abstract

Reactions of platinum(II) chloro-phosphine complexes with $\mathrm{Co}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CSiMe}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ in the presence of NaOMe have given the compounds $\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{\left.\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right]\right\}_{2}(\mathrm{dppe})(\mathbf{1}) \text {, trans }-\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right]\right\}_{2^{-}}-1 .}\right.$ $\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2}$ (2) and trans- $\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{6}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ (3), each of which contains two $\mathrm{Co}_{3}$ clusters linked by $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ chains to the Pt centre. Electrochemical studies (CVs) show the presence of both oxidation and reduction processes, the latter probably occurring on the $\mathrm{CCo}_{3}$ cores. Ready reductive elimination of $\left\{\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}\left(\mu_{3}: \mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{10}\right)$ occurs from 1 upon heating. The X-ray study of $\mathbf{3}$ was carried out using synchrotron radiation (Advanced Photon Source, Argonne, IL) to confirm its structure. © 2005 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.


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## 1. Introduction

There is continuing interest in the chemistry and properties of metal complexes containing carbon chains linking transition metal centres [1,2]. This arises in part from their potential as materials with potential for opto-electronic applications [3] and as models for molecular scale wires [4], as well as on account of their inherent interest. A considerable amount of work has been reported using plati-num(II)-phosphine complexes as end groups, which includes the extensive studies of Gladysz and coworkers [2b] on ever-longer chains and the construction of sequences containing two or more platinum centres. While our own studies of platinum complexes have so far been limited to the construction of neutral molecular squares containing $\mathrm{C}_{4}$ chains linking the metal centres [5], we have recently become interested in the preparation of heterome-

[^0]tallic systems containing odd-numbered carbon chains [6]. Recently, we were able to prepare compounds which contain two $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ chains linking platinum centres with tricobalt clusters, and to characterise one of these structurally. This chemistry is described below.

## 2. Results and discussion

The preparation of platinum(II) alkynyl complexes by reaction of appropriate 1-alkynes with complexes of the type $\mathrm{PtX}_{2}(\mathrm{P})_{2}[\mathrm{X}=$ halide, cis or trans isomers for monodentate $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{PR}_{3},(\mathrm{P})_{2}=$ bidentate phosphines] in the presence of sodium methoxide was described many years ago [7]. More recently, it has become apparent that similar complexes are directly accessible from the often more stable trimethylsilyl-substituted alkynes, desilylation occurring in situ [8]. Most recently, the in situ desilylation and oxidative coupling of the resulting alkynes has been used to effect the synthesis of several long chain complexes including $\quad\left\{\text { trans }-\mathrm{Pt}(\text { tol })\left[\mathrm{P}(\text { tol })_{3}\right]_{2}\right\}_{2}\left\{\mu-(\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C})_{14}\right\} \quad$ which
contains the longest chain linking two metal centres that has so far been characterised [9].

Application of the original methodology to reactions between $\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PR}_{3}\right)_{2}\left[\left(\mathrm{PR}_{3}\right)_{2}=\mathrm{dppe}, \mathrm{PR}_{3}=\mathrm{PEt}_{3}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right]$ and two equivalents of $\mathrm{Co}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CSiMe}_{3}\right)(\mu-$ $\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}[6 \mathrm{~b}]$ has resulted in the successful preparation of the compounds $\operatorname{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right]\right\}_{2}$ (dppe) $\quad(\mathbf{1} ; \quad$ Scheme 1$)$, trans $-\mathrm{Pt}\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-$ $\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu\right.$-dppm $\left.\left.)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right]\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2} \quad$ (2) and trans-Pt$\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{6}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2} \quad(\mathbf{3}$; Scheme 2), each of which contains two $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ chains linking the Pt centre with $\mathrm{Co}_{3}$ clusters. The complexes are obtained in low to moderate yields as red to brown solids which have been characterised through a combination of elemental analyses and spectroscopic methods and, in the case of $\mathbf{3}$, by an X-ray structural determination.

Complex 1 was obtained in the highest yield (52\%), but on standing or heating in solution (particularly in chlorinated solvents), some decomposition resulted with formation of the $\mathrm{C}_{10}$ derivative $\left\{\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu \text {-dppm })(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}\left(\mu_{3}: \mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{10}\right)$, identified by comparison with an authentic sample [11]. The IR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}$ contains a weak $v(\mathrm{CC})$ band at
$2152 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and terminal $v(\mathrm{CO})$ bands between 2090 and $1962 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ with a pattern characteristic of the substituted $\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ cluster. Resonances characteristic of the dppm and dppe ligands are found in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectra, the latter containing two signals at $\delta_{\mathrm{P}} 34.0$ (s, dppm) and 40.86 [triplet with $J(\mathrm{PPt})=2269 \mathrm{~Hz}$, dppe] in a $2 / 1$ ratio. The magnitude of $J(\mathrm{PPt})$ in the latter confirms the expected cis geometry. In the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum, resonances at $\delta 95.30,97.49$ and 103.90 are assigned to atoms in the $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ chain, the $\mathrm{Co}_{3} \mathrm{C}$ nucleus being too broadened by the cobalt quadrupole to be observed, while the $\mathrm{Pt} C$ resonance is probably not found because of coupling to P and Pt. The Co-CO resonances occur at $\delta 202.56,210.41$ and 224.31. The overall composition is confirmed by ions in the electrospray mass spectrum (ES MS) at $m / z 2251[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$and $2336[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Ag}]^{+}$, obtained from solutions containing NaOMe or $\mathrm{Ag}^{+}$, respectively.

Thin red needles of trans $-\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\right.$ dppm $\left.\left.)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right]\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2}$ (2) were obtained similarly from trans $-\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2}$, but disappointingly were not suitable for an X-ray study. The IR spectrum contained $v(\mathrm{CC})$ at 2142 and $v(\mathrm{CO})$ between 2079 and $1963 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$



Scheme 1.


(2) $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{Et}, \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{CO}$
(3) $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{Ph}, \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$

Scheme 2.

NMR spectrum contained the expected resonances from the $\mathrm{PEt}_{3}$ and dppm ligands, with the corresponding ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ signals at $\delta 12.87[J(\mathrm{PPt}) 2232 \mathrm{~Hz}]$ and 34.06 , respectively, confirming the trans geometry about Pt. No ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum could be obtained on account of the low solubility of 2 in suitable solvents.

A $30 \%$ yield of $\mathbf{3}$ was obtained from trans $-\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ as dark brown micro crystals. The IR spectrum contained, in addition to the $v(\mathrm{CC})$ band at $2146 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, v(\mathrm{CO})$ absorptions between 2082 and $1934 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, with a pattern suggesting that the anticipated $\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ cluster was no longer present. There are three ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ resonances at $\delta 18.3$ $[J(\mathrm{PPt})=2203 \mathrm{~Hz}], 33.47$ and 48.84 (ratio $1 / 2 / 1$ ) which can be assigned to the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$, dppm and $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ligands, respectively, found by the X-ray structure. Evidently during the reaction, transfer of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ from platinum to the cobalt cluster has occurred.

### 2.1. Molecular structure of $\mathbf{3}$

The small size of crystals of $\mathbf{3}$ entailed using synchrotron radiation to procure a structure. Fig. 1 shows a plot of a molecule of 3, selected bond distances and angles being presented in Table 1. The central square-planar Pt atom is attached to two $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ligands $[\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}(1,2)$ 2.290(2), $2.296(2) \AA$ A $]$ and two $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ chains $[\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(1,6)$ 2.007(8), $2.013(8) \AA$ ] , each pair of ligands being mutually trans $\left[\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}(2) 173.22(8), \mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(6) 179.1(3)^{\circ}\right]$. The two $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ chains are end-capped by $\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{6}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)$ clusters of conventional geometry and dimensions [including $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{dppm}) 2.188-2.203(2), \mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) 2.212(2)$ and $2.208(2) \AA$ ] [10]. The $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{Co}$ separations are between 2.449 (1) and $2.510(2) \AA$, but show no dependence on the positions of the tertiary phosphine ligands. Individual distances and angles show no significant departures from
values determined earlier for related compounds and merit no further comment here.

Of most interest in the present context are the carbon chains. Atoms $\mathrm{C}(5,10)$ are $\mu_{3}$-bonded to the $\mathrm{Co}_{3}$ cluster [Co-C 1.876(8)-1.943(7) $\AA$ ] with bond lengths again independent of whether the Co atom is attached to dppm or $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ligands. Along the chain from the Pt centre, the short-long-short-long bond alternation confirms the presence of a diyndiyl unit attached to Pt at one end and to the $\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}$ atom at the other, the latter separations being 1.42(1), $1.38(1) \AA$. There appears to be little if any electron delocalisation along the chain, perhaps not unexpected given the difficulty of rehybridising the cluster-bonded carbon atoms. Angles at individual carbon atoms are close to linear, ranging between $172.7(8)^{\circ}$ and $179.5(9)^{\circ}$.

### 2.2. Electrochemistry

We have recorded cyclic voltammograms (CVs) for the three complexes described above. For 1, a reversible reduction wave occurs at -1.17 V and two oxidation waves at +0.59 and +0.83 V . For 2 and 3, the reduction waves are found at -1.17 and -1.395 V , respectively, with poorly resolved irreversible oxidation waves at +0.82 and +0.68 V . The reduction processes are two-electron events, while the oxidation events appear to involve 1-e steps. We assign the reduction events to addition of electrons to the two $\mathrm{CCo}_{3}$ cores, these being independent of each other, suggesting that there is no electronic interaction between the two clusters. The oxidation processes probably occur on the carbon chain or at the Pt centres and, in this connection, we recall that the HOMOs of the neutral $\operatorname{Pt}(\mu-\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv$ $\mathrm{CH})_{2}(\mathrm{dHpe})\left(\mathrm{dHpe}=\mathrm{PH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PH}_{2}\right)$ are calculated to be delocalised over the entire $\operatorname{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}\right)_{2}$ core, so that oxidation processes may affect the entire molecule [5].


Fig. 1. Plot of a molecule of trans $-\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{6}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathbf{3})$.

Table 1
Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for complex 3

| Bond distances ( $\AA$ ) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Co}(11)-\mathrm{Co}(12)$ | 2.497(2) | $\mathrm{Co}(21)-\mathrm{Co}(22)$ | 2.478(2) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(11)-\mathrm{Co}(13)$ | 2.449(1) | $\mathrm{Co}(21)-\mathrm{Co}(23)$ | 2.476(2) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(12)-\mathrm{Co}(13)$ | 2.484(1) | $\mathrm{Co}(22)-\mathrm{Co}(23)$ | 2.510(2) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(11)-\mathrm{P}(11)$ | 2.188(2) | $\mathrm{Co}(21)-\mathrm{P}(21)$ | 2.203(2) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(12)-\mathrm{P}(12)$ | 2.191(2) | $\mathrm{Co}(22)-\mathrm{P}(22)$ | $2.202(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}(13)-\mathrm{P}(13)$ | 2.212(2) | $\mathrm{Co}(23)-\mathrm{P}(23)$ | 2.208(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 2.290(2) | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 2.296 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(11)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.900(8) | $\mathrm{Co}(21)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.938(8) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(12)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.876(8) | $\mathrm{Co}(22)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.904(8) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(13)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.919(7) | $\mathrm{Co}(23)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.943(7) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 2.007(8) | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 2.013 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.19(1) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.20(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.37(1) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.37(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 1.21(1) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 1.22(1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 1.42(1) | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1.38 (1) |
| Bond angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 173.22(8) | $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 179.1(3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 91.8(2) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 87.4(2) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 88.2(2) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 92.8(2) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(11)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 127.5(6) | $\mathrm{Co}(21)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 126.6(6) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(12)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 133.7(6) | $\mathrm{Co}(22)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 136.3(5) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(13)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 131.9(6) | $\mathrm{Co}(23)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 132.0(6) |
| $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 177.8(8) | $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 176.8(7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 173.5(8) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 175.6(8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 179.5(9) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 177.3(8) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 177.8(8) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 172.7(8) |

## 3. Conclusions

We have made the first examples of complexes containing odd-numbered carbon chains $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5}\right)$ linking two different metal centres. These three complexes contain eleven-atom-$\mathrm{C}_{5}-\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{C}_{5}$-chains, bent for $\mathbf{1}$ and approximately linear for $\mathbf{2}$ and 3. The geometries about platinum reflect those of the precursor chloro-phosphine-platinum(II) complexes, while in the reaction which leads to the formation of $\mathbf{3}$, the cobalt
cluster acts in part as a $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$-scavenger, with one CO ligand on a non-dppm-bridged $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$ fragment of the cluster being replaced by this ligand, sourced from the platinum(II) precursor. Of some interest is the ready reductive elimination of the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Co}_{3}$ fragments from the platinum(II) centre in $\mathbf{1}$, followed by their coupling to give the known $\left\{\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}\left(\mu_{3}: \mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{10}\right)$ [6a], this reaction no doubt being facilitated by the mutually cis orientation of these fragments in $\mathbf{1}$. Notably, neither $\mathbf{2}$ nor $\mathbf{3}$ undergo any similar reaction.

## 4. Experimental

### 4.1. General

All reactions were carried out under dry nitrogen, although normally no special precautions to exclude air were taken during subsequent work-up. Common solvents were dried, distilled under argon and degassed before use. Separations were carried out by preparative thin-layer chromatography on glass plates $\left(20 \times 20 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}\right)$ coated with silica gel (Merck, 0.5 mm thick).

### 4.2. Instruments

IR spectra were obtained on a Bruker IFS28 FT-IR spectrometer. Spectra in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ were obtained using a 0.5 mm path-length solution cell with NaCl windows. Nujol mull spectra were obtained from samples mounted between NaCl discs. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 2000 instrument $\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right.$ at $300.13 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ at 75.47 MHz , ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ at 121.503 MHz ) with solutions in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ contained in 5 mm sample tubes. Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to internal tetramethylsilane for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra and external $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ for ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectra. Electrospray mass spectra (ESMS) were obtained from samples dissolved in MeOH unless otherwise indicated. Solutions were injected into a Varian Platform II spectrometer via a 10 ml injection loop. Nitrogen was used as the drying and nebulising gas. Chemical aids to ionisation were used [11]. Electrochemical samples ( 1 mM ) were dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ containing $0.5 \mathrm{M}\left[\mathrm{NBu}_{4}\right] \mathrm{BF}_{4}$ as the supporting electrolyte for the spectro-electrochemical experiments. Cyclic voltammograms were recorded using a PAR model 263 apparatus, with a saturated calomel electrode, with ferrocene as internal calibrant $\left(\mathrm{FeCp}_{2} /\left[\mathrm{FeCp}_{2}\right]^{+}=+0.46 \mathrm{~V}\right)$. A 1 mm path-length cell was used with a Pt -mesh working electrode, Pt wire counter and pseudo-reference electrodes. Elemental analyses were by CMAS, Belmont, Vic., Australia.

### 4.3. Reagents

$\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}$ (dppe) [12], trans $-\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PR}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{Et}$, Ph$)$ [13] and $\mathrm{Co}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CSiMe}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}[6 \mathrm{~b}]$ were obtained by the cited methods.

### 4.4. Pt $\left\{C \equiv C C \equiv C-\mu_{3}-C / \mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-d p p m)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}(d p p e)$ (1)

$\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}($ dppe $)(25 \mathrm{mg}, 0.038 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in a mixture of thf and $\mathrm{MeOH}(13 \mathrm{ml}, 10 / 3)$ by stirring for 30 min at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Addition of $\mathrm{Co}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CSiMe}_{3}\right)(\mu-$ $\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}(67 \mathrm{mg}, 0.076 \mathrm{mmol})$ and NaOMe (excess in $\mathrm{MeOH}, 1 \mathrm{ml}$ ) was followed by stirring overnight at r.t. The filtered solution was then evaporated and the residue extracted into $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and purified by preparative t.l.c. (acetone/hexane 1/2). The major green-brown band $\left(\begin{array}{ll}R_{\mathrm{f}} & 0.16\end{array}\right)$ contained $\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})\right.\right.$ -
$\left.(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}$ (dppe) (1) $(43.3 \mathrm{mg}, 52 \%)$, obtained as a brown solid. Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{100} \mathrm{H}_{68} \mathrm{Co}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{14} \mathrm{P}_{6} \mathrm{Pt}$ : $\mathrm{C}, 53.91 ; \mathrm{H}$, 3.08. Found: C, $54.00 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.03 \%$. $M$, 2228. IR $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.$, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): v(\mathrm{CC}) 2152 \mathrm{vw} ; v(\mathrm{CO}) 2090 \mathrm{vw}, 2054 \mathrm{~s}, 2006 \mathrm{vs}, 1982$ (sh), 1962 (sh). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR: $\delta 2.62\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.25,4.44$ $(2 \times \mathrm{m}, \quad 2 \times 2 \mathrm{H}$, dppm $), 6.99-7.93(\mathrm{~m}, 60 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR: $\delta 29.97$ (m, dppe), 41.07 [s (br), dppm], 95.30, $97.49,103.90$ (carbon chain), $128.28-136.36(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{Ph})$, 202.56, 210.41, 224.31 [ $3 \times \mathrm{s}(\mathrm{br}), \mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{CO}] .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR: $\delta$ 34.1 [s (br), dppm], $40.86[\mathrm{t}, J(\mathrm{PPt})=2269 \mathrm{~Hz}$, dppe], ratio 2/1. ES-MS (positive ion, $\mathrm{MeOH}+\mathrm{NaOMe}, m / z$ ): 2251, $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+} ;\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}+\mathrm{Ag}^{+}, \quad m / z\right): 2336, \quad[\mathrm{M}+$ $\mathrm{Ag}]^{+}$.

Slow decomposition occurs in solution (especially in chlorinated solvents) to give as one product $\left\{\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu\right.$ dppm) $\left.(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}\left(\mu_{3}: \mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}_{10}\right)$, identified by comparison (IR, t.l.c.) with an authentic sample [6a].

## 4.5. trans $-\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv C C \equiv C-\mu_{3}-C / \mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-d p p m)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}-$ $\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2}(2)$

A solution of $\mathrm{Co}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CSiMe}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})-$ $(\mathrm{CO})_{7}(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.056 \mathrm{mmol})$ in thf/ $\mathrm{MeOH}(12 \mathrm{ml}, 10 / 2)$ was treated with an excess of NaOMe in MeOH . After 15 min , trans $-\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2} \quad(14.6 \mathrm{mg}, \quad 0.028 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the mixture was stirred for 5 h . at r.t. Removal of solvent, extraction of the residue with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and separation by preparative t.l.c. (acetone/hexane $3 / 7$ ) gave one major band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} \quad 0.56$ ) which contained trans$\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PEt}_{3}\right)_{2}\right.$ $(8.6 \mathrm{mg}, 15 \%)$, obtained as thin red needles. Anal. Calc. $\mathrm{C}_{86} \mathrm{H}_{77} \mathrm{Co}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{14} \mathrm{P}_{6} \mathrm{Pt}: \mathrm{C}, 50.00 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.61$. Found: C, 49.98; $\mathrm{H}, 3.65 \%$. $M$, 2066. IR $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): v(\mathrm{CC}) 2152 \mathrm{vw}$; $v(\mathrm{CO}) 2090 \mathrm{vw}, 2054 \mathrm{~s}, 2006 \mathrm{vs}, 1982$ (sh), 1962 (sh). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR: $\delta 1.25\left(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right), 2.15\left(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PCH}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$, 3.35, $4.49(2 \times \mathrm{m}, 2 \times 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dppm}), 7.10-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 40 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph})$. ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR: $\delta 12.87$ [t, J(PPt) 2232, $\mathrm{PEt}_{3}$ ], 34.06 [s (br), dppm], ratio $1 / 2$.

## 4.6. trans- $\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{6^{-}}\right.$ $\left.\left(P P h_{3}\right)\right\}_{2}\left(P P h_{3}\right)_{2}(3)$

A mixture of trans $-\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(22 \mathrm{mg}, 0.028 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Co}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{CSiMe}_{3}\right)(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{7} \quad(50 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.056 \mathrm{mmol})$ dissolved in thf $/ \mathrm{MeOH}(22 \mathrm{ml}, 10 / 1)$ was treated with NaOMe in MeOH (excess, 1 ml ) and left to stir overnight. Removal of solvent and extraction of the residue with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was followed by separation by preparative t.l.c. (acetone-hexane 3/7). The major green-brown band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.32$ ) afforded dark red microcrystals of trans $-\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{6}{ }^{-}\right.\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right\}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ (3) $(22.7 \mathrm{mg}, 29 \%)$ from $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} / \mathrm{MeOH}$, initially identified by an X-ray structural determination. An analytical sample was obtained from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}$. Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{144} \mathrm{H}_{104} \mathrm{Co}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{12} \mathrm{P}_{8} \mathrm{Pt} \cdot 2 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : C, 58.61; $\mathrm{H}, 3.64$. Found: C, $58.14 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.64 \%$. $M$ (unsolvated), 2823. IR $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): v(\mathrm{CC}) 2146 \mathrm{w} ; v(\mathrm{CO}) 2082 \mathrm{w}$,

2056m, 2022s, 1986vs (br), 1968s (br), 1934 (sh). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR: $\delta 2.90,3.94(2 \times \mathrm{m}, 2 \times 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dppm}), 5.30\left[\mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{br}), \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.$ ], 7.05-7.77 (m, 100H, Ph). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR: $\delta 18.30 \quad[\mathrm{t}$, $J(\mathrm{PPt})=2203 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ], 33.37 [s (br), dppm], 48.84 [s (br), $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ], ratio $1 / 2 / 1$.

### 4.7. Structure determination

Full spheres of diffraction data were measured at ca. 103 K using a synchrotron (Sector 15 of the Advanced Photon Source at the Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, USA). 189533 reflections were merged to 25204 unique ( $R_{\text {int }} 0.085$ ) after "empirical"/multiscan absorption correction (proprietary software) and used in the full-matrix least-squares refinements on $F^{2}$. All data were measured using synchrotron radiation, $\lambda=$ $0.48595 \AA$. Anisotropic displacement parameter forms were refined for the non-hydrogen atoms. All solvent molecules were resolved and refined, one only being refined as a rigid body and with site occupancy set at 0.5 after initial trial refinement. Conventional residuals are $R[I>2 \sigma(I)]=$ $0.071, R_{w}\left(F^{2}\right)=0.137$ [weights: $\left(\sigma^{2}\left(F^{2}\right)+21 F^{2}\right)^{-1}$ ]. Neutral atom complex scattering factors were used; computation used the xtal 3.7 program system [14]. Pertinent results are given in Fig. 1 (which shows non-hydrogen atoms with $50 \%$ probability amplitude displacement ellipsoids and hydrogen atoms with arbitrary radii of $0.1 \AA$ ) and in Table 1.

### 4.8. Crystal and refinement data

trans $-\mathrm{Pt}\left\{\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CC} \equiv \mathrm{C}-\mu_{3}-\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Co}_{3}(\mu-\mathrm{dppm})(\mathrm{CO})_{6}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\right\}_{2^{-}}$ $\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2} \cdot 3.5 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \equiv \mathrm{C}_{144} \mathrm{H}_{104} \mathrm{Co}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{12} \mathrm{P}_{8} \mathrm{Pt} \cdot 3.5 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}, \quad M_{\mathrm{w}}=$ 3096.27. Monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1} / c, a=17.332(1), b=$ 19.426(2), $c=41.744(3) \AA, \quad \beta=97.409(3), \quad V=13938 \AA^{3}$, $Z=4.2 \theta_{\max }=34.0^{\circ} . D_{\mathrm{c}}=1.47_{6} \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, \mu=0.64 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$, $T_{\min / \max }=0.37$. Crystal $0.11 \times 0.05 \times 0.003 \mathrm{~mm}$.

## 5. Supplementary material

Full details of the structure determinations (except structure factors) have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC 280612. Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ,

UK (Fax: +44 1223336 033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam. ac.uk or www: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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