

Bridging Cyaphide (C≡P⁻) and Bridging Aryl Isocyaphide (C≡P-R) Ligands: Synthesis and Characterization of (X)(PEt₃)₂Pt(μ-C≡P)Pt(PEt₃)₂ and (X)(PEt₃)Pt(μ-C≡P-R)Pt(PEt₃)₂(X) (X = Cl, Br; R = 2,4,6-Tri-*tert*-butylphenyl)[†]

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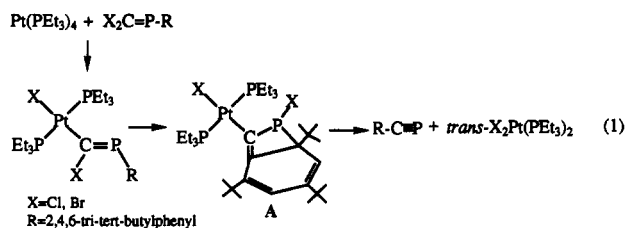
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The halophosphaalkene platinum complexes, *trans*-(X)(PEt₃)₂Pt[C(=PR)X] (1a, X = Cl; 1b, X = Br; R = 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl) react with Pt(PEt₃)₄ to yield (X)(PEt₃)Pt(μ-C≡PR)Pt(PEt₃)₂(X) (3a, X = Cl; 3b, X = Br). The molecular structure of 3a shows that it contains a semibridging isocyaphide (C≡P-R) ligand. The platinum complexes *trans*-(X)(PEt₃)₂Pt[C(=PR)X] (1a, X = Cl; 1b, X = Br; R = 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl) react with Pd(PEt₃)₄ to give (X)(PEt₃)₂Pt(C≡P) (4) and (X)(PEt₃)₂Pd(R) (5). Complexes 4, which are tentatively assigned a structure with a terminal cyaphide (C≡P⁻) ligand, react with Pt(PEt₃)₄ to give bridging cyaphide diplatinum complexes (PEt₃)₂Pt(μ-C≡P)Pt(PEt₃)₂(X) (6a, X = Cl; 6b, X = Br). The molecular structure of 6a exhibits a bridging C≡P⁻ ligand carbon-bonded to Pt(1) and η²-bonded to Pt(2). In the structure of 5a, a methyl group of each of the two *o*-*tert*-butyl groups of the R ligand sits above (and below) the Pd; however, NMR studies suggest there is little if any agostic interaction.

Introduction

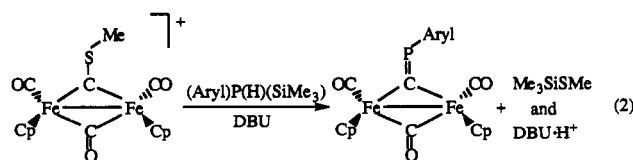
During the past two decades, bulky alkyl and aryl R groups have been used to stabilize compounds with multiple bonds between carbon and phosphorus. As a result, many phosphalkynes (RC≡P)¹ have been synthesized and subsequently incorporated as ligands into transition metal complexes.² According to photoelectron spectroscopic studies,³ the HOMO of phosphalkynes is a π-type orbital and the nonbonding (n) electrons are of lower energy; the π-n separation is greater in phosphalkynes than in the corresponding nitriles (RC≡N), which generally prefer N ligation to metals. The relatively high energy of the C≡P π-bond may explain the preference of RC≡P for side-on π-bonding over P-donor coordination in transition metal phosphalkyne complexes.

Unlike RC≡P compounds, the isomeric alkyl or aryl isocyaphides (C≡PR)⁴ are unknown and are unstable relative to the RC≡P isomer according to ab initio calculations.⁵ In fact, these calculations indicate that C≡P-H is 85 kcal/mol less stable than the H-C≡P isomer. Recently, several research groups have proposed free C≡PR (where R = 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl) as a transient intermediate in the conversion of Li(Cl)C≡PR to LiCl and RC≡P^{6a-d} and in the reaction of Pd(PPh₃)₄ with Cl₂C≡PR to give (Cl)₂Pd(PPh₃)₂ and R-C≡P.^{6e} The latter reaction, however, probably does not proceed through free C≡PR; this is suggested by our study⁷ of the analogous reaction (eq 1) of Pt(PEt₃)₄ with Cl₂C≡PR or



Br₂C≡PR. For this reaction, intermediate A has been isolated and characterized by X-ray diffraction studies. Thus, there is no evidence for free C≡PR as a transient intermediate in this reaction.

While there is no experimental evidence for free alkyl or aryl isocyaphides (C≡PR), we communicated⁸ previously the synthesis of a diplatinum complex (Cl)(PEt₃)Pt(μ-C≡PR)Pt(PEt₃)₂(Cl) (3a) with a semibridging C≡PR ligand. More recently, Weber and co-workers⁹ reported the synthesis (eq 2) of a diiron complex with a bridging



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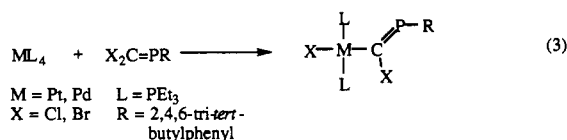
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C≡PR ligand. In the present paper, we provide details for the synthesis of **3a** and related derivatives.

In addition to our interest in stabilizing C≡PR ligands in transition metal complexes, we have also sought to prepare complexes with the cyaphide¹⁰ (C≡P⁻) ligand, the phosphorus analog of cyanide (C≡N⁻), a well-known ligand in transition metal chemistry.¹¹ Since C≡P⁻ has not been detected, little is known about it; however, a MO calculation¹² suggests that its heat of formation is ca. 40 kcal/mol greater than that of C≡N⁻. However, as discussed in a communication,¹³ we have isolated and characterized crystallographically a diplatinum complex, (Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pt(μ-C≡P)Pt(PEt₃)₂, in which the C≡P⁻ is C-bonded to one Pt and π-bonded to the other. Details of the synthesis and characterization of this diplatinum complex are described herein.

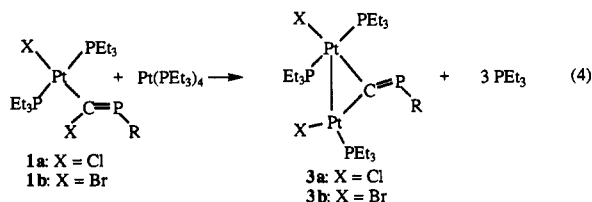
The syntheses of both the semibridging aryl isocyaphide complex (Cl)(PEt₃)Pt(μ-C≡PR)Pt(PEt₃)₂(Cl) (**3a**)⁸ and the bridging cyaphide complex (Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pt(μ-C≡P)-Pt(PEt₃)₂ (**6a**)¹³ begin with the platinum complexes *trans*-(X)(PEt₃)₂Pt[C(=PR)X] [X = Cl, Br; R = 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl], whose preparations (eq 3) were reported



previously.^{7,8} In this paper, are given details of the syntheses of **3a** and **6a** and related compounds, as well as evidence for the formation of the complexes (X)(PEt₃)₂Pt(C≡P) (X = Cl, Br) with a terminal cyaphide (C≡P⁻) ligand.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis of Semibridging Isocyaphide Platinum Complexes, (X)(PEt₃)Pt(μ-C≡PR)Pt(PEt₃)₂(X) (3a**, X = Cl; **3b**, X = Br).** The first examples of stable aryl isocyaphide metal complexes (X)(PEt₃)Pt(μ-C≡PR)Pt(PEt₃)₂(X) (**3a**, X = Cl; **3b**, X = Br) were prepared by the reaction of *trans*-(X)(PEt₃)₂Pt[C(=PR)X] with Pt(PEt₃)₄ in benzene (or in hexanes) solvent at room temperature (eq 4). This oxidative-addition type reaction was complete



within 24 h and afforded **3a** or **3b** as the only product, as determined by ³¹P NMR spectra of the reaction solutions; some O=PEt₃ impurity was also formed, presumably resulting from the reaction of PEt₃ with adventitious O₂. The reaction leading to the bromo analog **3b** was faster than that to **3a**. But both of these reactions were much

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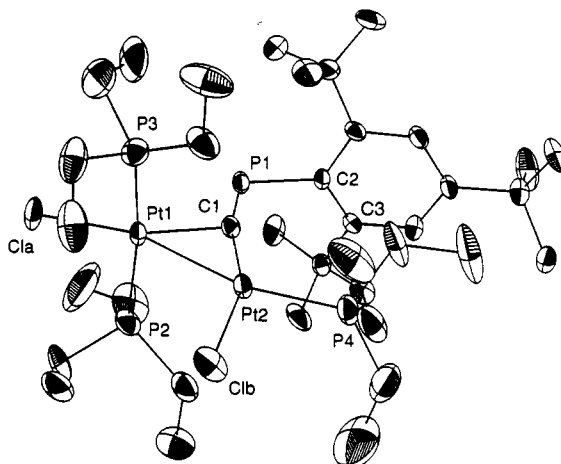


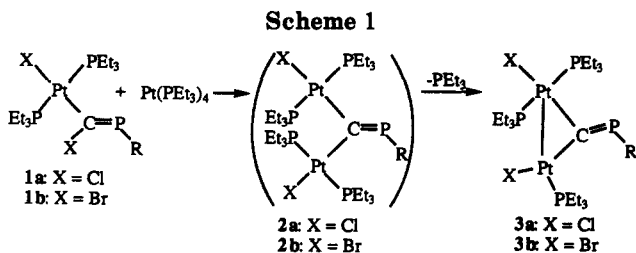
Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of (Cl)(PEt₃)Pt(μ-C≡PR)Pt(PEt₃)₂(Cl) (**3a**).

slower than those (eq 3) of X₂C=PR (X = Cl, Br) with Pt(PEt₃)₄ which were complete within minutes in the same solvents (C₆H₆ or hexanes) at room temperature.^{7,8} Complexes **3a** and **3b** were isolated in 60–65% yield after recrystallization in hexanes at -78 °C. During recrystallization, red crystals of **3a** or **3b** precipitated after colorless crystals of the O=PEt₃ impurity formed. Complexes **3a** and **3b** are stable in air for at least 1 month at room temperature and are soluble in organic solvents (C₆H₆, hexanes, acetone, THF, and CH₂Cl₂). Complexes **3a** and **3b** were also prepared by the direct reaction of X₂C=PR (X = Cl, Br) with 2 equiv of Pt(PEt₃)₄ in benzene (or in hexanes) solvent at room temperature; in this synthesis, both reactions (eqs 3 and 4) occur in the same solution. But the yield (<40%) was much lower than that obtained from the reaction of **1a** with Pt(PEt₃)₄ (eq 4).

Compounds **3a** and **3b** were characterized by NMR spectroscopy (³¹P{¹H} and ¹H), elemental analysis, and X-ray crystallography (for **3a**). The NMR spectra of both **3a** and **3b** show the same pattern of signals which suggests they have the same structure. And these spectra are consistent with the structure (Figure 1) of **3a** as established crystallographically. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **3a** shows three different signals. The peak at 151.3 ppm, assigned to the phosphorus in the C=PR ligand, shows a doublet of triplets with two different Pt satellites, which is consistent with the structure of **3a**; the triplet (³J_{PP} = 23 Hz) results from coupling of P(1)¹⁴ to the two equivalent PEt₃ ligands on Pt(1) and the doublet (³J_{PP} = 35 Hz) is caused by coupling to the PEt₃ ligand on Pt(2). Although the two ¹⁹⁵Pt—P(1) coupling constants (²J_{PtP(1)}} = 321 Hz, ²J_{PtP(1)}} = 110 Hz) to the Pt atoms cannot be assigned unambiguously, we can make a best guess based on previous observations¹⁵ that J_{PtP} coupling constants are larger for complexes with a lower Pt coordination number. Thus, the large J_{PtP} (321 Hz) may be assigned to ¹⁹⁵Pt(2)—P(1) and the small value (110 Hz) to ¹⁹⁵Pt(1)—P(1). Similarly, the ¹⁹⁵Pt—P coupling constant (2428 Hz) for the two PEt₃ ligands on Pt(1) is smaller than that (4814 Hz) for the PEt₃ ligand on Pt(2). The doublet at 19.6 ppm is assigned to the two equivalent PEt₃ ligands on Pt(1), while the other doublet at 22.8 ppm is assigned to the PEt₃ ligand on Pt(2). The chemical shift of the

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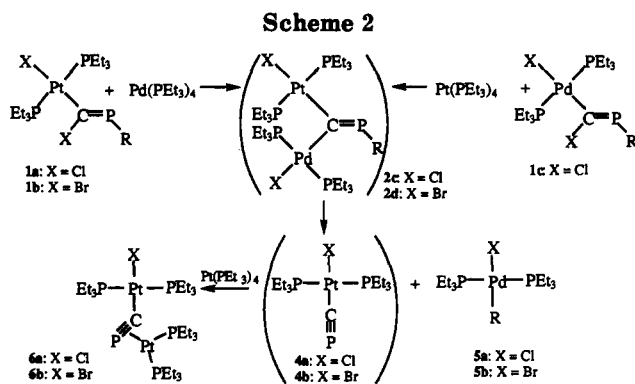
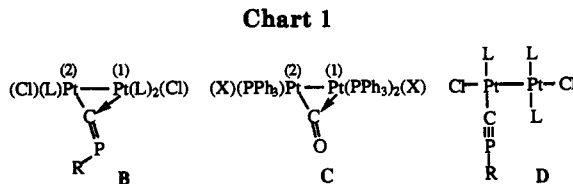
phosphorus in the semibridging isocyanide ligand (151.3 ppm) is significantly upfield of that for the phosphorus in 1a (223.3 ppm).

Although no intermediates were observed by ^{31}P NMR spectroscopy during the reaction (eq 4) of 1a (or 1b) with $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$, a possible mechanism for the formation of 3a (or 3b) could involve intermediate 2a (or 2b) resulting from oxidative addition of the C—X bond to $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (Scheme 1). Loss of PEt_3 from this intermediate followed by Pt—Pt bond formation would give the final product 3a (or 3b).

X-ray Crystal Structure of $(\text{Cl})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-C}=\text{PR})\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2(\text{Cl})$ (3a). The ORTEP drawing of complex 3a (Figure 1), which was reported briefly in a communication,⁸ shows a dinuclear complex with a bridging $\mu\text{-C}=\text{PR}$ ligand. The atoms Cl(a), Pt(1), C(1), P(1), C(2), Pt(2), Cl(b), and P(4) are all coplanar within 0.134 Å; of the coordinated atoms, only P(2) and P(3) are out of this plane, the Pt(1)—P(2) and Pt(1)—P(3) bond vectors being approximately perpendicular to this plane. The C(1)—P(1) distance (1.67(1) Å) in the $\mu\text{-C}=\text{PR}$ ligand is the same as that (1.678(5) Å) in the precursor complex $(\text{Cl})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{C}(\text{=PR})\text{Cl}]$ (1a)⁷ and that (1.67 Å) in $\text{Ph}(\text{H})\text{C}=\text{PR}$, where R = 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl.¹⁶ The Pt—C distances to the bridging C=PR from the inequivalent Pt atoms are significantly different; Pt(1)—C(1) (2.107(9) Å) is 0.22 Å longer than Pt(2)—C(1) (1.89(1) Å). Also, the Pt—C(1)—P(1) angles are vastly different; the Pt(2)—C(1)—P(1) angle (164.1(6)°) approaches linearity while Pt(1)—C(1)—P(1) (112.0(5)°) is sharply bent.

The geometry of the C=P—R ligand in 3a is not analogous to symmetrically bridging isocyanide ligands as occurs in compounds such as the triangular $\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-CNR})_3(\text{CNR})_3$,¹⁷ the dinuclear $\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-CNR})_2(\text{CNR})_2$,¹⁸ or the symmetrically bridging isocyanide ligand in $\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_2(\mu\text{-CO})(\mu\text{-C}=\text{P}\text{-mesityl})$ (eq 2).⁹ The long non-bonding Pt(1)—P(1) distance (3.15 Å) eliminates the possibility that the C=P—R ligand is a four-electron donor with π -donation from the C=P bond to Pt(1). Therefore, the most reasonable description of $\mu\text{-C}=\text{P}\text{-R}$ in this complex is that of a semibridging group, which is strongly coordinated to Pt(2) and interacts more weakly with Pt(1) by accepting at C(1) electron donation from the more electron rich Pt(1) (with two PEt_3 donor ligands), as represented in B (Chart 1).

Structure B of compound 3a is very similar to that (C) of $(\text{X})(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{X})$ (X = Cl,¹⁹ Br²⁰), both of which have been described as containing a semibridging



CO ligand. As in 3a, the Pt(2)—C—O angle (156(1)°) is very open and the Pt(2)—C bond distance (1.901(13) Å) is shorter than that of Pt(1)—C (2.218(13) Å) in $(\text{Br})(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{Br})$.²⁰ In the absence of a semibridging interaction with Pt(1), the C=PR ligand in 3a would be terminal and have structure D. It is not clear why the C=PR ligand in 3a and the CO in C prefer the semibridging structure.

Reaction of $(\text{X})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{C}(\text{=PR})\text{X}]$ (1a, X = Cl; 1b, X = Br) with $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ To Give 4 and 5 and Then with $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ To Give $(\text{X})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-C}=\text{P})\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ (6a, X = Cl; 6b, X = Br). When the precursor complexes 1a and 1b react with $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ in benzene (or hexanes) solvent at room temperature, the reaction proceeds in a totally different manner (Scheme 2) than that with $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (eq 4). After stirring the reaction solution of 1a and $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ for 24 h, the two complexes (4a and 5a) were observed as the only products in the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum. These products were quite stable in solution under argon even at room temperature for at least 1 week. Despite this stability, all attempts to separate 4a by fractional crystallization in hexanes at low temperature (−78 °C) were unsuccessful; however, colorless crystals of 5a (90% yield) readily separated at an early stage of this recrystallization. Complex 5a was also separated from the mixture by column chromatography (neutral alumina, hexanes). Complex 4a decomposed to unidentifiable products during the chromatography even when performed at low temperature (−30 °C). The spectroscopic characterization of 4a is described below. The reaction of 1b with $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ showed exactly the same reaction pattern and gave the analogous products (4b and 5b).

The ^1H and $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of 5a in solution are consistent with its structure as determined by X-ray diffraction (Figure 2). The ^1H NMR spectrum of 5a clearly shows the expected signals, two singlets at δ 1.89 ppm (*o-t*-Bu, 18H) and δ 1.34 ppm (*p-t*-Bu, 9H) and a doublet at δ 7.42 ppm (2H on Ph), for the supermesityl group; it also exhibits two multiplets at δ 1.68 and 0.88 ppm, for the CH_2 and CH_3 protons of the PEt_3 ligands. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of 5a contains only one singlet at δ −2.75 ppm for the two equivalent PEt_3 ligands.

Although we were unable to isolate and fully characterize 4a, it may be tentatively assigned to the terminal cyaphide structure in Scheme 2 on the basis of its $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR

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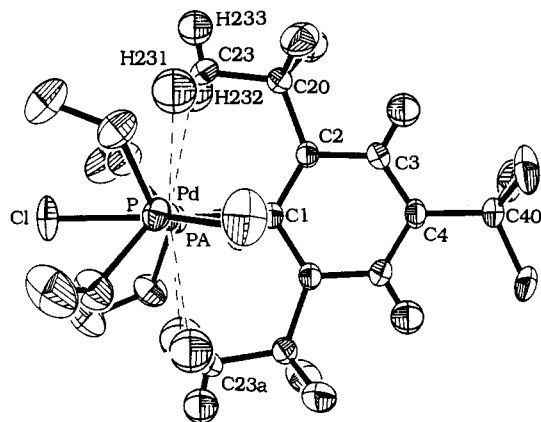


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of (Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pd(2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl) (**5a**).

spectrum in the reaction mixture with **5a**. Of the two signals ascribed to **4a**, the one at δ 7.3 ppm is assigned to the PEt₃ ligands because the chemical shift is characteristic of a PEt₃ bound to Pt(II) and the ¹⁹⁵Pt—P coupling constant (2871 Hz) is typical of *trans*-Pt^{II}(PEt₃)₂X₂¹⁵ complexes; the small *J*_{PP} (9.2 Hz) is reasonable for coupling to the more distant phosphorus on the C≡P⁻ ligand. The signal at δ 68.0 ppm, which we assign to the cyaphide phosphorus, is split (*J*_{PP} = 9.2 Hz) into a triplet by the equivalent PEt₃ phosphorus atoms, and the ¹⁹⁵Pt satellites show a relatively small *J*_{PtP} (303 Hz) coupling constant.

Although complex **4a** was not isolated, it can be trapped by reaction (Scheme 2) with Pt(PEt₃)₄ to give the diplatinum complex **6a**. Complex **6a** formed quickly when Pt(PEt₃)₄ was added to a benzene (or hexanes) solution containing the **4a** and **5a** mixture. Complex **6a** was isolated in 80% yield by fractional crystallization over a period of approximately 2 weeks in hexanes at -78 °C. During this recrystallization, impurity O=PEt₃ and complex **5a** precipitated first, and then **6a** crystallized. Pale brown crystals of **6a** are slightly stable in air at room temperature; they may be handled in air for a maximum of 5 min. The synthesis of the bromo analog **6b** proceeded in the same manner.

Complex **6a** was fully characterized by NMR spectroscopy (³¹P{¹H} and ¹H), elemental analysis, and an X-ray crystal structure determination. The analogous complex **6b** was identified by its ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **6a** shows four different signals. The signal at δ 107.0 ppm, assigned to the phosphorus in the bridging C≡P ligand, is a doublet of doublets of triplets with two different ¹⁹⁵Pt satellites. The two doublets (²*J*_{P(1)P(4)} = 10.7 Hz, ²*J*_{P(1)P(5)} = 13.7 Hz) result from coupling to the two PEt₃ ligands on Pt(2), and the triplet is due to splitting by the two equivalent PEt₃ ligands on Pt(1). Of the two ¹⁹⁵Pt—P coupling constants obtained from the P(1) signal, the one (255 Hz) assigned to ²*J*_{Pt(1)P(1)} is much smaller than that in *trans*-(Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pt[C(≡PR)-Cl] (**1a**) (657.7 Hz)⁷ but is quite similar to that (303 Hz) in **4a**. The other coupling constant (58 Hz), assigned to ¹*J*_{Pt(2)P(1)}, is very similar to that in η^2 -(RC≡P)Pt(PPh₃)₂ (62 Hz)²¹ (where R = *t*-Bu); such small coupling constants are typical for side-on bound R—C≡P ligands in Pt metal complexes. The two signals at δ 18.6 ppm (dd, ¹*J*_{Pt(2)P(4)} = 3619 Hz) and δ 15.0 ppm (ddt, ¹*J*_{Pt(2)P(5)} = 3155 Hz) are assigned to the two PEt₃ ligands on Pt(2) on the basis of

Table 1. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for the Compound (Cl)(PEt₃)Pt(μ -C≡PR)Pt(PEt₃)₂ (Cl) (**3a**), R = 2,4,6-Tri-*tert*-butylphenyl

Distances (Å)			
Pt(1)—Pt(2)	2.6751(5)	Pt(1)—Cl(a)	2.388(3)
Pt(1)—P(2)	2.338(4)	Pt(2)—Cl(b)	2.398(3)
Pt(1)—C(1)	2.107(9)	Pt(1)—P(3)	2.324(4)
Pt(2)—C(1)	1.89(1)	Pt(2)—P(4)	2.217(3)
P(1)—C(1)	1.67(1)	P(1)—C(2)	1.89(1)
Angles (deg)			
Pt(2)—Pt(1)—C(1(a))	155.2(1)	Pt(2)—Pt(1)—P(2)	90.34(9)
Pt(2)—Pt(1)—P(3)	90.4(1)	Pt(2)—Pt(1)—C(1)	44.7(2)
Cl(a)—Pt(1)—P(2)	87.8(2)	Cl(a)—Pt(1)—P(3)	86.4(1)
Cl(a)—Pt(1)—C(1)	159.9(3)	P(2)—Pt(1)—P(3)	167.7(1)
P(2)—Pt(1)—C(1)	96.8(2)	P(3)—Pt(1)—C(1)	92.4(2)
Pt(1)—Pt(2)—C(1(b))	104.76(9)	Pt(1)—Pt(2)—P(4)	163.42(9)
Pt(1)—Pt(2)—C(1)	51.5(3)	Cl(b)—Pt(2)—P(4)	91.5(1)
Cl(b)—Pt(2)—C(1)	156.2(3)	P(4)—Pt(2)—C(1)	112.3(3)
C(1)—P(1)—C(2)	110.7(5)	Pt(1)—C(1)—Pt(2)	83.8(4)
P(1)—C(2)—C(3)	122.1(7)	P(1)—C(2)—C(7)	120.6(7)
Pt(1)—C(1)—P(1)	112.0(5)	Pt(2)—C(1)—P(1)	164.1(6)

their splitting patterns and the *J*_{Pt—P} values which are typical of η^2 -(R-C≡P)Pt(L)₂ (*J*_{PtP} = 3200–3600 Hz).² The signal at δ 4.9 ppm (dd, ¹*J*_{Pt(1)P(2)} = 2936 Hz) is assigned to the two equivalent PEt₃ ligands on Pt(1); the ¹⁹⁵Pt—P coupling constant is similar to that (2871 Hz) in **4a**, which is typical for *trans*-X₂Pt(PR₃)₂ complexes.²⁰

No intermediates were detected in ³¹P NMR spectra taken during the reaction (Scheme 2) of **1a** (or **1b**) with Pd(PEt₃)₄ to give **4a** (or **4b**) and **5a** (or **5b**). However, we propose that the first step in this reaction is the formation of the mixed Pt—Pd complex **2c** (or **2d**) by oxidative addition of the C—X bond of **1a** (or **1b**) to Pd(PEt₃)₄. Subsequent transfer of the R group from P to Pd would give the products **4a** (or **4b**) and **5a** (or **5b**). To test the proposed intermediacy of **2c**, the Pd complex **1c** was reacted with Pt(PEt₃)₄ (Scheme 2). If **2c** is an intermediate in this latter reaction, the same products should be obtained as in the reaction of **1a** with Pd(PEt₃)₄. Indeed, **1c** reacts with Pt(PEt₃)₄ in C₆H₆ (or hexanes) at room temperature for 24 h to give **4a** and **5a** in quantitative yield, as determined by ³¹P NMR spectra of the product mixture. This experiment not only supports **2c** and **2d** as intermediates in the reaction in Scheme 2 but is also consistent with the suggestion that **2a** and **2b** are intermediates in the reaction in Scheme 1.

X-ray Crystal Structures of (Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pd(R) (5a**) and (Cl)(PEt₃)Pt(μ -C≡P)Pt(PEt₃)₂ (**6a**).** Data collection information, bond distances, angles, and positional parameters for **5a** and bond distances and angles for **6a** are presented in Tables 1–5. The ORTEP drawing of **6a** (Figure 3), which was also reported briefly in a communication,¹³ shows that it contains a bridging C≡P ligand carbon-bonded to Pt(1) and η^2 -bonded to Pt(2); the Pt atoms are not bonded to each other [Pt(1)—Pt(2) = 3.7868(3) Å]. The atoms Cl, Pt(1), C(1), P(1), Pt(2), P(4), and P(5) are all nearly coplanar (within 0.061 Å), while P(2) and P(3) are 2.292 and 2.279 Å out of this plane. The C(1)—P(1) distance (1.666(6) Å) is longer than those of triple bonds in phosphalkynes RC≡P [1.52(1) Å for R = 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl²² and 1.536(2) Å for R = *tert*-butyl]²³ but is very similar to that (1.67(2) Å) in η^2 -(RC≡P)Pt(PPh₃)₂ (where R = *t*-Bu).²¹ The C(1)—P(1)

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Table 2. Crystal and Data Collection Parameters for *trans*-(Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pd(R) (5a), R = 2,4,6-Tri-*tert*-butylphenyl

Crystal Data	
formula	C ₃₀ H ₅₉ ClP ₂ Pd
fw	623.6
color and habit	yellow, monoclinic
cryst size, mm	0.55 × 0.40 × 0.37
cryst syst	monoclinic
space group	C2/c
a, Å	17.580(4)
b, Å	12.945(2)
c, Å	14.877(3)
β, deg	102.99(2)
V, Å ³	3307.4(11)
Z	4
D _{calcd} , g/cm ³	1.252
Data Collection and Refinement	
diffractometer	Enraf-Nonius CAD4
radiation	Mo Kα (λ = 0.710 73 Å)
monochromator	highly-oriented graphite crystal
scan type	θ-2θ
2θ range, deg	4.0-50.0
no. of data coll'd	6187
no. of unique data	2907 (R _m = 0.029)
no. of unique obs'd data	2690; F > 4.0σ(F)
no. of params refined	186
R, R _w , b %	0.0272, 0.0403
goodness-of-fit ^c	1.10

^a $R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b $R_w = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$; $w = 1/\sigma^2(|F_o|)$. ^c Goodness-of-fit = $[\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / (N_{obs} - N_{params})]^{1/2}$.

Table 3. Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Coefficients (Å² × 10³) for the Compound *trans*-(Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pd(R) (5a), R = 2,4,6-Tri-*tert*-butylphenyl

atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
Pd	5000	1907	2500	23(1)
Cl	5000	58(1)	2500	49(1)
P	4013(1)	1863(1)	3331(1)	30(1)
C(11)	4302(2)	1010(2)	4338(2)	47(1)
C(12)	3710(2)	596(3)	4824(2)	75(1)
C(13)	3764(2)	3103(2)	3794(2)	45(1)
C(14)	3072(2)	3155(2)	4231(3)	64(1)
C(15)	3047(1)	1401(2)	2716(2)	48(1)
C(16)	3018(2)	375(2)	2224(2)	65(1)
C(1)	5000	3483(2)	2500	23(1)
C(2)	4501(1)	4052(1)	1786(1)	25(1)
C(20)	3890(1)	3640(2)	932(1)	32(1)
C(21)	3078(1)	3945(2)	1035(2)	58(1)
C(22)	4042(2)	4150(2)	43(2)	56(1)
C(23)	3880(1)	2483(2)	743(2)	44(1)
C(3)	4516(1)	5128(1)	1817(1)	30(1)
C(4)	5000	5695(2)	2500	30(1)
C(40)	5000	6883(2)	2500	35(1)
C(41)	5244(4)	7287(4)	1675(4)	59(2)
C(42)	5531(4)	7350(3)	3372(3)	58(2)
C(43)	4154(3)	7258(4)	2479(5)	61(2)

Table 4. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for the Complex *trans*-(Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pd(R) (5a), R = 2,4,6-Tri-*tert*-butylphenyl

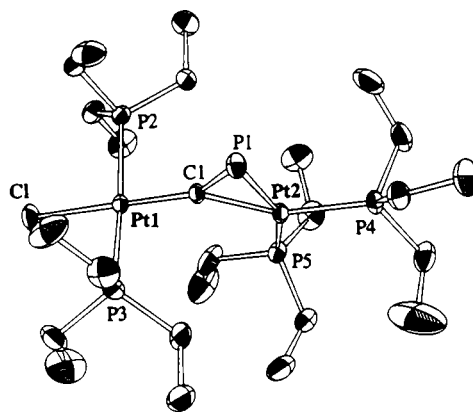
Distances (Å)			
Pd-Cl	2.394(1)	Pd-C(1)	2.045(3)
Pd-P	2.348(1)	Pd-PA	2.348(1)
Pd-H(231)	2.495	Pd-H(232)	2.795
Angles (deg)			
Cl-Pd-P	88.6(1)	Cl-Pd-C(1)	180.0(1)
P-Pd-C(1)	91.4(1)	Cl-Pd-PA	88.6(1)
P-Pd-PA	177.2(1)	C(1)-Pd-PA	91.4(1)

distance is also very similar to that of a C=P double bond, as found in Ph(H)C=PR (1.67 Å, where R = 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenyl).¹⁶

The ORTEP drawing of complex 5a (Figure 2) shows that it has essentially a square planar geometry with two

Table 5. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for the Compound (Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pt(μ-C=P)Pt(PEt₃)₂ (6a)

Distances (Å)			
Pt(1)-C(1)	1.950(6)	Pt(1)-Cl	2.412(2)
Pt(1)-P(2)	2.302(2)	Pt(1)-P(3)	2.297(2)
Pt(2)-C(1)	2.083(5)	Pt(2)-P(1)	2.337(2)
Pt(2)-P(4)	2.269(2)	Pt(2)-P(5)	2.277(2)
C(1)-P(1)	1.666(6)		
Angles (deg)			
C(1)-Pt(1)-Cl	178.9(2)	C(1)-Pt(1)-P(2)	91.6(2)
C(1)-Pt(1)-P(3)	87.1(2)	Cl-Pt(1)-P(2)	88.05(7)
Cl-Pt(1)-P(3)	93.46(7)	P(2)-Pt(1)-P(3)	168.53(6)
C(1)-Pt(2)-P(1)	43.8(2)	C(1)-Pt(2)-P(4)	146.1(2)
C(1)-Pt(2)-P(5)	109.2(2)	P(1)-Pt(2)-P(4)	102.45(6)
P(1)-Pt(2)-P(5)	152.96(6)	Pt(1)-C(1)-Pt(2)	139.7(3)
Pt(1)-C(1)-P(1)	144.0(3)	Pt(2)-C(1)-P(1)	76.2(2)
Pt(2)-P(1)-C(1)	59.9(2)		

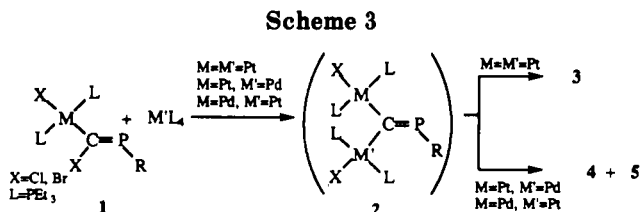
**Figure 3. ORTEP drawing of (Cl)(PEt₃)₂Pt(μ-C=P)Pt(PEt₃)₂ (6a).**

PEt₃, a Cl, and a C-bonded supermesityl ligand. The atoms Cl, Pd, C(1), C(2), C(3), C(4), and C(40) are all nearly coplanar within 0.009 Å; only P and PA are out of this plane, the Pd-P and Pd-PA bond vectors being approximately perpendicular to this plane. An interesting structural feature of 5a is the placement of two methyl groups of the two *o-tert*-butyl substituents on the phenyl ring above and below the Pd atom. This geometry suggests that there may be an agostic C-H interaction between the Pd and two H atoms on each CH₃ group. As the distances Pd-C(23) (2.992 Å) and Pd-C(23a) (2.992 Å) are much longer than the normal Pd-C bond distance (ca. 2.00 Å), there appears to be no Pd-C bonding. The estimated distances of Pd...H(231) (2.495 Å) and Pd...H(232) (2.795 Å) (assuming 0.96 Å for the methyl C-H distances) are comparable to nonbonding Pd...H distances to the ortho hydrogens of the phenyl rings in the phosphine complexes I₂Pd(PPhMe₂)₂ (2.84-2.85 Å)²⁴ and Pd(PPh^tBu₂)₂ (2.6 Å).²⁵ In (Br)(PPh₃)₂Pd[C₄(CO₂Me)₄H],²⁶ the agostic Pd...H (vinyl) distance is only 2.3 Å and the agostic vinyl ¹H NMR signal is split into a triplet by coupling to the two PPh₃ ligands on Pd. Since ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 5a in CD₂Cl₂ solvent show no splitting of the CH₃ signal by the PEt₃ ligands and all three methyl carbons and all nine hydrogens of the *o-tert*-butyl groups are equivalent even at low temperature (-75 °C), any agostic interaction between the Pd and the protons in the two *o-tert*-butyl groups must be weak or nonexistent.

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The remarkable reactions of $(X)(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{C}(\equiv\text{PR})\text{X}]$ (**1a**, $X = \text{Cl}$; **1b**, $X = \text{Br}$) with $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ and $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ have yielded the first examples of complexes containing $\text{C}\equiv\text{P}^-$ and $\text{C}\equiv\text{PR}$ ligands. In these reactions, the first step (Scheme 3) is presumably oxidative addition of the $\text{C}-\text{X}$ bond in the $[\text{C}(\equiv\text{PR})\text{X}]$ ligand to $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ or $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ to give intermediate **2**. If M and M' are both Pt, intermediate **2** is converted to products of type **3**; the bridging aryl isocyaphide complexes $(X)(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{PR})\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2(X)$ (**3a** and **3b**) are prepared in this type of reaction. On the other hand, if M is Pt and M' is Pd, intermediate **2** gives the terminal cyaphide ($\text{C}\equiv\text{P}^-$) complex *trans*- $(X)(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\text{C}\equiv\text{P})$ (**4**) and *trans*- $(X)(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pd}(\text{R})$ (**5**). Thus, the presence of Pd in intermediate **2** yields products that are dramatically different from those obtained when M and M' in **2** are both Pt. Of additional importance is the reaction of the terminal cyaphide complexes **4** with $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ to give $(X)(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{P})\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ (**6**), which contains a bridging cyaphide ligand.

Experimental Section

General Procedure. All manipulations were carried out under a dry, oxygen-free argon atmosphere, using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents employed were reagent grade and dried by refluxing over appropriate drying agents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et_2O) were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl, while hexanes and dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) were distilled from CaH_2 .

The ^1H NMR spectra were recorded in C_6D_6 unless otherwise noted using a Nicolet-NT 300-MHz or Varian VXR 300-MHz spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) (δ 0.00 ppm) as the internal standard. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and ^{31}P NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-300 spectrometer in C_6D_6 using 85% H_3PO_4 (δ 0.00 ppm) as the external standard. Elemental analyses were performed by either Galbraith Laboratories, Inc., Knoxville, TN, or Desert Analytics, Tucson, AZ. The complexes $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$,²⁷ $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$,²⁸ *trans*- $(\text{Cl})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{C}(\equiv\text{PR})\text{Cl}]$ (**1a**),⁷ *trans*- $(\text{Br})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{C}(\equiv\text{PR})\text{Br}]$ (**1b**),⁷ and *trans*- $(\text{Cl})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pd}[\text{C}(\equiv\text{PR})\text{Cl}]$ (**1c**),⁷ where $R = 2,4,6$ -tri-*tert*-butylphenyl, were prepared by literature methods.

Preparation of $(\text{Cl})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{PR})\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2(\text{Cl})$ (3a**).** To a benzene solution (5 mL) of *trans*- $(\text{Cl})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{C}(\equiv\text{PR})\text{Cl}]$ (**1a**) (0.395 g, 0.500 mmol) was added a benzene solution (5 mL) of $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (0.334 g, 0.500 mmol). After the solution was stirred at room temperature under argon for 24 h, the solvent was evaporated to dryness to yield an oily reddish-yellow residue. The residue was extracted with hexanes (30 mL) and filtered by cannula. After reducing the extract to one-fourth of its volume under vacuum, red crystals of **3a** (0.717 g, 65%) were obtained by cooling (-30°C) the solution. ^1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 7.46 (s, 2H, R), 2.43 (m, 6H, CH_2), 2.09 (m, 6H, CH_2), 1.49 (m, 6H, CH_2), 1.74 (s, 18H, CH_3 of R), 1.35 (s, 9H, CH_3 of R), 1.26 (m, 18H, CH_3 of Et), 0.82 (m, 9H, CH_3 of Et). ^{31}P NMR (acetone- d_6 , 85% H_3PO_4 external standard) (see Figure 1 for atom labels): δ 151.3 (td, $^3J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 23$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 35$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(1)} = 110$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(1)}$

$= 321$ Hz, P(1)), 22.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{P}(4)\text{P}(1)} = 35$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(4)} = 4814$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 512$ Hz, P(4) in PEt_3), 19.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{P}(2)\text{P}(1)} = 23$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 2428$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(2)} = 67$ Hz, P(2) and P(3) in PEt_3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{74}\text{Cl}_2\text{P}_4\text{Pt}_2$: C, 40.25; H, 6.78. Found: C, 40.36; H, 6.95.

Preparation of $(\text{Br})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-C}\equiv\text{PR})\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_2(\text{Br})$ (3b**).** Complex **3b** was prepared by the same method as described above using *trans*- $(\text{Br})(\text{PEt}_3)_2\text{Pt}[\text{C}(\equiv\text{PR})\text{Br}]$ (**1b**) (0.088 g, 0.10 mmol) and $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (0.067 g, 0.10 mmol). The product **3b** was obtained as red crystals (0.072 g, 60%). ^1H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 7.47 (s, 2H, R), 2.53 (m, 12H, CH_2 of Et), 2.10 (m, 6H, CH_2 of Et), 1.73 (s, 18H, CH_3 of R), 1.35 (s, 9H, CH_3 of R), 1.25 (m, 18H, CH_3 of Et), 0.82 (m, 9H, CH_3 of Et). ^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6): δ 142.3 (td, $^3J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 23$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 36$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(1)} = 102$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(1)} = 352$ Hz, P(1)), 19.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{P}(4)\text{P}(1)} = 36$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(4)} = 4754$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 465$ Hz, P(4) in PEt_3), 14.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{P}(2)\text{P}(1)} = 23$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 2387$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(2)} = 53$ Hz, P(2) and P(3) in PEt_3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{74}\text{Br}_2\text{P}_4\text{Pt}_2$: C, 37.27; H, 6.20. Found: C, 37.49; H, 6.26.

Reaction of *trans*-(Cl)(PEt_3)₂Pt[C(=PR)Cl] (1a**) with Pd(PEt_3)₄ To Give **4a** and **5a** and Then with Pt(PEt_3)₄ To Give (Cl)(PEt_3)₂Pt(μ-C≡P)Pt(PEt_3)₂ (**6a**).** To a benzene solution (5 mL) of **1a** (0.395 g, 0.500 mmol) was added a benzene solution (5 mL) of $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (0.289 g, 0.500 mmol). After the solution was stirred at room temperature under argon for 8 h, only two products, **4a** and **5a**, were generated, as established by a $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum. To this mixture (in situ) was added a benzene solution (5 mL) of equimolar $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (0.334 g, 0.500 mmol). After stirring the reaction solution for 30 min at room temperature, the solvent was evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The residue was extracted with hexanes (30 mL) and filtered by cannula. After reducing the hexanes extract to half of its volume, colorless crystals of **5a** (0.279 g, 90%) were obtained after 2–3 days by cooling to -78°C . After filtering off **5a** by cannula, the volume of the solution was reduced under vacuum to give pale brown crystals of **6a** (0.376 g, 80%) within ca. 2 weeks upon cooling to -78°C . Data for **4a**: ^{31}P NMR δ 68.0 (t, $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 9.2$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}^-\text{P}} = 303$ Hz, $\text{C}\equiv\text{P}$), 7.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 9.2$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{P}^-\text{P}} = 2871$ Hz, PEt_3). For **5a**: ^1H NMR (C_6D_6) δ 7.42 (t, 2H, $^5J_{\text{PH}} = 0.97$ Hz, R), 1.89 (s, 18H, CH_3 of R), 1.68 (tq, 12H, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 2.69$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.08$ Hz, CH_2 of Et), 1.34 (s, 9H, CH_3 of R), 0.88 (m, 18H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.08$ Hz, CH_3 of Et); ^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6) δ -2.75 (s, PEt_3). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{59}\text{ClP}_2\text{Pd}$: C, 57.83; H, 9.73. Found: C, 57.60; H, 9.56. For **6a**: ^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6) δ 107.0 (tdd, $^3J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 10.7$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 10.7$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(5)} = 13.7$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(1)} = 255$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(1)} = 58$ Hz, $\text{C}\equiv\text{P}$), 18.6 (dd, $^2J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 10.7$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(4)\text{P}(5)} = 35.1$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(4)} = 3619$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 137$ Hz, P(4)), 15.0 (dtd, $^2J_{\text{P}(5)\text{P}(1)} = 13.7$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{P}(5)\text{P}(2)} = 4.5$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(5)\text{P}(4)} = 35.1$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(5)} = 3155$ Hz, P(5)), 4.9 (dd, $^3J_{\text{P}(2)\text{P}(1)} = 10.7$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{P}(2)\text{P}(5)} = 4.5$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 2936$ Hz, P(2) and P(3)). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{50}\text{ClP}_5\text{Pt}_2$: C, 31.89; H, 6.38. Found: C, 31.72; H, 6.61.

Reaction of *trans*-(Br)(PEt_3)₂Pt[C(=PR)Br] (1b**) with Pd(PEt_3)₄ To Give **4b** and **5b** and Then with Pt(PEt_3)₄ To Give (Br)(PEt_3)₂Pt(μ-C≡P)Pt(PEt_3)₂ (**6b**).** To a benzene solution (1 mL) of **1b** (0.044 g, 0.050 mmol) was added a benzene solution (1 mL) of $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (0.029 g, 0.050 mmol). After the solution was stirred at room temperature under argon for 3 h, only two products **4b** and **5b** were observed in the ^{31}P NMR spectrum. To this reaction mixture (in situ) was added a benzene solution (1 mL) of equimolar $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (0.033 g, 0.050 mmol). After stirring the reaction solution for 30 min at room temperature, only one product **6b** was formed quantitatively; **5b** was also present in the final reaction mixture. ^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6) data: (for **4b**) δ 68.0 (t, $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 9.6$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}^-\text{P}} = 293$ Hz, $\text{C}\equiv\text{P}$), 3.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{PP}} = 9.6$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{P}^-\text{P}} = 2877$ Hz, PEt_3); (for **5b**) δ -5.4 (s, PEt_3); (for **6b**) δ 107.0 (tdd, $^3J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 11.0$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 9.6$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(5)} = 13.7$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(1)} = 251$ Hz, $\text{C}\equiv\text{P}$), 18.4 (dd, $^2J_{\text{P}(1)\text{P}(4)} = 9.6$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(4)\text{P}(5)} = 37.1$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(4)} = 3886$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(4)} = 137$ Hz, P(4)), 14.5 (dtd, $^2J_{\text{P}(5)\text{P}(1)} = 13.7$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{P}(5)\text{P}(2)} = 4.1$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{P}(5)\text{P}(4)} = 37.1$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(2)\text{P}(5)} = 3194$ Hz, P(5)), 1.0 (dd, $^3J_{\text{P}(2)\text{P}(1)} = 11.0$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{P}(2)\text{P}(5)} = 4.1$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{Pt}(1)\text{P}(2)} = 2950$ Hz, P(2) and P(3)).

Reaction of *trans*-(Cl)(PEt_3)₂Pd[C(=PR)Cl] (1c**) with 2 equiv of Pt(PEt_3)₄ To Give **4a** and **5a** and Then To Give **6a** as the Final Product.** To a benzene solution (1 mL) of **1c**

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(0.070 g, 0.10 mmol) was added a benzene solution (1 mL) of $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ (0.134 g, 0.200 mmol). After the solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, only two products, **5a** and **6a**, were found in the reaction mixture. These two products were separated by the same recrystallization procedure as that used in the synthesis of **6a** from the reaction of **1a** with $\text{Pd}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$ followed by $\text{Pt}(\text{PEt}_3)_4$. Products **5a** (0.045 g, 72%) and **6a** (0.061 g, 65%) were identified by their ^{31}P NMR spectra.

X-ray Crystal Structure Analyses. Each crystal was attached to the tip of a glass fiber and mounted on the diffractometer for data collection at $-50(1)^\circ\text{C}$. Cell constants were determined from lists of reflections found by an automated search routine. Pertinent data collection and reduction information for **5a** are given in Table 2. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied. A correction for nonlinear decay²⁹ in the standard reflections (3.6%) was applied to the data for **5a**. Absorption corrections based on a series of azimuthal scans were applied to the data. The centric space group $C2/c$ for **5a** was indicated initially by systematic absences and intensity statistics. The structure was solved by direct methods.²⁹ The space group requires that half of the molecule be unique. All non-hydrogen

atoms in **5a** were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. All hydrogen atoms in **5a** were refined as riding atoms with C-H distances equal to 0.96 Å and individual isotropic thermal parameters, except in the case of methyl groups which were constrained to group isotropic temperature parameters. The *p-tert*-butyl group was statistically disordered about the crystallographic 2-fold rotation axis, and these hydrogens were given fixed isotropic temperature factors. All the refinement calculations were performed on a Digital Equipment Micro Vax 3100 computer using the SHELXTL Plus programs²⁹ for **5a**.

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Supplementary Material Available: Description of the data collection and structure solution, a labeled drawing of **5a**, and tables of crystal data, positional and thermal parameters, and complete bond distances and angles (12 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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