

REACTIONS OF ZERO-VALENT PLATINUM COMPLEXES WITH SOME DIACETYLENES *

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Summary

The complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)\text{L}_2]$ ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$ or PMePh_2) react with 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne to give, successively, mono- and di-platinum compounds $[\text{Pt}(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})\text{L}_2]$ and $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})\text{L}_4]$. Hexa-2,4-diyne and $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ react similarly. In the di-platinum compounds both acetylenic linkages are η^2 -bonded to platinum atoms, as also occurs in the complex $[\text{Pt}_2\{\text{HC}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}_2\text{H}\}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ obtained from hexa-1,5-diyne. Reaction of $[\text{Pt}_3(\text{CN-t-Bu})_6]$ with 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne and hexa-2,4-diyne affords di-platinum complexes, shown by spectroscopic studies to have structures containing diplatinacyclobutene rings.

Introduction

Bis(cycloocta-1,5-diene)platinum [1] has been shown to be a useful precursor in the synthesis of many types of organoplatinum compounds [2]. One aspect of our work has involved the preparation and structural characterisation of new acetylene complexes, and as part of this study [3–6] we have so far identified compounds corresponding to the structural types A–G (Fig. 1). Our research hitherto has been limited to mono-acetylenes. In this paper we describe some studies involving di-acetylenes. Previously, one such complex of platinum has been described, namely, $[\text{Pt}(\eta^2\text{-MeC}\equiv\text{CC}\equiv\text{CMe})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$, being obtained by reduction of $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ with hydrazine in the presence of hexa-2,4-diyne [7].

Results and discussion

Reactions of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)\text{L}_2]$ ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$ or PMePh_2) with the acetylenes $\text{RC}\equiv\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}$ or Ph) and $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ were investigated. The

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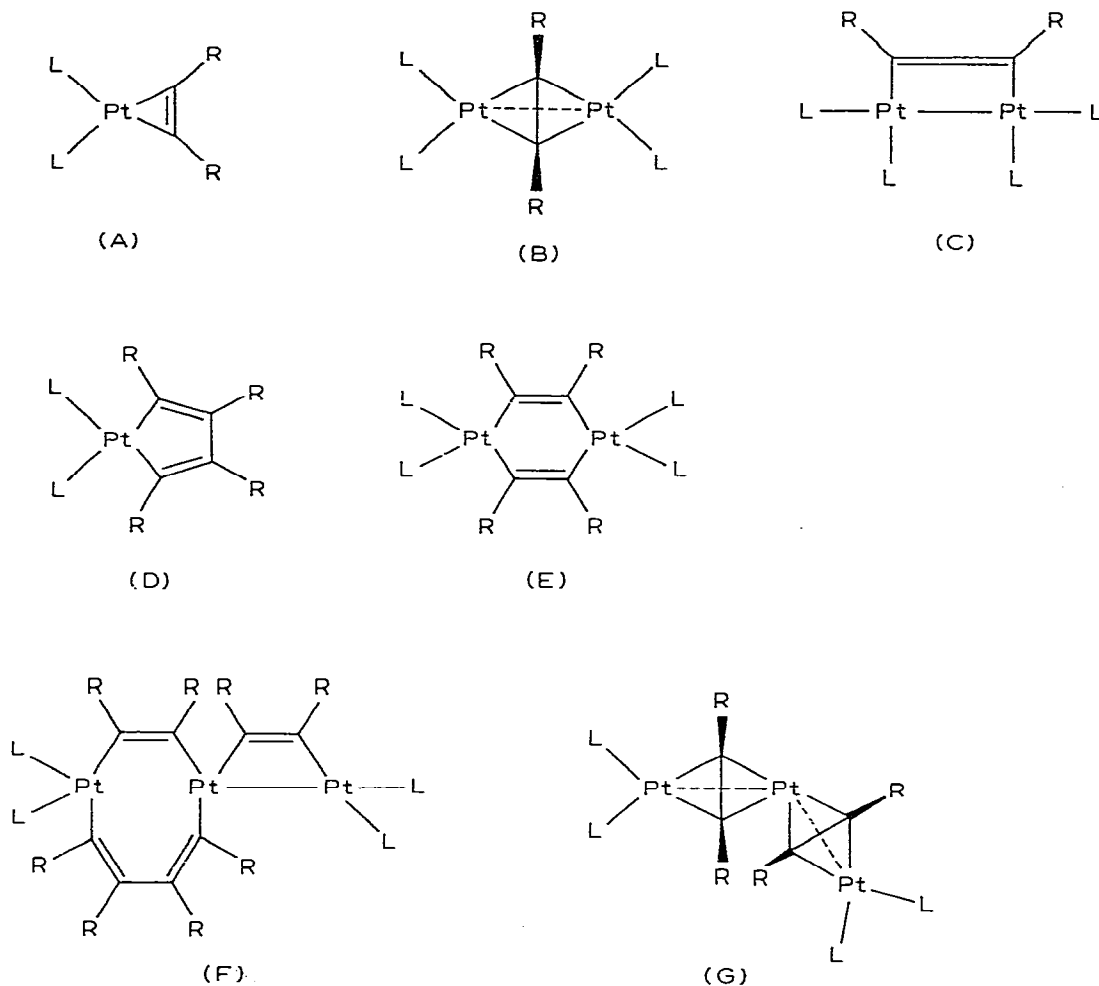


Fig. 1. The ligands L can be R_3P or RNC , or L_2 can be $RC=CR$ or $1,5-C_8H_{12}$, depending on the syntheses involved; see ref. 3, 5 and 6.

complexes ethylenebis(tertiaryphosphine)platinum were conveniently prepared from $[Pt(1,5-C_8H_{12})_2]$ by adding the latter to ethylene-saturated light petroleum at $0^\circ C$, so as to generate $[Pt(C_2H_4)_3]$ in situ. A stoichiometric amount of triphenyl- or diphenylmethyl-phosphine was then added, affording the species $[Pt(C_2H_4)_2L_2]$ quantitatively.

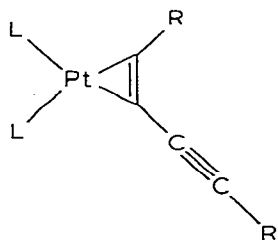
Treatment of $[Pt(C_2H_4)(PPh_3)_2]$, suspended in light petroleum at room temperature, with an equimolar amount of 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne afforded the complex I in high yield. The infrared spectrum of this complex (Table 1) showed the presence of un-coordinated (2170 cm^{-1}) and coordinated (1725 cm^{-1}) $C\equiv C$ stretching frequencies, in accord with the attachment of one platinum atom to the acetylene as in A (Fig. 1). Reaction of complex I with a second equivalent of $[Pt(C_2H_4)(PPh_3)_2]$ gives compound II. As expected, the infrared spectrum of the latter shows no band near 2140 cm^{-1} corresponding to

TABLE 1
INFRARED AND ^{31}P NMR DATA FOR THE DI-ACETYLENE COMPLEXES

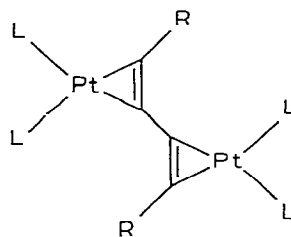
Complex	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})^a$	Chemical shifts and coupling constants ^b
I [Pt(PhC ₄ Ph)(PPh ₃) ₂]	2170s, 1725s	-27.5 ^c (<i>J</i> (PPt) 3399 and 3618; ² <i>J</i> (PP) 27).
II [Pt ₂ (PhC ₄ Ph)(PPh ₃) ₄]	1780w(br), 1682m(br)	-26.8 and -28.5 (¹ <i>J</i> (PPt) 3493 and 3481; ⁴ <i>J</i> (PPt) 34; ² <i>J</i> (PP) 34; ⁵ <i>J</i> (PP) 10 and <2).
III [Pt(PhC ₄ Ph)(PMePh ₂) ₂]	2140m, 1697m(br)	-5.2 and -4.7 (<i>J</i> (PPt) 3545 and 3268).
IV [Pt ₂ (PhC ₄ Ph)(PMePh ₂) ₄]	1781m, 1669m	-4.6 and -4.2 (¹ <i>J</i> (PPt) 3315 and 3498; ² <i>J</i> (PP) 34; ⁵ <i>J</i> (PP) 5).
V [Pt(MeC ₄ Me)(PPh ₃) ₂]	2205w, 1765m ^d	-28.5 and -30.4 (<i>J</i> (PPt) 3634 and 3409; <i>J</i> (PP) 37).
VI [Pt ₂ (MeC ₄ Me)(PPh ₃) ₄]	1719m	-28.5 and -32.5 (¹ <i>J</i> (PPt) 3530 and 3481; ⁴ <i>J</i> (PPt) 64; ² <i>J</i> (PP) 45; ⁵ <i>J</i> (PP) 15 and <2).
VII [Pt ₂ (HC ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ C ₂ H)(PPh ₃) ₄]	1714m(br)	-29.6 and -32.1 (<i>J</i> (PPt) 3484 and 3645; <i>J</i> (PP) 43).

^a Nujol mull, cm⁻¹. ^b ^{31}P (¹H-decoupled), chemical shifts in δ ppm (rel. H₃PO₄ external) measured in C₆D₆, coupling constants in Hz. ^c For the two non-equivalent nuclei the chemical shifts are coincident. ^d Lit. [7] 2205 and 1760 cm⁻¹.

a "free" C=C group. The acetylene by itself shows a weak C=C stretch at 2142 cm⁻¹ in the infrared spectrum. The ^{31}P NMR spectrum of II is of the [AB]₂ or AA'BB' type (Table 1), and is in accord with the structure proposed. Attempts to add a third [Pt(PPh₃)₂] group to II via addition of the ethylene complex, to give a bridged-complex of type B (Fig. 1), failed. Only unreacted starting material was recovered.



- (I) L = PPh₃, R = Ph
 (III) L = PMePh₂, R = Ph
 (V) L = PPh₃, R = Me



- (II) L = PPh₃, R = Ph
 (IV) L = PMePh₂, R = Ph
 (VI) L = PPh₃, R = Me

Reaction of [Pt(C₂H₄)(PMePh₂)₂] with 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne in a 1/1 ratio gave complex III, structurally analogous to I. If this reaction is carried out using a 2/1 molar ratio of [Pt(C₂H₄)(PMePh₂)₂] to PhC₄Ph the di-platinum com-

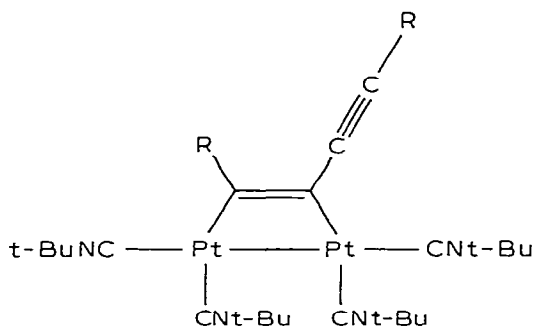
plex IV is formed. Again, as in the conversion of I into II, in forming complex IV the second platinum atom coordinates with the "free" acetylene group, rather than yielding a $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu_2\text{-PhC}\equiv\text{CC}_2\text{Ph})\text{L}_4]$ structure, as found in $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu_2\text{-PhC}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{PMe}_3)_4]$ [6]. The ^{31}P NMR spectra (Table 1) of compounds III and IV, showing two resonances, are in accord with the indicated structures.

The di-acetylene hexa-2,4-diyne was similarly found to react with $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ in two stages giving the mono- and di-platinum complexes V and VI, respectively. As mentioned earlier, compound V was first prepared by Roundhill et al. [7] via a different route. As in the synthesis of II and IV, the formation of VI is accompanied by the disappearance from the infrared spectrum of a band (2205 cm^{-1}) corresponding to an un-coordinated acetylene group. Interestingly, complex VI could not be obtained by the reduction of $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ in the presence of MeC_4Me [7], reflecting the higher reactivity of our systems based on platinum(0).

An interesting feature of the infrared spectra of the di-platinum complexes II and IV is the appearance of two bands in the region for a metal-coordinated acetylene group (Table 1). This perhaps suggests the presence of isomers, which could conceivably result from restricted rotation about the $\text{PhC}_2\text{-C}_2\text{Ph}$ bonds, due to the bulky phenyl substituents. Some support for this suggestion comes from the observation of only one such band (1719 cm^{-1}) in the spectrum of VI, where phenyl groups have been replaced by methyl. Moreover, reaction of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ with hexa-1,5-diyne ($\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})\ 2105\text{ cm}^{-1}$) gave $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-HC}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH})(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (VII), a compound which also showed in its infrared spectrum only one coordinated acetylene band (Table 1). In this complex the two $[\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ groups and the two acetylene linkages are well separated by the methylene groups. A notable feature of the reaction of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ with hexa-1,5-diyne is that even when a large excess of the acetylene is employed only the di-platinum complex VII is formed, there being no evidence for compounds corresponding to I, III or V.

We have also investigated reactions of the reactive cluster complex $[\text{Pt}_3(\text{CN-}t\text{-Bu})_6]$ [8] with the di-acetylenes $\text{RC}\equiv\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ or Me). The tri-platinum complex acts as a source of $[\text{Pt}(\text{CN-}t\text{-Bu})_2]$ groups in a variety of reactions including those with acetylenes [9] and homo-acetylenes [10].

The infrared spectra of the products $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{RC}_4\text{R})(\text{CN-}t\text{-Bu})_4]$ from 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne and hexa-2,4-diyne showed the absence of a band near 1700 cm^{-1} indicative of an η^2 -bonded acetylenemetal group, as found in complexes I–VII. Moreover, the ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})(\text{CN-}t\text{-Bu})_4]$ (VIII) showed three *t*-Bu resonances (rel. int. 18/9/9). These properties do not accord with molecular structures like II, IV and VI. Recently, di-platinum mono-acetylene complexes $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{PhC}_2\text{Ph})(1,5\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{12})_2]$ and $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{RC}_2\text{R})(\text{CN-}t\text{-Bu})_4]$ ($\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ or *p*- MeOC_6F_4) have been discovered [11] in which the acetylene bridges the two platinum atoms as in C (Fig. 1). These compounds, like VIII and IX, show no bands in their infrared spectra near 1700 cm^{-1} . To confirm the diplatinacyclobutene structures, complex VIII was prepared with isocyanide ligands labelled at the contact carbon atoms (*t*-Bu- N^{13}C) and ^{13}C NMR studies were carried out. The spectrum showed three resonances for the ligated carbon atoms of the four isocyanide ligands. A signal at $\delta\ 147.5\text{ ppm}$ ($^1J(\text{PtC})\ 1131$ and 1064 Hz) can be assigned to the two isocyanide ligands *trans* to the two



(VIII) R = Ph

(IX) R = Me

carbon atoms of the coordinated acetylene group. These t-BuNC groups are in an essentially similar environment and show no satellite peaks arising from $^2J(\text{PtC})$ coupling because of the *cis*-PtPtCN-t-Bu configuration. The two other resonances observed at δ 140.7 ppm ($^1J(\text{PtC})$ 1088; $^2J(\text{PtC})$ 314 Hz) and at 139.6 ppm ($^1J(\text{PtC})$ 1074; $^2J(\text{PtC})$ 286 Hz) are attributable to a *trans*-t-BuNCPtPt configuration (VIII), resulting in the appearance of satellites corresponding to two bond $^{195}\text{Pt}-^{13}\text{C}$ coupling.

Experimental

General

All operations were carried out under dry oxygen-free nitrogen in Schlenk tubes. Light petroleum refers to the fraction b.p. 40–60°C. Hexa-2,4-diyne was obtained from 1,4-dichlorobut-2-yne [12]. *t*-Butyl isocyanide, approximately 15% enriched in $t\text{-BuN}^{13}\text{C}$, was prepared as follows. Labelled Na^{13}CN (0.5 g) and unlabelled NaCN (2.0 g) in water (20 ml) were well stirred with a slight excess of aqueous silver nitrate containing a few drops of concentrated nitric acid. The silver cyanide produced was filtered off, dried at 100°C and added to *t*-BuI (9 g) in dichloromethane (20 ml). The mixture was shaken for a minimum of 1 h. The yellow precipitate of the complex $[\text{AgI}(\text{CN-}t\text{-Bu})]$ so produced was shaken with KCN (3 eq.) in water (20 ml). Two colourless layers formed, and the *t*-BuNC contained in the dichloromethane layer was recovered by distillation.

Infrared spectra were recorded in Nujol on a Perkin–Elmer 457 spectrometer. ^1H -Decoupled ^{31}P and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained with a JEOL PFT-100 Fourier transform spectrometer using a ^2H lock. ^{13}C chemical shifts are relative to internal Me_4Si , positive values indicating signals to high frequency of the reference. For ^{31}P data see Table 1. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL PS-100 spectrometer. Analytical and other data for new compounds are given in Table 2.

Syntheses of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)\text{L}_2]$ ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$ or PMePh_2) from $[\text{Pt}(1,5\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{12})_2]$

Typically, light petroleum (10 ml) was cooled to 0°C and saturated with

TABLE 2
MELTING POINTS, COLOUR AND ANALYSES

Compound	M.p. ^a (°C)	Colour	Analysis found (calcd.) (%)	
			C	H
I	212	cream	67.6 (67.7)	4.4 (4.6)
II	177	yellow	64.2 (64.4)	4.5 (4.3)
III	99	yellow	63.1 (63.2)	4.7 (4.5)
IV	174	cream	58.5 (58.6)	4.5 (4.5)
V	140	pale yellow	63.8 (63.2)	4.7 (4.6)
VI	168	yellow	62.1 (61.7)	4.6 (4.4)
VII	174	white	61.5 (61.7)	4.8 (4.4)
VIII ^b	146	brown	46.7 (46.7)	5.2 (5.0)
IX ^c	—	dark brown	38.3 (39.0)	5.1 (5.3)

^a Generally occurs with decomposition. ^b N, 5.8 (6.1). ^c N, 6.8 (7.0).

ethylene. Bis(cycloocta-1,5-diene)platinum (206 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, and the mixture stirred under ethylene until a clear pale yellow solution was obtained. A stoichiometric amount (262 mg, 1 mmol) of triphenylphosphine was then added, and the ethylene source exchanged for nitrogen. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature for ca. 1 h, during which time $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ precipitated in essentially quantitative yield. The complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PMePh}_2)_2]$ was similarly prepared, using a hexane solution of PMePh_2 of known concentration.

Reactions of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)\text{L}_2]$ with di-acetylenes

(a) *Mono-platinum compounds.* A sample of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (0.33 mmol), washed with light petroleum (3×5 ml) to remove cyclooctadiene, was suspended in light petroleum and PhC_4Ph (67 mg, 0.33 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 16 h, filtered, and the precipitate washed with solvent (3×5 ml) before drying by pumping on a vacuum line to afford $[\text{Pt}(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (I) (254 mg, 83%). IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3060w(br), 2170s, 1725s, 1715(sh), 1588s, 1565w, 1479s, 1436s, 1305w(br), 1193(sh), 1179m, 1170(sh), 1159m, 1151(sh), 1094s, 1065m, 1026m, 999m, 918w, 902w, 848w(br), 824m, 751s, 768s, 748s, 705(sh), 699vs, 619w, 570w, 554w, 540s, 526vs, 518vs, 450w, 449s, 438w, 419vw.

1,4-Diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne (51 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added to $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PMePh}_2)_2]$ (0.25 mmol) and the mixture stirred (20 h) at room temperature. The yellow precipitate was removed and washed (4×5 ml) with light petroleum and dried on a vacuum line to give $[\text{Pt}(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})(\text{PMePh}_2)_2]$ (III) (90 mg, 45%). IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3040(br), 2140m, 1697m(br), 1585m, 1570(sh), 1479(m), 1430m, 1303w(br), 1280w, 1185w(br), 1151w, 1099m, 1074w, 1022w, 909w, 891(sh), 886s, 881(sh), 842w, 761m, 754m, 750m, 736m, 727m, 698s, 692m, 532m, 510m, 500(sh), 490w, 480(sh), 449w, 419w. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3): τ 2.9 (30H, Ph), 8.14 (d, 3H, Me, $J(\text{PtH})$ 28; $J(\text{PH})$ 8 Hz) and 8.32 (d, 3H, Me).

Hexa-2,4-diyne (81 mg, ca. 1 mmol) was added to a suspension of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)-$

(PPh_3)₂] (0.5 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture stirred for 3.5 h. The precipitate so obtained was washed with light petroleum (4 × 5 ml) and dried to give $[\text{Pt}(\text{MeC}_4\text{Me})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (V) (280 mg, 70%). IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3052w, 2205w, 1765m, 1580m, 1568(sh), 1468s, 1430s, 1305w(br), 1263w, 1180m, 1153w, 1091s, 1082(sh), 1068w, 1027m, 998w, 866(sh), 842w(br), 752s, 748s, 703(sh), 692s, 618w, 541s, 519(sh), 511s, 455m, 430s, 418(sh). ^1H NMR spectrum (C_6D_6): τ 2.2–3.2 (30H, Ph), 7.8 (3H, Me, $J(\text{PtH})$ 8; $J(\text{PH})$ 38 Hz) and 8.4 (3H, Me, $J(\text{PtH})$ 4; $J(\text{PH})$ 18 Hz).

(b) *Di-platinum compounds.* Complex I (235 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added as a powder to $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (0.25 mmol) in light petroleum (15 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature (16 h), filtered, and the precipitate washed with light petroleum (5 ml) and dried in vacuo to give $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (II) (320 mg, 78%), recrystallized from toluene/petrol at -20°C . IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3050w, 1780w(br), 1682m(br), 1585m, 1569w, 1479s, 1436s, 1305w(br), 1158w, 1130w, 1094s, 1069w, 1029m, 1000w, 916w, 846w, 757s, 750(sh), 745s, 700s, 616w(br), 541s, 525s, 512s, 454w, 421w.

1,4-Diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne (51 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PMePh}_2)_2]$ (0.5 mmol) in hexane and the mixture was stirred for 22 h at room temperature. The precipitate obtained was washed (4 × 5 ml) with light petroleum and dried in vacuo to give $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})(\text{PMePh}_2)_4]$ (IV) (225 mg, 64%), recrystallized from toluene/light petroleum at -20°C . IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3050w, 1781m, 1669m, 1585m, 1570(sh), 1479s, 1439s, 1309w(br), 1155w(br), 1099m, 1068w, 1027w, 889s, 875s, 845s, 768w, 750m, 745(sh), 725s, 699s, 692(sh), 514m, 506m, 490w, 458(sh), 449m, 441(sh). ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3): τ 2.5–3.5 (50H, Ph), 8.28 and 8.38 (12H, Me, $J(\text{PtH})$ 28 Hz).

The compound $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{MeC}_4\text{Me})(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (VI) (190 mg, 83%) was prepared from $[\text{Pt}(\text{MeC}_4\text{Me})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (V) (120 mg, 0.15 mmol) in light petroleum (10 ml) by adding $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (110 mg, 0.15 mmol) and stirring for 3 to 4 h. IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3050w, 1719m, 1582w, 1569w, 1479s, 1432s, 1308w(br), 1263w(br), 1181m, 1179(sh), 1159w, 1097s, 1068w, 1058(sh), 1028m, 998w, 970w, 950w, 930w(br), 918w, 851w, 843w, 758m, 746s, 700s(br), 620w, 541s, 527s, 517s, 500s, 452m, 440(sh), 429m, 415(sh).

Complex $[\text{Pt}_2\{\text{HC}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}_2\text{H}\}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (VII) (290 mg, 76%) was prepared from $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (0.5 mmol) and a four-fold excess of hexa-1,5-diyne (143 mg, 1.8 mmol) by stirring in light petroleum at room temperature for 2 h. IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 3065(sh), 3045w, 1714m(br), 1580w, 1568w, 1478s, 1430s, 1358w, 1177m, 1156m, 1098(sh), 1092s, 1056w, 1027m, 998w, 964w, 864m, 849m, 842(sh), 758s, 744s, 693vs, 620w, 578(sh), 569w, 562vs, 545s, 500s, 452m, 438w, 427(sh), 417m.

Reactions of $[\text{Pt}_3(\text{CN-t-Bu})_6]$ with 1,4-diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne and hexa-2,4-diyne

1,4-Diphenylbuta-1,3-diyne (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added to $[\text{Pt}_3(\text{CN-t-Bu})_6]$ (180 mg, 0.17 mmol) suspended in light petroleum (10 ml) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The tan precipitate was filtered, washed (4 × 8 ml) with solvent, and dried in vacuo to give $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{PhC}_4\text{Ph})(\text{CN-t-Bu})_4]$ (VIII) (170 mg, 73%). IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 2145vs(br), 2025(sh) [$\nu(\text{NC})$], 1582w, 1229w, 1203s(br), 755m, 727(sh), 720w, 694w, 590w, 526(sh), 509w(br).

^1H NMR spectrum (acetone- d_6): τ 2.76 (10H, Ph), 8.4 (18H, Me), 8.54 (9H, Me) and 8.7 (9H, Me).

The compound $[\text{Pt}_2(\text{MeC}_4\text{Me})(\text{CN-t-Bu})_4]$ (IX) (88 mg, 33%) was similarly prepared from MeC_4Me (26 mg, 0.34 mmol) and $[\text{Pt}_3(\text{CN-t-Bu})_6]$ (240 mg, 0.22 mmol) in light petroleum (5 ml). The complex can be recrystallized from acetone/petrol at -20°C . IR spectrum (cm^{-1}): 2150s(br) [$\nu(\text{NC})$], 1259w, 1231w, 1200m(br), 805w(br), 721w, 513w(br). ^1H NMR spectrum (acetone- d_6): τ 8–9 (m, Me).

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