

Synthesis of Mixed-Valence Platinum Triangulo Clusters $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_2\text{R})_2]$ (R = Ph, Me, Et). Crystal Structures of $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ and $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-AgOClO}_3)(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]^\dagger$

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The reaction between $[(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_2\text{R})_2]$ and $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})_3]$ in toluene yields the triangulo complexes $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_2\text{R})_2]$ (R = Ph **4**, Me **5**, Et **6**), which contain two phosphido and one pentafluorophenyl bridging ligands and two phosphines and one pentafluorophenyl terminal ones. The triangulo metal core displays three Pt–Pt bonds, as expected for a 42 valence electron count cluster. The basicity of these metal cores is demonstrated through the reaction of one of the complexes (R = Ph) with AgClO_4 or $[\text{Ag}(\text{OClO}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)]$, which gives the corresponding adduct $[\text{Pt}_3(\text{AgOClO}_3)(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (**7**) or $[\text{Pt}_3\text{Ag}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_3][\text{ClO}_4]$ (**8**). The X-ray structures of **4** and **7** have been determined.

Introduction

The interest in the chemistry of metal clusters with bridging $\mu\text{-PR}_2$ groups arises in part from the electronic properties and the geometrical flexibility of these ligands.¹ Such flexibility allows easy closing up of the metal centers, to form metal–metal bonds, depending on the total valence electron count.

In the course of our current research on the synthesis of polynuclear complexes we have studied the reactivity of several palladium or platinum phosphido derivatives toward other metal complexes in order to prepare complexes of higher nuclearity. A judicious choice of the starting materials allows the rational synthesis of binuclear,² trinuclear,^{2d,3} and tetranuclear^{2a,4} derivatives which, depending on the total valence electron count, display metal–metal bonds.

[†] Polynuclear Homo- or Heterometallic Palladium(II)-Platinum(II) Pentafluorophenyl Complexes Containing Bridging Diphenylphosphido Ligands. 11. For part 10 see ref 3c.

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As far as the trinuclear derivatives are concerned, we have prepared symmetric^{3c} (**A**) and asymmetric^{3a} (**B**) homo- or heterotrimeric derivatives (Scheme 1) with 48 valence electron counts and in which the metal centers are supported only by the bridging ligands. A two-electron oxidation of the symmetric anion $[(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2]^{2-}$ yields the trinuclear 46 valence electron count cluster in which two platinum centers are not only bridged by the phosphido ligands but linked by a metal–metal bond as well (Scheme 1, **C**). The reaction of the binuclear $[(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2]^{2-}$ with $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\text{thf})_2]$, which acts in this case as a pentafluorophenyl scavenger, results in the formation of the trinuclear complex $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_5]^-$ (Scheme 1, **D**), which, by virtue of the special coordination of one of the phosphido ligands [$\mu_3\text{-PPh}(1,2\text{-}\eta^2\text{-Ph})\text{-}\kappa^3\text{P}$], has a 44 valence electron count, two Pt–Pt bonds being necessary to satisfy the electron requirements of the metal centers and the metal environments being very different from each other.^{3b} The structure of this Pt(II) complex, which contains a bent trinuclear metal skeleton (see Scheme 1), is rather different from the open triangular metal skeleton present in the palladium and/or platinum clusters $[\text{Pd}_3(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\text{PR}_3)_3]^+$,⁵ $[\text{Pd}_3(\mu\text{-PBU}^t)_3\text{Cl}(\text{CO})_2]$,⁶ $[\text{Pd}_3(\mu\text{-PCy}_2)_2(\mu\text{-SPh})(\text{PCy}_2\text{H})_2\text{-}(\text{SPh})]$,⁷ $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_3\text{Ph}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$,⁸ $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PBU}^t)_3\text{H}(\text{CO})_2]$,⁹ and $[\text{Pd}_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-Cl})(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3]^+$,⁵ in which the metal centers display fractional metal oxidation states lower

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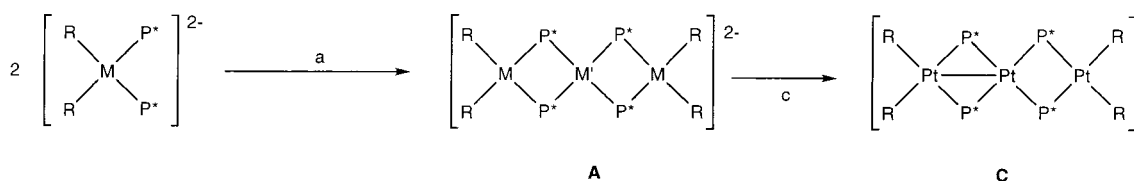
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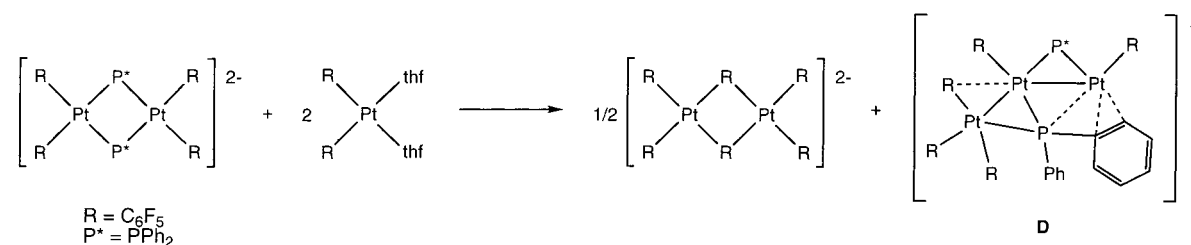
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Scheme 1



- a) + $M'Cl_2(NCPh)_2$; M, M' = Pd, Pt
 b) L = acetone; + *cis*-[PtCl₂(PPh₃)₂]; M = Pd, Pt; X = Cl
 c) -2 e⁻ (Only for M = M' = Pt)



than II and the coordination environments of the metal centers are rather similar to each other (three terminal and three bridging ligands). One of the complexes, [Pt₃(μ-PPh₂)₃Ph(PPh₃)₂], is a good example of reversible skeletal isomerism,¹⁰ one of the isomers containing, as expected, two Pt–Pt bonds, while the other contains three, albeit weaker, Pt···Pt interactions. The total valence electron counts in these clusters allow one to infer the number of M–M bonds present in them. Nevertheless, we note that recently Leoni et al. have reported the triangulo phosphido cluster [Pd₃(μ-PBu₃)₂-(CN–C₆H₄-*p*-Me)₅](CF₃SO₂)₂, which, despite its 44-electron count, seems to display three Pd–Pd bonds.¹¹

In this paper, we report a method for the synthesis of [Pt₃(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(PPh₂R)₂], a 42 valence electron count triangulo derivative, via a condensation process involving the dinuclear diphenylphosphido platinum(II) derivatives [(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ-PPh₂)₂Pt(PPh₂R)₂] and the mononuclear platinum(0) compound [Pt(C₇H₁₀)₃]. We have also studied their behavior as Lewis bases.

Triangulo phosphido complexes with 42 valence electron counts should display three metal–metal bonds, and although rather scarce,^{12,13} there are some fully characterized Pt₃ complexes, namely, [Pt₃(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-H)(PPh₃)₃]⁺^{12a} and [Pt₃(μ-Ph)(μ-PPh₂)(μ-SO₂)Ph(PPh₃)₂].¹³ In general, the formation of these phosphido M₃ clusters with two (44 e⁻) or three metal–metal bonds (42 e⁻)

has been attained in the past through unpredictable procedures, and a rational synthetic pathway to these derivatives has not been found until now.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis of [(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ-PPh₂)₂Pt(PPh₂R)₂] (R = Ph **1**, Me **2**, Et **3**). Complexes **1–3**, which were used as starting materials for the preparation of the triangulo platinum clusters, have been prepared by reacting the tetranuclear derivative [NBu₄]₂[(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ-PPh₂)₂Pt(μ-Cl)₂Pt(μ-PPh₂)₂Pt(C₆F₅)₂] with an excess of the phosphine PPh₂R (R = Ph, Me, Et) in CH₂Cl₂/MeOH according to Scheme 2, a. These asymmetric dinuclear complexes with a total valence electron count of 32 are crystallized from the respective solutions as yellow solids.

The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of **1–3** show two well-separated sets of signals due to the two types of P atoms (PPh₂R and PPh₂ groups). The resonances due to the bridging PPh₂ groups appear at very high field: -97.5 (**1**), -104.3 (**2**), and -109.3 ppm (**3**), indicating the absence of metal–metal bonds in the complexes (see later), as can be expected for these dinuclear 32-electron complexes. In each complex, the spectrum shows a pattern consistent with an AA'XX' spin system for the four P atoms. Not all of the signals in the two parts of the spectrum can be identified, and only the value of *N* (*J*_{AX} + *J*_{AX'}) can be extracted. Both signals show platinum satellites (¹⁹⁵Pt, *I* = 1/2, 33.7% abundance) from which ¹*J*_{Pt–P} values can be obtained (see Experimental Section).

Complexes **1–3**, which contain two equivalent C₆F₅ groups, should display ¹⁹F NMR spectra corresponding to an AA'MXX' system. Complex **1** shows three signals due to *o*-F, *m*-F, and *p*-F atoms in a 4:4:2 intensity ratio. For complexes **2** and **3** the signals due to *m*- and *p*-F

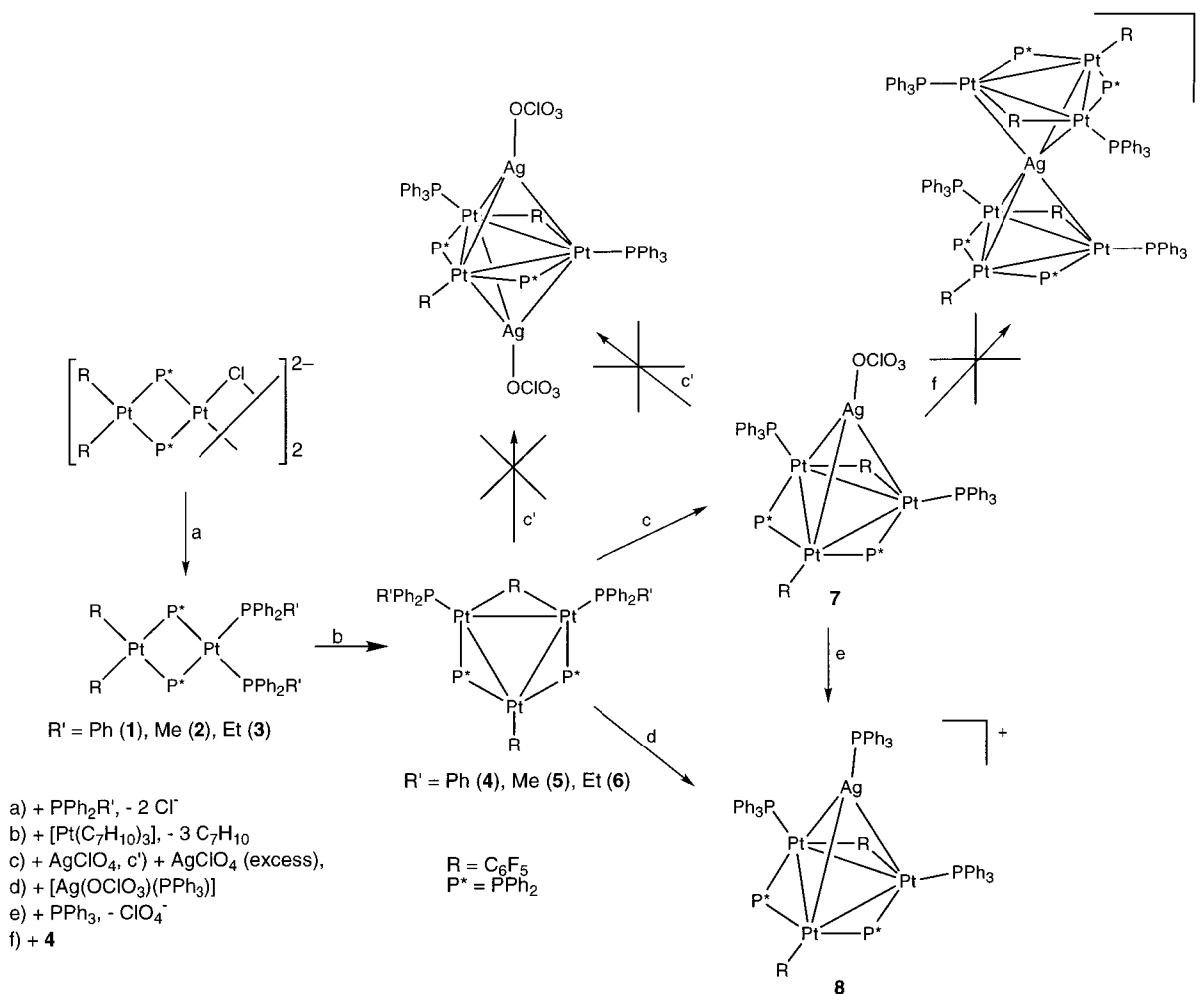
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Scheme 2



atoms are overlapped (see Experimental Section) and the relative intensities of the *o*- and *m*- + *p*-signals (4:6) are in accord with the proposed structure.

The IR spectra of complexes **1–3** show the characteristic absorptions of the pentafluorophenyl group¹⁴ near 1500, 1050, 950, and 800 cm^{-1} . The bands due to the X-sensitive mode of the C_6F_5 groups (ca. 800 cm^{-1}) appear in all cases as two absorptions of similar intensities, as expected for complexes containing two C_6F_5 groups bonded to the same metal in *cis* positions.

Synthesis of $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_2\text{R})_2]$ ($\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ **4, Me **5**, Et **6**).** By reacting equimolar amounts of the dinuclear diphenylphosphido Pt(II) derivatives **1–3** and the mononuclear Pt(0) complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10})_3]$ in toluene at room temperature, dark purple solutions are obtained, and after workup purple crystalline solids are isolated (Scheme 2, b). These solids are identified by elemental analysis, IR and NMR spectroscopy, and a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study carried out on complex **4**, as the neutral Pt_3 triangulo clusters $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_2\text{R})_2]$ ($\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ **4**, Me **5**, Et **6**), with the platinum atoms in a formal oxidation state of 1.33.

Crystal Structure of $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$. The structure of complex **4** together with the atom labeling scheme is shown in Figure 1. Selected

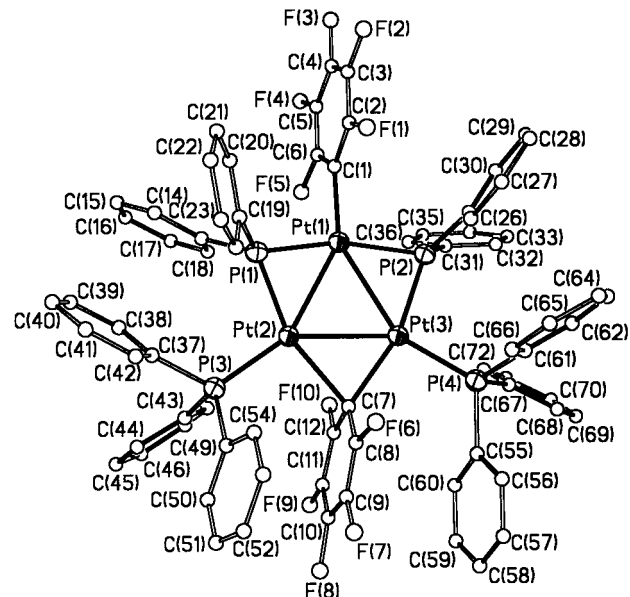


Figure 1. Structure of $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (**4**).

bond distances and angles are listed in Table 1. The three platinum atoms lie at the corners of an equilateral triangle. The Pt–Pt distances are all very similar and indicative of the existence of intermetallic bonds (Pt(1)–Pt(2) 2.791(1) Å, Pt(1)–Pt(3) 2.791(1) Å, Pt(2)–

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Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for [Pt₃(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(PPh₃)₂] (4)

Pt(1)–Pt(2)	2.791(1)	Pt(1)–Pt(3)	2.791(1)	Pt(2)–Pt(3)	2.818(1)
Pt(1)–C(1)	2.046(8)	Pt(1)–P(1)	2.233(2)	Pt(1)–P(2)	2.256(2)
Pt(2)–P(1)	2.219(2)	Pt(2)–P(3)	2.265(2)	Pt(2)–C(7)	2.320(9)
Pt(3)–C(7)	2.165(8)	Pt(3)–P(2)	2.253(2)	Pt(3)–P(4)	2.254(2)
P(1)–C(13)	1.805(9)	P(1)–C(19)	1.822(10)	P(2)–C(25)	1.815(10)
P(2)–C(31)	1.820(9)				
C(1)–Pt(1)–P(1)	99.7(3)	C(1)–Pt(1)–P(2)	97.6(3)		
P(1)–Pt(1)–P(2)	161.26(8)	Pt(2)–Pt(1)–Pt(3)	60.64(2)		
P(1)–Pt(2)–P(3)	103.01(8)	P(1)–Pt(2)–C(7)	158.8(2)		
P(3)–Pt(2)–C(7)	97.9(2)	Pt(1)–Pt(2)–Pt(3)	59.68(2)		
C(7)–Pt(3)–P(2)	162.0(2)	C(7)–Pt(3)–P(4)	95.5(2)		
P(2)–Pt(3)–P(4)	101.00(8)	Pt(1)–Pt(3)–Pt(2)	59.68(2)		
Pt(2)–Pt(1)–Pt(1)	77.64(8)	Pt(3)–Pt(2)–Pt(1)	76.49(7)		

Pt(3) 2.818(1) Å). Each edge of the triangle is supported by a bridging ligand (two diphenylphosphides and a pentafluorophenyl group). The coordination environment of each metal atom is completed by a terminal ligand (two triphenylphosphine ligands and a pentafluorophenyl group). The four phosphorus atoms and the *ipso* C atom of the terminal C₆F₅ group are roughly coplanar with the platinum centers. The bridging pentafluorophenyl group is not bisected by the molecular plane, but deviates out of the plane in such a way that the *ipso* C(7) atom is 0.41 Å away from the best least-squares plane defined by the Pt and P atoms, while C(10) and F(8) are 1.09 and 1.41, Å respectively, out of the same plane. Both pentafluorophenyl rings are planar and are nearly perpendicular to the plane defined by the Pt and P atoms, the dihedral angles being 81.3° for the terminal group and 85.7° for the bridging one.

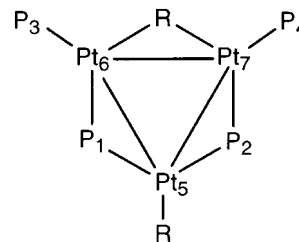
The Pt–P and Pt(1)–C(1) distances are in the ranges usually found for these bonds.^{2–4} The Pt–P–Pt angles are small, in keeping with the fact that the phosphido ligands are supporting metal–metal bonds.

The presence of a bridging pentafluorophenyl group is noteworthy. Although complexes containing bridging phenyl groups are not rare,¹⁵ there are very few examples in which the C₆F₅ group acts as an electron-deficient bridging ligand. Most of the cases described so far involve dinuclear platinum complexes in which two pentafluorophenyl groups simultaneously bridge the two metal centers, [Pt₂(μ-C₆F₅)₂(C₆F₅)₄]^{2–},¹⁶ [Pt₂(μ-C₆F₅)₂(C₆F₅)₄][–],¹⁷ [(C₆F₅)₄(μ-C₆F₅)₂Pt₂Ag(L)][–] (L = OEt₂, SC₄H₈).¹⁸ In two cases, there is only one bridging C₆F₅ group and another bridging ligand: [Pt₂(μ-C₆F₅)(μ-C₆F₅-Cl)(C₆F₅)₄][–]¹⁷ and [Pt₂(μ-C₆F₅)(μ-H)(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₃)₂][–].¹⁹ Finally, we have reported an example, the trinuclear cluster [Pt₃(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)₄(μ-PPh₂)₂][–],^{3b} in which there is a very asymmetrical bridging C₆F₅ ligand, the Pt–

Table 2. ³¹P{¹H} NMR Data for Complexes 4–8 in CDCl₃ (δ in ppm, J in Hz)

	4	5	6	7	8 ^a
δ _{1,2}	172.8	168.5	171.7	161.5	161.8
δ _{3,4}	36.8	20.7	34.0	31.6 ^b	30.9 ^c
J ₁₂	313	320	316	317	310
J ₃₄	79	82	77	66	59
J ₁₅	2356	2386	2350	1920	1913
J ₁₆	2640	2569	2666	2312	2293
J ₁₇	–102	–107	–107	–78	–101
J ₃₅	133	121	130	33	34
J ₃₆	3890	3715	3739	4291	4226
J ₃₇	312	274	287	167	183

^a P atom of AgPPh₃ fragment: 13.9 ppm. ^b Doublet, 31 Hz (see text). ^c Doublet, 29 Hz (see text).

**Figure 2.** Numbering scheme used in the discussion of the NMR spectra of complexes 4–8.

C_{*ipso*} distances being 2.108(10) and 2.621(10) Å (see Scheme 1, D). In 4, the bridging pentafluorophenyl group is located asymmetrical, with rather different Pt–C_{*ipso*} distances: Pt(2)–C(7) 2.320(9) Å and Pt(3)–C(7) 2.165(8) Å. The ring is slightly tilted toward Pt(2), as occurs to a much greater extent with the more asymmetrical bridge in the previously mentioned complex [Pt₃(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)₄(μ-PPh₂)₂][–].

The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of 4–6 are similar, and they are in accord with the solid-state structure determined for complex 4. All data obtained from the spectra are collected in Table 2. The spectra show only one signal at low field: 172.8, 168.5, and 171.7 ppm for 4, 5, and 6, respectively, due to the P atoms of the PPh₂ groups (P1 and P2, see Figure 2 for atom numbering) and one signal (36.8, 20.7, and 34.0 ppm, respectively) due to the P atoms of the PPh₂R groups (P3 and P4). In each region, the central line, due to the isotopomer that does not contain ¹⁹⁵Pt (isotopomer A 29% abundance) is a sharp singlet. Coupling between the P atoms of the PPh₂ groups and those of the PPh₂R groups was not observed.

Each singlet signal is flanked by platinum satellites due to the isotopomers in which one of the Pt atoms is ¹⁹⁵Pt (¹⁹⁵Pt(5), isotopomer B, 14.8% abundance; ¹⁹⁵Pt(6) or ¹⁹⁵Pt(7), isotopomer C, 29.6% abundance), in which two Pt atoms are ¹⁹⁵Pt (¹⁹⁵Pt(5) and ¹⁹⁵Pt(6) or ¹⁹⁵Pt(7), isotopomer D, 15.1% abundance; ¹⁹⁵Pt(6) and ¹⁹⁵Pt(7), isotopomer E, 7.6% abundance), and in which all three metal centers are ¹⁹⁵Pt (isotopomer F, 3.9% abundance).

The subspectrum due to isotopomer B can be analyzed as a first-order spin system and consists of a doublet (¹J_{Pt5–P1,2}) centered at δ_{P1,P2} and a doublet (²J_{Pt5–P3,4}) centered at δ_{P3,P4}. In isotopomer C P1 and P2 are inequivalent as are P3 and P4. The subspectrum consists of 8 lines (AA'X spin system) which symmetrically flank the central singlet due to P1 and P2 and from which ²J_{P1–P2}, ¹J_{Pt6–P1}, and ²J_{Pt7–P1} values can be obtained, and 8 lines (two doublets of doublets) which

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symmetrically flank the central singlet due to P3 and P4, from which $^3J_{P_3-P_4}$, $^1J_{P_{16}-P_3}$, and $^2J_{P_{17}-P_3}$ values can be calculated. From the analysis of these three isotopomers the values of δ_P , J_{Pt-P} , and J_{P-P} can be extracted (see Table 2). Some lines of minor intensity due to the other isotopomers (D-F) are also observed. The spectra simulated using the values of the chemical shifts and coupling constants summarized in Table 2 are in agreement with observation. The resonances of the P atoms of the PPh₂ groups in **4–6** (170 ppm region) are shifted to lower fields than those of the starting materials (–100 ppm region). It is well documented that a deshielding of the ^{31}P resonances (usually in the range from +50 to +400 ppm) in phosphido-bridged complexes may indicate the presence of metal–metal bonds supported by the phosphido ligand. A relationship between the angular parameters at the phosphorus atom and the corresponding $\delta^{31}P$ has been observed previously, the closing of the M–P–M' angle leading to deshielding at the P atom. We have previously observed that δP values can render important information about M–P–M angles in singly bridged diphenylphosphido or dibridged bis(diphenylphosphido) complexes, although single and double bridges cannot be compared to each other in this context.^{4b} The Pt(1)–P(1)–Pt(2) and Pt(1)–P(2)–Pt(3) angles in cluster **4** are rather acute (77.64(8)° and 76.49(7)°, respectively), the Pt(1)–Pt(2) and Pt(1)–Pt(3) distances are short (2.791(1) and 2.791(1) Å, respectively), and the δP is 172.8 ppm. Analogous Pt–P–M angles and chemical shifts have been found for other singly bridged diphenylphosphido ligands which support metal–metal bonds (78.28(9)°, $\delta P = 179.5$ ppm for [NBu₄][Pt₃(μ -PPh₂)₂(C₆F₅)₅];^{3b} 75.99(5)°, $\delta P = 180.3$ ppm for [Pt₄(μ -PPh₂)₄(C₆F₅)₄];^{4c} 78.60(7)°, $\delta P = 152.7$ ppm for [Pd₂Pt₂(μ -PPh₂)₃(C₆F₅)₃(PPh₂C₆F₅)(CO)]^{4b}). Nevertheless, for similar Pt–P–M angles in dibridged bis(diphenylphosphido) complexes with metal–metal bonds lower field values of the chemical shifts have been observed (73.47(5)°, $\delta P = 281.7$ ppm for [Pt₂(μ -PPh₂)₂(C₆F₅)₄];^{2c} 72.90(7)° and 71.91(7)°, $\delta P = 257.2$ and 275.7 ppm for [Pt₄(μ -PPh₂)₄(C₆F₅)₄(CO)₂];^{4b} 70.57(6)°, $\delta P = 226.8$ ppm for [PdPt(μ -PPh₂)₂(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₃)]^{2b}). These results confirm our earlier observation of a relationship^{4c} between the δP values and the presence of one or two PPh₂ groups acting as bridging ligands between the two metal centers: In our experience, the chemical shifts of the P atoms in singly bridged diphenylphosphido complexes with metal–metal bonds appear at higher field than those of P atoms in dibridged bis(diphenylphosphido) complexes with metal–metal bonds. A correlation between Pt–P μ bond lengths and $^1J_{Pt-P\mu}$ values has been found²⁰ in closely related dinuclear systems (longer Pt–P bonds being associated with a diminution of the coupling constants). In cluster **4** the J_{15} value (2356 Hz, average Pt–P distance 2.244 Å) is lower than the J_{16} value (2640 Hz, average Pt–P distance 2.236 Å). The $^1J_{Pt-P\mu}$ values in **4–6** are not very different from those observed for [Pt₃(μ -PPh₂)₃Ph(PPh₃)₂],¹⁰ [Pt₃(μ -PBu^t)₃H(CO)₂],⁹ and [Pt₃(μ -PPh₂)₂(μ -H)(PPh₃)₃]⁺,¹² although it has been found that the $^1J_{Pt-P\mu}$ values are very sensitive to changes in the ligands on the Pt center. The value of the coupling

constants between the two P atoms of the PPh₂ groups, $^2J_{P-P}$, are large (313 Hz in **4**), probably due to the pseudo *trans* disposition of the two groups (P–Pt–P angle in **4** 161.26°). For a series of phosphido-bridged dinuclear compounds it has been reported that the P–M–P angle is extremely important in determining the magnitude of $^2J_{P-P}$.²¹ Thus the $^2J_{P-P}$ value in **4** is somewhat larger than that found in the 42-electron cluster [Pt₃(μ -PPh₂)₂(μ -H)(PPh₃)₃]⁺, 260 Hz, which shows a smaller P–Pt–P angle, 156.1(1)°. Nevertheless in the 44-electron cluster [Pt₃(μ -PBu^t)₃H(CO)₂] this coupling constant is smaller, 164 Hz, whereas the P–Pt–P angle is larger, 169.6(1)°. All these data demonstrate again that it is necessary to be very cautious when extracting structural information from J_{Pt-P} and J_{P-P} values in phosphido complexes.

The ^{19}F NMR spectra of **4–6** in CDCl₃ solution (see Experimental Section) show the same pattern and indicate that in all cases there is a bridging C₆F₅ group.^{16,18} Each spectrum shows six signals (intensity ratio 2:2:1:2:1:2) due to the two inequivalent C₆F₅ ligands. Three of the signals correspond to the terminal C₆F₅ group and the other three to the bridging one. Within each group (bridging and terminal) the two *ortho* fluorine atoms are equivalent, as are the two *meta* fluorines. As in previous cases, the signals due to the *o*-F and *p*-F atoms of the bridging C₆F₅ ring appear in an unaccustomed region (ca. –95 and –150 ppm, respectively) with respect to these signals for the terminal C₆F₅ group (ca. –115 and –165 ppm, respectively). The signals due to the *o*-F atoms of both types of C₆F₅ ligand show platinum satellites, and the intensity ratio of the signal at ca. –95 ppm (*o*-F atoms of μ -C₆F₅) is 1:8:17:8:1, as is to be expected due to the equivalence of the two platinum atoms bonded to this C₆F₅ group. The $^3J_{Pt-F}$ value for this bridging pentafluorophenyl ligand is smaller than the values usually observed for terminal pentafluorophenyl groups. All these data are in agreement with the solid-state structure established for cluster **4**.

The IR spectra of complexes **4–6** show only one absorption in the 800 cm^{–1} region (two absorptions of similar intensity were observed for complexes **1–3**).

Complexes **4–6** are new examples of phosphido platinum complexes with mixed oxidation states (II, I, I) and with a total valence electron count of 42. As far as we know, only two phosphido clusters of this type have been fully (X-ray) characterized, [Pt₃(μ -PPh₂)₂(μ -H)(PPh₃)₃]⁺^{12a} and [Pt₃(μ -Ph)(μ -PPh₂)(μ -SO₂)Ph(PPh₃)₂].¹³ The reaction process that renders **4–6** is remarkable since it seems to be a general process. Although the condensation of an M(II) dinuclear derivative with a mononuclear M(0) compound to afford an M₂M^{II} triangulo cluster has been reported as a potentially general method, this synthetic procedure has not actually been used with generality. Thus, although the synthesis of [Pd₃(μ -PPh₂)₃(PPh₃)₃]⁺²² from [Pd(PPh₃)₄] and [Pd₂(μ -PPh₂)₂Cl₂(PPh₂H)₂] has been reported, the yield of triangulo Pd₃ is very low (ca. 15%) and the prolonged heating of [PdCl(PPh₃)₃][BF₄] in tetrahydrofuran provides a better entry into the chemistry of these palladium systems. Nevertheless, [PtCl(PPh₃)₃][BF₄] remains unchanged by heating in tetrahydrofuran. The

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synthesis of the 44-electron cluster $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_3\text{Ph}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ has been carried out^{8,10,23} by the complicated pyrolysis of zerovalent platinum complexes such as $[\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ or $[\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)]$. These reactions proceed by cleavage of P–C bonds and formation of $\mu\text{-PPh}_2$ and Pt–phenyl linkages. The formation of $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PBu}^t)_3\text{H}(\text{CO})_2]$ from $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-PBu}^t)_2(\text{H})_2(\text{PBu}^t\text{H})_2]$ and CO (or $[\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{CO})_2]$) has been elegantly explained by Leoni et al.⁹ The process is carried out at high temperature (100 °C) and it starts by CO-induced intramolecular P–H reductive elimination. The synthesis of the 42-electron triangulo triplatinum cluster $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)(\mu\text{-Ph})(\mu\text{-SO}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ ¹³ has been carried out by refluxing a suspension of $[\text{Pt}(1,2\ \eta\text{-C}_4\text{H}_5\text{R})(\text{SO}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{SO}_2]$ in benzene, whereas $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-H})(\text{PPh}_3)_3][\text{BF}_4]$ ^{12a} has been synthesized by UV irradiation of an ethanolic solution of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$. As can be seen, all the ligands present in complexes **4–6** were already present in the starting materials, and the syntheses of these trinuclear complexes from **1–3** involve only the migration of C_6F_5 , PPh_2R , and PPh_2 groups but not the formation of new ligands.

The reaction processes that render **4–6** take place under very mild conditions (room temperature) and contrast with the drastic conditions that have to be used for the formation of the triangular cores in other Pt_3 clusters. Since it has been demonstrated that C_6F_5 ¹⁶ and PPh_3 ^{19,24} can bridge two metal centers and that there are some complexes in which one PPh_2 group acts as a bridging ligand between three metal centers,^{3b,4b,c} the migration of the ligands between the metal centers could be facilitated through the formation of permanent ($\mu^2\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5$) or transitory ($\mu^2\text{-PR}_3$, $\mu^3\text{-PR}_2$) bridging interactions.

Reaction of $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$, **4, with Lewis Acids.** This trinuclear 42 valence electron count complex behaves as a Lewis base. The reactions of **4** with Ag(I) Lewis acid complexes result in the corresponding neutralization processes. So, the addition of AgClO_4 to CH_2Cl_2 solutions of complex **4** in 1:1 molar ratio gives the neutral heterotetranuclear cluster $[\text{Pt}_3\text{Ag}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{OCIO}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$, **7** (Scheme 2, c). The cationic cluster $[\text{Pt}_3\text{Ag}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{PPh}_3)_3][\text{ClO}_4]$, **8**, is obtained (Scheme 2, d) by using $[\text{Ag}(\text{OCIO}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)]$ as Lewis acid. No reactions between triangulo- Pt_3 phosphido complexes with 42 valence electron counts and Lewis acid complexes have been described to date, although the reaction of the more electron-rich (44VEC) $[\text{Pt}_3(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_3\text{Ph}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ with silver triflate forms the corresponding adduct.²⁵ Complexes **7** and **8** were characterized by elemental analysis and IR and NMR spectroscopy. A single-crystal X-ray diffraction study has been carried out for complex **7**.

Crystal Structure of $[\text{Pt}_3\text{Ag}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{OCIO}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$. The structure of complex **7** together with the atom-labeling scheme is shown in

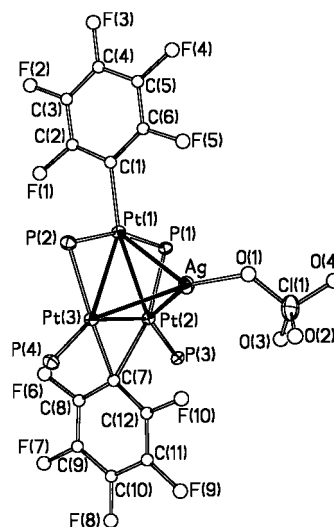


Figure 3. Structure of $[\text{Pt}_3\text{Ag}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{OCIO}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (**7**). Phenyl rings have been omitted for the sake of clarity.

Table 3. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for $[\text{Pt}_3\text{Ag}(\mu\text{-PPh}_2)_2(\mu\text{-C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{OCIO}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2] \cdot 2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (7**· $2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$)**

Pt(1)–Pt(2)	2.838(1)	Pt(1)–Pt(3)	2.835(1)	Pt(2)–Pt(3)	2.794(1)
Pt(1)–Ag	2.778(1)	Pt(2)–Ag	2.813(1)	Pt(3)–Ag	2.795(1)
Pt(1)–C(1)	2.046(6)	Pt(1)–P(1)	2.251(2)	Pt(1)–P(2)	2.264(2)
Pt(2)–P(1)	2.227(2)	Pt(2)–P(3)	2.270(2)	Pt(2)–C(7)	2.349(6)
Pt(3)–C(7)	2.172(6)	Pt(3)–P(2)	2.259(2)	Pt(3)–P(4)	2.268(2)
Ag–O(1)	2.236(6)				
C(1)–Pt(1)–P(1)	99.60(17)	C(1)–Pt(1)–P(2)	99.96(18)		
P(1)–Pt(1)–P(2)	160.33(6)	Ag–Pt(1)–Pt(3)	59.723(14)		
Ag–Pt(1)–Pt(2)	60.103(17)	Pt(3)–Pt(1)–Pt(2)	59.006(10)		
P(1)–Pt(2)–P(3)	101.48(6)	P(1)–Pt(2)–C(7)	160.24(16)		
P(3)–Pt(2)–C(7)	97.83(16)	Pt(3)–Pt(2)–Ag	59.808(16)		
Pt(3)–Pt(2)–Pt(1)	60.450(9)	Ag–Pt(2)–Pt(1)	58.886(16)		
C(7)–Pt(3)–P(2)	164.36(16)	C(7)–Pt(3)–P(4)	95.60(16)		
P(2)–Pt(3)–P(4)	98.34(6)	Pt(2)–Pt(3)–Ag	60.429(17)		
Pt(2)–Pt(3)–Pt(1)	60.544(10)	Ag–Pt(3)–Pt(1)	59.113(14)		
O(1)–Ag–Pt(1)	138.77(17)	O(1)–Ag–Pt(3)	139.2(2)		
Pt(1)–Ag–Pt(3)	61.164(13)	O(1)–Ag–Pt(2)	153.78(18)		
Pt(1)–Ag–Pt(2)	61.012(13)	Pt(3)–Ag–Pt(2)	59.764(13)		
Pt(2)–P(1)–Pt(1)	78.66(5)	Pt(3)–P(2)–Pt(1)	77.64(5)		

Figure 3. For the sake of clarity, the phenyl rings of the PPh_2 groups have been omitted from the figure. Selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 3. The structure is very similar to that described for complex **4** with the addition of an “ AgOCIO_3 ” fragment. Again, the three platinum atoms form a nearly equilateral triangle, with the Pt–Pt distances (Pt(1)–Pt(2) 2.838(1) Å, Pt(1)–Pt(3) 2.835(1) Å, Pt(2)–Pt(3) 2.794(1) Å) slightly longer than in **4**, and in agreement with the presence of Pt–Pt bonds. The silver atom caps the Pt_3 triangle at 2.29 Å away from the best plane defined by all of the Pt and P atoms and just above the center of the Pt_3 triangle. The three Pt–Ag bond distances (Pt(1)–Ag 2.778(1) Å, Pt(2)–Ag 2.813(1) Å, and Pt(1)–Ag 2.795(1) Å) are very similar. In fact, the four metal atoms define the corners of an almost perfect tetrahedron. The coordination environment of the silver atom is completed by an oxygen of a covalently bonded perchlorate group.

As mentioned above, the structural parameters found in the “ Pt_3 ” fragment are very similar to the ones found in **4**. In **7**, the terminal pentafluorophenyl ligand is slightly more displaced from the basal plane, in the opposite direction from the silver atom (C(1) 0.31 Å, C(4)

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0.76 Å, F(3) 0.96 Å), probably in order to avoid steric repulsions. At the same time, the bridging C₆F₅ group is closer to the Pt₃ plane than in **4** (C(7) 0.12 Å, C(10) 0.47 Å, F(8) 0.64 Å). The dihedral angles between the best plane defined by the Pt and P atoms and the C₆F₅ rings are 84.2° and 89.9° for the terminal and bridging groups, respectively. The rest of the parameters involving the Pt₃P₄ core are not significantly different from **4**.

As in complex **4**, the bridging pentafluorophenyl group displays perceptibly different Pt–C_{ipso} distances (Pt(2)–C(7) 2.349(6) Å and Pt(3)–C(7) 2.172(6) Å), indicating an asymmetric bonding.

The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of **7** and **8** in CDCl₃ show a pattern similar to those of **4–6**, and the spectral analysis of each has been carried out, as for clusters **4–6**. All data that can be calculated from the spectra are collected in Table 2. The signal due to the P atoms of the two PPh₂ groups appears in the 160 ppm region, the central signal being a sharp singlet. The signal due to the P atoms of the two equivalent triphenylphosphines bonded to the platinum centers appears in the 30 ppm region as a doublet (²J_{Ag–P} ≈ 31 Hz, **7**, and 29 Hz, **8**), because of the poorly resolved couplings with ¹⁰⁹-Ag (48.2%) and ¹⁰⁷Ag (51.8%) atoms. In complex **8** the signal due to the P atom of the “AgPPh₃” fragment appears at 13.9 ppm as a doublet (ca. 610 Hz) of very complex multiplets due to coupling with ^{109,107}Ag and ¹⁹⁵Pt atoms. The two ¹J_{Ag–P} and the two ²J_{Pt–P} values cannot be extracted from these multiplets.

The ¹⁹F NMR spectra of **7** and **8** at room temperature show eight signals of intensity ratio 1:1:2:1:1:1:1:2 (see Experimental Section). In the *o*-F region one signal for the two *o*-F atoms of the terminal C₆F₅ group and two signals (at lower field) for the two *o*-F atoms of the *μ*-C₆F₅ ring are observed. The two *m*-F atoms of the bridging *μ*-C₆F₅ ring appear as two signals at lower field than the signal due to the two *m*-F atoms of the terminal C₆F₅ group. Finally, one signal is observed for each *p*-F atom of each C₆F₅ ligand. These spectra show the inequivalence in solution of the two *o*-F atoms as well as the two *m*-F atoms of the bridging pentafluorophenyl ligand, in agreement with the solid-state structure of cluster **7**. Nevertheless, the two *o*-F atoms as well as the *m*-F atoms of the terminal C₆F₅ ligand are equivalent in solution, indicating that at room temperature the rotation of the Pt–C_{ipso} is not inhibited. When the spectra are recorded at low temperature, the two *o*-F atoms of the terminal C₆F₅ group are inequivalent while the *m*-F atoms are isochronous. Variable-temperature ¹⁹F NMR spectra for **7** in CD₂Cl₂ reveal the coalescence of the two *o*-F signals of the terminal C₆F₅ at 203 K. The approximation to Eyring's equation leads to a ΔG[‡] value of 37 kJ mol^{–1} at the coalescence temperature for Pt–C_{ipso} bond rotation.

In all cases the *o*-F–¹⁹⁵Pt couplings involving the bridging C₆F₅ groups are small, since only broadening of the signals can be observed. Moreover the two signals due to the *o*-F atoms of the terminal C₆F₅ group in **7** are broad even at 188 K and ³J_{Pt–F} cannot be calculated.

The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **7** in acetone at room temperature is similar to that obtained in CDCl₃, indicating that the donor–acceptor Pt–Ag bonds are also present in the donor solvent; that is, the Pt–Ag

bonds are not displaced by the donor solvent as occurs in other complexes containing this type of donor–acceptor bond.²⁶

Aiming to obtain clusters of higher nuclearity, we have carried out the reaction of **4** with more than 2 equiv of AgClO₄, but only complex **7** is obtained (Scheme 2, c'). Moreover, the reaction of cluster **4** with a CH₂Cl₂ solution of **7** in 1:1 molar ratio at room temperature renders only a purple solid which is a mixture of **4** and **7** (NMR identification) and not the heptanuclear cluster (Scheme 2, f). Nevertheless, a CH₂Cl₂ solution of **7** reacts with 1 equiv of PPh₃, yielding (Scheme 2, e) the cationic **8**.

Experimental Section

C and H analyses, IR, NMR, and mass spectra were performed as described elsewhere.^{4c} Literature methods were used to prepare the starting materials [NBu₄]₂[(C₆F₅)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(*μ*-Cl)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(C₆F₅)₂],^{2a} [Pt(C₇H₁₀)₃],²⁷ and [Ag(OClO₃)PPh₃].²⁸ All the reactions have been carried out under N₂.

Safety Note: Perchlorate salts of metal complexes with organic ligands are potentially explosive. Only small amounts of material should be prepared, and these should be handled with great caution.

Preparation of [Pt₂(*μ*-PPh₂)₂(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₂R)₂]. R = Ph (1**).** To a solution of [NBu₄]₂[(C₆F₅)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(*μ*-Cl)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(C₆F₅)₂] (0.650 g, 0.237 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL)/MeOH (5 mL) was added PPh₃ (0.256 g, 0.976 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 15 h, and a yellow suspension was obtained. The mixture was evaporated to ca. 10 mL, and the resulting yellow solid **1** was filtered off, washed with MeOH (3 × 1 mL), and vacuum-dried (0.364 g, 47%). Anal. Found (calcd for C₇₂F₁₀H₅₀P₄Pt₂): C, 53.9 (53.4); H, 3.25 (3.1). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm^{–1}): 783 and 774. FAB-MS: *m/z* 1619 ([M]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ –114.9 (4 *o*-F, J_{PtF} = 320 Hz), –166.1 (4 *m*-F), –166.4 (2 *p*-F) ppm. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 15.7 (PPh₃, J_{Pt(2)P} = 1425 Hz, N = 251 Hz), –97.5 (*μ*-PPh₂, J_{Pt(1)P} ≈ J_{Pt(2)P} ≈ 1723 Hz) ppm.

Complexes **2** and **3** were prepared as for **1**.

R = Me (2). [NBu₄]₂[(C₆F₅)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(*μ*-Cl)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(C₆F₅)₂] (0.500 g, 0.182 mmol) and PPh₂Me (0.27 mL, 1.4 mmol) were used to prepare **2**, which was obtained as a yellow solid (0.290 g, 53%). Anal. Found (calcd for C₆₂F₁₀H₄₆P₄Pt₂): C, 49.7 (49.8); H, 3.5 (3.1). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm^{–1}): 782 and 772. FAB-MS: *m/z* 1495 ([M]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ –115.2 (4 *o*-F, J_{PtF} = 311 Hz), –166.2 (6 *m* + *p*-F) ppm. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 0.9 (PPh₂Me, J_{Pt(2)P} = 2145 Hz, N = 253 Hz), –104.3 (*μ*-PPh₂, J_{Pt(1)P} ≈ J_{Pt(2)P} ≈ 1689 Hz) ppm.

R = Et (3). [NBu₄]₂[(C₆F₅)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(*μ*-Cl)₂Pt(*μ*-PPh₂)₂Pt(C₆F₅)₂] (0.442 g, 0.161 mmol) and PPh₂Et (0.27 mL, 1.3 mmol) were used to prepare **3**, which was obtained as a yellow solid (0.315 g, 64%). Anal. Found (calcd for C₆₄F₁₀H₅₀P₄Pt₂): C, 50.5 (50.5); H, 3.1 (3.3). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm^{–1}): 783 and 773. FAB-MS: *m/z* 1523 ([M]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ –115.0 (4 *o*-F, J_{PtF} = 321 Hz), –166.3 (6 *m* + *p*-F) ppm. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 10.6 (PPh₂Et, J_{Pt(2)P} = 2138 Hz, N = 254 Hz), –109.3 (*μ*-PPh₂, J_{Pt(1)P} ≈ J_{Pt(2)P} ≈ 1717 Hz) ppm.

Preparation of [Pt₃(*μ*-PPh₂)₂(*μ*-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(PPh₂R)₂]. R = Ph (4**).** To a suspension of **1** (0.547 g, 0.338 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was added [Pt(C₇H₁₀)₃] (0.164 g, 0.343 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 22 h. The very dark purple solution was evaporated to ca. 1 mL, and

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Table 4. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for [Pt₃(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(PPh₃)₂] (4) and [Pt₃Ag(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(OCIO₃)(PPh₃)₂]·2CH₂Cl₂ (7·2CH₂Cl₂)

	4	7·2CH ₂ Cl ₂
empirical formula	C ₇₂ H ₅₀ F ₁₀ P ₄ Pt ₃	C ₇₂ H ₅₀ AgClF ₁₀ O ₄ P ₄ Pt ₃ ·2CH ₂ Cl ₂
unit cell dimens, <i>a</i> (Å)	12.822(2)	11.4288(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	15.606(2)	14.1307(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.845(2)	22.4596(12)
α (deg)	102.77(2)	93.525(7)
β (deg)	98.72(2)	90.552(16)
γ (deg)	105.16(2)	94.159(10)
volume (Å ³), <i>Z</i>	3093.3(8), 2	3610.4(3), 2
wavelength (Å)		0.71073
temperature (K)	293(1)	150(1)
radiation		graphite-monochromated Mo Kα
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
cryst dimens (mm)	0.55 × 0.10 × 0.06	0.48 × 0.31 × 0.17 ^a 0.38 × 0.24 × 0.16 ^b
abs coeff (mm ⁻¹)	6.945	6.410
transm factors	1.000, 0.621	1.000, 0.501 ^a 0.924, 0.473 ^b
abs corr	ψ scans	ψ scans
diffractometer	Enraf Nonius CAD4	Enraf Nonius CAD4
2θ range for data collection (deg)	4.3–50.0 (+ <i>h</i> , ± <i>k</i> , ± <i>l</i>)	4.0–50.0 (+ <i>h</i> , ± <i>k</i> , ± <i>l</i>)
no. of reflns collected	11 383	13 479 (8852 ^a + 4627 ^b)
no. of ind reflns	10854 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0275]	8158 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0200] ^a 4620 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0121] ^b
goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.014	1.031
final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0403 w <i>R</i> 2 = 0.0766	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0340 w <i>R</i> 2 = 0.0898
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0765 w <i>R</i> 2 = 0.0901	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0485 w <i>R</i> 2 = 0.0964

^a Crystal 1 (see Experimental Section). ^b Crystal 2 (see Experimental Section). w*R*2 = [Σw(*F*_o² - *F*_c²)²/Σw*F*_o⁴]^{0.5}; *R*1 = Σ||*F*_o - |*F*_c||/Σ|*F*_o|. Goodness-of-fit = [Σw(*F*_o² - *F*_c²)²/N_{obs} - N_{param}]^{0.5}.

hexane (8 mL) was added. The dark purple solid **4** was filtered off, washed with hexane (3 × 2 mL), and vacuum-dried (0.364 g, 59%). Anal. Found (calcd for C₇₂F₁₀H₅₀P₄Pt₃): C, 47.3 (47.7); H, 2.8 (2.8). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm⁻¹): 781. FAB-MS: *m/z* 1814 ([M]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ -94.9 (2 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅, *J*_{PtF} = 157 Hz), -117.0 (2 *o*-F, *J*_{PtF} = 393 Hz), -148.7 (1 *p*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -161.4 (2 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -165.4 (1 *p*-F), -166.6 (2 *m*-F) ppm.

R = Me (5). Complex **5** was prepared similarly by reacting **2** (0.111 g, 0.074 mmol) and [Pt(C₇H₁₀)₃] (0.040 g, 0.083 mmol) at room temperature for 5 days. **5** was formed as a purple solid (0.044 g, 35%). Anal. Found (calcd for C₆₂F₁₀H₁₆P₄Pt₃): C, 43.9 (44.1); H, 2.8 (2.7). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm⁻¹): 780. FAB-MS: *m/z* 1690 ([M]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ -96.5 (2 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅, *J*_{PtF} = 177 Hz), -116.8 (2 *o*-F, *J*_{PtF} = 399 Hz), -147.3 (1 *p*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -161.4 (2 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -165.2 (1 *p*-F), -166.4 (2 *m*-F) ppm.

R = Et (6). Complex **6** was prepared in the same way from **3** (0.182 g, 0.119 mmol) and [Pt(C₇H₁₀)₃] (0.061 g, 0.13 mmol). **6** was obtained as a purple solid (0.091 g, 44%). Anal. Found (calcd for C₆₄F₁₀H₅₀P₄Pt₃): C, 44.9 (44.7); H, 2.95 (2.9). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm⁻¹): 779. FAB-MS: *m/z* 1718 ([M]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃): δ -94.6 (2 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅, *J*_{PtF} = 166 Hz), -117.0 (2 *o*-F, *J*_{PtF} = 392 Hz), -150.0 (1 *p*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -162.1 (2 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -165.3 (1 *p*-F), -166.6 (2 *m*-F) ppm.

Preparation of [Pt₃Ag(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(OCIO₃)(PPh₃)₂] (7). To a solution of **4** (0.100 g, 0.055 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added AgClO₄ (0.020 g, 0.096 mmol), and the mixture was stirred, at room temperature and in the dark, for 15 h. The mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate evaporated to ca. 2 mL, whereupon a purple solid began to crystallize. Hexane (5 mL) was added, and the resulting solid **7** was filtered off, washed with hexane (2 × 2 mL), and vacuum-dried (0.085 g, 76%). Anal. Found (calcd for AgC₇₂-ClF₁₀H₅₀O₄P₄Pt₃): C, 42.5 (42.8); H, 2.5 (2.5). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm⁻¹): 785. FAB-MS: *m/z* 1922 ([M - ClO₄]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 295 K): δ -82.8 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -96.7 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -117.6 (2 *o*-F, *J*_{PtF} = 401.0 Hz), -142.8 (1 *p*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -157.1 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -159.2 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -162.7 (1 *p*-F), -165.2

(2 *m*-F) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 188 K): δ -82.4 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -95.1 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -115.4 (1 *o*-F), -117.4 (1 *o*-F), -142.5 (1 *p*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -152.3 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -162.0 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -162.7 (1 *p*-F), -164.5 (2 *m*-F) ppm.

Preparation of [Pt₃Ag(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(PPh₃)₃]-[ClO₄] (8). (a) To a solution of **4** (0.100 g, 0.055 mmol) in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added [Ag(OCIO₃)PPh₃] (0.026 g, 0.055 mmol), and the mixture was stirred, at room temperature and in the dark, for 1 h. The solution was evaporated to ca. 1 mL, hexane (2 mL) was added, and the resulting purple solid **8** was filtered off, washed with *n*-hexane (2 × 2 mL), and dried under vacuum. Yield: 0.103 g, 82%. (b) To a solution of **7** (0.053 g, 0.026 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added PPh₃ (0.007 g, 0.03 mmol). After 45 min stirring, the solution was evaporated to ca. 1 mL, hexane was added (2 mL), and the resulting solid **8** was filtered off, washed with hexane (2 × 2 mL), and dried under vacuum (0.040 g, 68%). Anal. Found (calcd for AgC₉₀-ClF₁₀H₆₅O₄P₅Pt₃): C, 47.2 (47.3); H, 2.95 (2.9). IR (X-sensitive C₆F₅, cm⁻¹): 785. FAB-MS: *m/z* 2184 ([M - ClO₄]⁺). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 295 K): δ -83.6 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -90.9 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -116.9 (2 *o*-F, *J*_{PtF} = 371 Hz), -142.8 (1 *p*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -151.1 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -160.8 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -161.3 (1 *p*-F), -164.5 (2 *m*-F) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 218 K): δ -83.8 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -90.1 (1 *o*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -115.5 (1 *o*-F, *J*_{PtF} = 397 Hz), -117.6 (1 *o*-F, *J*_{PtF} = 352 Hz), -143.5 (1 *p*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -150.3 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -161.6 (1 *m*-F, μ-C₆F₅), -161.9 (1 *p*-F), -164.2 (2 *m*-F) ppm.

Crystal Structure Analysis of [Pt₃(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(PPh₃)₂] (4) and [Pt₃Ag(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(OCIO₃)(PPh₃)₂]·2CH₂Cl₂ (7·2CH₂Cl₂). Crystal data and other details of the structure analysis are presented in Table 4. Suitable crystals of **4** and **7** were obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-hexane into a solution of 0.025 g of [Pt₃(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(PPh₃)₂] or [Pt₃Ag(μ-PPh₂)₂(μ-C₆F₅)(C₆F₅)(OCIO₃)(PPh₃)₂] in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) and were mounted at the end of glass fibers. For **4**, unit cell dimensions were determined from 25 centered reflections in the range 20.7° < 2θ < 30.1°, each centered at four different goniometer positions. An absorption correction

was applied based on 516 azimuthal scan data. For **7**, due to the instability of the crystals and repeated power failures on the diffractometer and low-temperature device, the crystallographic data set used was obtained by merging the data obtained from two different crystals (see the Supporting Information). Unit cell dimensions were determined from one of the crystals, using 25 reflections in the range $22.6^\circ < 2\theta < 31.7^\circ$, each centered at four different goniometer positions. Absorption corrections were applied independently to the two data sets. For the data from crystal 1, absorption corrections were based on 686 azimuthal scan data, and for crystal 2 the absorption corrections were based on 664 azimuthal scan data.

Both structures were solved by Patterson and Fourier methods. All refinements were carried out using the program SHELXL-93.²⁹ All non-hydrogen atoms were assigned anisotropic displacement parameters and refined without positional constraints. All hydrogen atoms were constrained to idealized geometries and assigned isotropic displacement parameters of 1.2 times the U_{iso} value of their attached carbon atoms (1.5 times for methyl hydrogen atoms). For **7**·2CH₂Cl₂, for the least-squares refinement, the data sets from crystals 1 and 2 were assigned different batch scale factors, which were refined independently, yielding a relative value of 4.122 for crystal 2. The two molecules of dichloromethane present in the structure show some degree of disorder, and of the several models tested,

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the following led to the best residuals: In one of the molecules, one of the chlorine atoms, Cl(2), shows a disorder over two positions with occupancies 0.7/0.3. In the second molecule, all the atoms (C(74), Cl(4), and Cl(5)) are disordered over two positions with occupancies 0.6/0.4. For both molecules the C–Cl distances were restrained to accepted values, and for each molecule a common set of anisotropic displacement parameters was used for all of the (non-hydrogen) atoms. Full-matrix least-squares refinement of these models against F^2 converged to final residual indexes given in Table 5. Final difference electron density maps showed no features above $1 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$ (max./min. $0.95/-0.83 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$) for **4** and 10 features above $1 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$ (max./min. $1.65/-1.67 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$), all of which were either within 1.2 \AA of the Pt atoms or in the solvent area for **7**·CH₂Cl₂.

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Supporting Information Available: Tables of full atomic positional and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters, anisotropic displacement parameters, full bond distances and bond angles, and hydrogen coordinates and anisotropic displacement parameters for the crystal structures of complexes **4** and **7**·2CH₂Cl₂. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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