

# Synthesis of Novel Trialkyl(trichlorostannyl)platinum(IV) Complexes through SnCl<sub>2</sub> Insertion into the Pt–Cl Bond

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**Summary:** Reaction of SnCl<sub>2</sub> with the trialkylplatinum(IV) complexes [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(bipy)] (**1**) resulted in the formation of the novel trialkyl(trichlorostannyl)platinum(IV) complexes [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] (R = allyl (**2a**), Me (**2b**), Bz (**2c**)). The solid-state molecular structure of fac-[PtMe<sub>2</sub>(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] revealed a direct Pt–Sn bond (2.6497(2) Å) and three almost identical Pt–Me bond lengths (2.065(5) and 2.068(8) Å both cis and 2.069(5) Å trans to SnCl<sub>3</sub>). The presence of platinum satellites (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>SnPt</sub> = 3267–4260 Hz) in the <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR spectra of complexes **2** indicates that the direct platinum–tin bond is maintained in solution. Addition of 1 equiv of PPh<sub>3</sub> to complexes **2** resulted in the formation of the trichlorostannate complexes fac-[PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]-[SnCl<sub>3</sub>] (**3**). The absence of platinum satellites on the <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR signal of **3** confirmed the ionic character of these complexes in solution.

## Introduction

Heterobimetallic complexes of tin and group 10 metals have been known for several decades.<sup>1</sup> M(II) trihalostannyl complexes can be prepared via SnX<sub>2</sub> insertion into the M–X bond (M = Pt, Pd; X = Cl, Br) and are excellent catalysts for hydrogenation of olefins and alkynes<sup>2</sup> as well as for the hydroformylation of alkenes.<sup>3</sup> In these catalytic reactions, the [SnX<sub>3</sub>]<sup>−</sup> anion serves as a weakly coordinating anionic ligand, which allows the facile creation of a vacant coordination site at the metal center.

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It was Kuyper who reported the first examples of platinum(IV) trichlorostannyl complexes, i.e., [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(N–N)] (N–N = 2,2′-bipyridine, 2,9-dimethyl-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline),<sup>4</sup> which were obtained from oxidative addition of SnCl<sub>4</sub> on [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(N–N)]. [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(paen-me<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>5</sup> (paen-me<sub>2</sub> = *N*-(β-(dimethylamino)ethyl)pyridinealdimine) and [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(SnMe<sub>n</sub>Cl<sub>3–n</sub>)(bipy)] (n = 1–3)<sup>4</sup> can be prepared in a similar way. Other Pt(IV)–stannyl complexes obtained by reaction of organoplatinum(II) complexes with tin(IV) reagents are [Pt(SnMe<sub>3</sub>)(Ph)(H)<sub>2</sub>(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>],<sup>6</sup> [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(SnMe<sub>3</sub>)(Bu<sub>2</sub>bpy)],<sup>5</sup> [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(SnMe<sub>3</sub>)(pz)<sub>3</sub>BH]<sup>7</sup> ((pz)<sub>3</sub>BH = tris(pyrazol-1-yl)borate), ionic [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(Me<sub>2</sub>SnCl)(Bu<sub>2</sub>bpy)]<sup>+</sup>[Y]<sup>−</sup>, and [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(SnPh<sub>3–x</sub>Cl<sub>x</sub>)(Bu<sub>2</sub>bpy)]<sup>8</sup> (Y = BF<sub>4</sub>, PF<sub>6</sub>; X = 1–3; Bu<sub>2</sub>bpy = 4,4′-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2′-bipyridine).<sup>9</sup> In all these Pt(IV) stannyl complexes, the stannyl substituent was introduced by oxidative addition of a tin(IV) species to a Pt(II) complex. Recently, Puddephatt et al. reported on the reductive elimination of Me<sub>3</sub>SnX and Me<sub>4</sub>Sn from [PtXMe<sub>2</sub>(SnMe<sub>3</sub>)(diimine)] (X = Cl, Br, I) complexes, underlining the intermediacy of Pt(IV)–stannyl complexes in Sn–C bond formation.<sup>10</sup>

Here we report on the novel trialkyl(trichlorostannyl)platinum(IV) complexes [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] (**2**) and related stannate complexes [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)]-[SnCl<sub>3</sub>] (**3**), which were synthesized through the unprecedented insertion of SnCl<sub>2</sub> into the Pt<sup>IV</sup>–Cl bond. As these alkyl(trichlorostannyl)platinum complexes show a tendency to undergo reductive Sn–C bond formation, they are relevant for the oxidative alkylation of stannous halides. This aspect will be the subject of a subsequent paper.

## Results and Discussion

**Synthesis of PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy) (2).** Reaction of complexes [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(bipy)]<sup>11a–c</sup> (**1**) with SnCl<sub>2</sub>

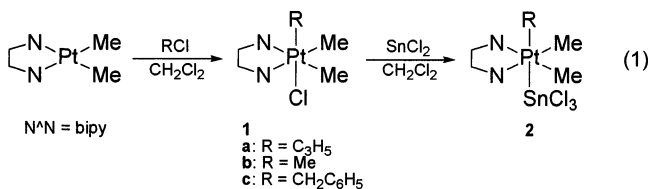
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**Table 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Data for  $[\text{PtClMe}_2\text{R}(\text{bipy})]$  (**1**) and the Novel Pt(IV) Complexes  $[\text{PtMe}_2\text{R}(\text{SnCl}_3)(\text{bipy})]$  (**2**) and  $[\text{PtClMe}_2\text{R}(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{bipy})][\text{SnCl}_3]$  (**3**)<sup>a</sup>

complex	R	bipy ligand	$\alpha\text{-H of R}$			Pt–Me (trans to bipy)				
			$\delta$	$^2J_{\text{HPt}}$	$^3J_{\text{HP}}$	$^3J_{\text{HSn}}$	$\delta$	$^2J_{\text{HPt}}$	$^3J_{\text{HP}}$	$^3J_{\text{HSn}}$
<b>1a</b> <sup>b</sup>	allyl	7.58 (t, 2H), 8.06 (t, 2H), 8.18 (d, 2H), 8.88 (d, 2H)	2.13 (d, 2H)	95		1.37 (s, 6H)	70			4.15–4.36 (m, 2H), 5.00–5.23 (ps sext, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.2$ Hz)
<b>1b</b> <sup>c</sup>	Me	7.61 (t, 2H), 8.04 (t, 2H), 8.24 (d, 2H), 8.91 (d, 2H)	0.47 (s, 3H)	82		1.36 (s, 6H)	69			
<b>1c</b> <sup>d</sup>	Bz	7.45 (t, 2H), 7.86–7.00 (m, 4H), 8.71 (d, 2H)	2.81 (s, 2H)	94		1.47 (s, 6H)	70			6.27–6.34 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.0$ Hz), 6.53–6.67 (m, 3H)
<b>2a</b>	allyl	7.72 (t, 2H), 8.13 (t, 2H), 8.32 (d, 2H), 8.84 (d, 2H)	2.25 (d, 2H)	84	18.0	1.30 (s, 6H)	69	<i>f</i>		4.17–4.32 (m, 2H), 5.00 (ps sext, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.8$ Hz)
<b>2b</b>	Me	7.74 (t, 2H), 8.17 (t, 2H), 8.34 (d, 2H), 8.93 (d, 2H)	0.71 (s, 3H)	68	6.0	1.34 (s, 6H)	69	4.5		
<b>2c</b>	Bz	7.55 (d, 2H), 8.01 (m, 4H), 8.70 (d, 2H)	2.88 (s, 2H)	82	19.2	1.41 (s, 6H)	69	<i>f</i>		6.20 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.0$ Hz), 6.61 (t, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.8$ ), 6.71 (t, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.2$ Hz)
<b>3a</b>	allyl	8.00 (d, 2H), 8.27 (t, 2H), 8.92 (d, 2H) <sup>e</sup>	1.98 (d, 2H)	75	8.8	1.30 (d, 6H)	67	10.2		4.16–4.23 (m, 2H), 4.81–5.03 (ps sext, 1H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.2$ Hz), 6.98 (t, 6H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.4$ Hz), 7.21–7.68 (m, 11 H)
<b>3b</b>	Me	8.16 (d, 2H), 8.31 (t, 2H), 8.86 (d, 2H) <sup>e</sup>	0.48 (d, 3H)	59	7.2	1.32 (d, 6H)	67	7.6		6.93 (t, 6H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.2$ Hz), 7.20–7.46 (m, 11H)
<b>3c</b>	Bz	7.88 (d, 2H), 8.17 (t, 2H), 8.60 (d, 2H) <sup>e</sup>	2.65 (d, 2H)	73	12.0	1.40 (d, 6H)	67	6.8		6.15 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.1$ Hz), 6.59 (m, 3H), 6.91 (t, 6H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.0$ Hz), 7.18–7.37 (m, 11H)

<sup>a</sup> Recorded at 200.13 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at ambient temperature. <sup>b</sup> See ref 11c. <sup>c</sup> See ref 11b. <sup>d</sup> See ref 11a. <sup>e</sup> Overlap of bipy resonances with  $\text{PPh}_3$  resonances. <sup>f</sup> Not observed.

afforded the novel platinum(IV) trichlorostannyl complexes  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{R})(\text{SnCl}_3)(\text{bipy})]$  (**2**) (R = allyl (**2a**), Me (**2b**), Bz (**2c**)) in high yield (eq 1).



Complexes **2** are yellow solids, which are soluble in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , THF, and acetone. The identity of complexes **2** was established by elemental analysis and  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectroscopy. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complexes **2** recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (Table 1) show one signal for the two methyl ligands trans to the bipy ligand and four signals for the bipy ligand itself, pointing to a complex with the R and  $\text{SnCl}_3$  substituents in trans positions. The resonances of the two PtMe groups trans to the bipy ligand show platinum satellites of 69 Hz, which is a typical value for a  $\text{Pt}^{\text{IV}}\text{Me}$  resonance.<sup>5–9</sup> In the case of **2a** and **2c**, the  $^3J_{\text{HSn}}$  satellite signals flanking the PtMe resonance trans to the bipy ligand are not observed. A small coupling of  $^3J_{\text{HSn}} = 4.5$  Hz is seen for **2b**. This value is in agreement with the  $^3J_{\text{HSn}}$  values reported for other platinum(IV)–stannyl complexes.<sup>5</sup>

The methylene proton resonances of R are shifted downfield by ca. 0.09–0.24 ppm relative to **1**, as a result of the introduction of the strongly electron-withdrawing  $\text{SnCl}_3$  substituent. Furthermore, a decrease of the coupling constant  $^2J_{\text{HPt}}$  for these methylene protons by 10 Hz was found. For all three complexes we observed also  $^3J_{\text{HSn}}$  coupling for the methylene protons (18.0 (**2a**), 6.0 (**2b**), and 19.2 Hz (**2c**), respectively).  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR spectra of complexes **2** recorded in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution showed one singlet ( $\delta +20.6$  (**2a**),  $-6.1$  (**2b**), and  $+17.6$  (**2c**), respectively) with  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  satellites ( $^1J_{\text{SnPt}} = 3267$ , 4260, and

**Table 2.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  and  $^{119}\text{Sn}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR Data for the Novel Pt(IV) Complexes  $[\text{PtMe}_2\text{R}(\text{SnCl}_3)(\text{bipy})]$  (**2**) and  $[\text{PtClMe}_2\text{R}(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{bipy})][\text{SnCl}_3]$  (**3**)<sup>a</sup>

compd	$^{119}\text{Sn}$		$^{31}\text{P}$	
	$\delta$ (ppm)	$^1J_{\text{SnPt}}$ (Hz)	$\delta$ (ppm)	$^1J_{\text{PPt}}$ (Hz)
<b>2a</b> <sup>b</sup>	20.6	3267		
<b>2b</b> <sup>b</sup>	$-6.1$	4260		
<b>2c</b> <sup>b</sup>	17.2	3415		
<b>3a</b>	$-48.9$		$-0.69$	972
<b>3b</b>	$-49.6$		$-2.40$	984
<b>3c</b>	$-46.3$		$-1.23$	967

<sup>a</sup> Recorded at 81.02 MHz ( $^{31}\text{P}$ ) and 74.63 MHz ( $^{119}\text{Sn}$ ) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at ambient temperature. <sup>b</sup> Recorded in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at ambient temperature.

3415 Hz, respectively) (Table 2). The observation of  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  satellites is direct proof for the presence of a platinum–tin bond in solutions of complexes **2**.

The magnitude of the platinum–tin coupling constants of **2** are at the low end of the range (2 500–35 000 Hz) found in the literature,<sup>12</sup> indicating a weak Pt–Sn interaction. Unfortunately, no reference data for Pt– $\text{SnCl}_3$  complexes with bidentate nitrogen ligands are available. For complexes of the type *trans*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{SnCl}_3)(\text{Y})(\text{PET}_3)_2]$ ,  $^1J_{\text{PtSn}}$  values of 6620 and 5775 Hz were found for Y = Me,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$ , respectively.<sup>13</sup> The magnitude of these values is comparable to those found for **2**.

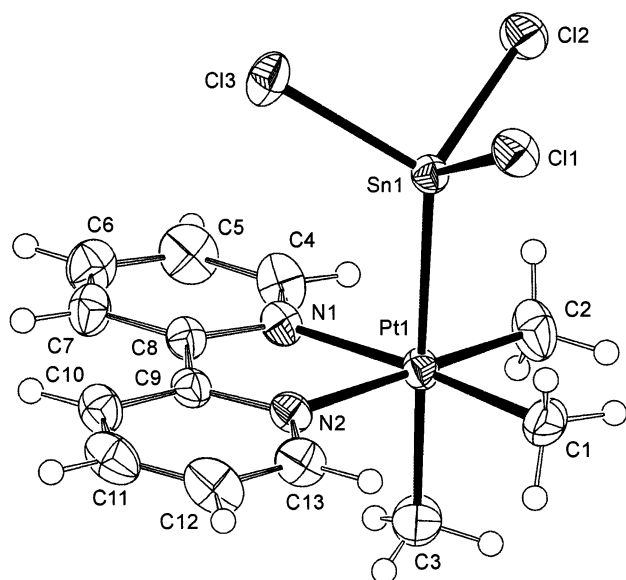
Dissociation of the  $\text{SnCl}_3$  ligand from the Pt center to give  $[\text{PtMe}_2\text{R}(\text{bipy})][\text{SnCl}_3]$  can be excluded, even in coordinating solvents such as acetone;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **2b** recorded in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> showed platinum and tin satellites for the PtMe resonance in a position trans to the  $\text{SnCl}_3$  substituent, indicating the covalent Pt–Sn bond is retained in solution.

**Molecular Structure of *fac*- $[\text{PtMe}_3(\text{SnCl}_3)(\text{bipy})]$  (**2b**).** The structure of **2b** in the solid state was solved by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study (Figure 1). Selected bond distances and bond angles are listed in Table 3.

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**Figure 1.** Displacement ellipsoid plot (50% probability) of *fac*-[PtMe<sub>3</sub>(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] (**2b**).

**Table 3. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for *fac*-PtMe<sub>3</sub>(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy) (**2b**)**

Bond Lengths			
Pt(1)–Sn(1)	2.6497(2)	Pt(1)–C(3)	2.069(5)
Pt(1)–N(1)	2.147(3)	Sn(1)–Cl(1)	2.3896(9)
Pt(1)–N(2)	2.143(5)	Sn(1)–Cl(2)	2.3981(13)
Pt(1)–C(1)	2.065(5)	Sn(1)–Cl(3)	2.3958(12)
Pt(1)–C(2)	2.068(8)		
Bond Angles			
Sn(1)–Pt(1)–N(1)	90.87(8)	N(2)–Pt(1)–C(3)	90.3(2)
Sn(1)–Pt(1)–N(2)	90.82(8)	C(1)–Pt(1)–C(2)	88.1(3)
Sn(1)–Pt(1)–C(1)	90.92(13)	C(1)–Pt(1)–C(3)	88.25(18)
Sn(1)–Pt(1)–C(2)	92.31(13)	C(2)–Pt(1)–C(3)	86.7(2)
Sn(1)–Pt(1)–C(3)	178.7(2)	Pt(1)–Sn(1)–Cl(1)	119.10(2)
N(1)–Pt(1)–N(2)	77.07(16)	Pt(1)–Sn(1)–Cl(2)	117.97(3)
N(1)–Pt(1)–C(1)	174.3(2)	Pt(1)–Sn(1)–Cl(3)	119.77(3)
N(1)–Pt(1)–C(2)	97.3(2)	Cl(1)–Sn(1)–Cl(2)	98.74(4)
N(1)–Pt(1)–C(3)	90.05(15)	Cl(1)–Sn(1)–Cl(3)	97.91(4)
N(2)–Pt(1)–C(1)	97.4(2)	Cl(2)–Sn(1)–Cl(3)	99.00(4)
N(2)–Pt(1)–C(2)	173.58(7)		

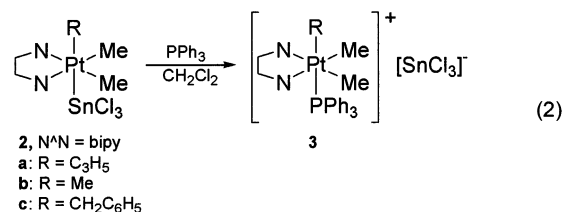
The six-coordinated platinum center has a distorted-octahedral geometry. The equatorial plane is formed by the bipy and the two methyl ligands, while the apical positions are occupied by the third methyl group and a trichlorostannyl group, respectively. The donor atoms in the equatorial plane are essentially coplanar with the Pt center (largest deviation 0.069(4) Å). The apical groups are in a linear arrangement with a Me–Pt–Sn angle of 178.72(13)°. The largest deviation from the ideal octahedral geometry arises from the bipy bite angle of 77.09(11)°. The Pt–Sn distance of 2.6497(3) Å is irrefutable proof of a direct Pt–Sn bond in the solid state. The Pt–Me distances have the same length (2.065(4)–2.069(4) Å), irrespective of their position to the stannyl ligand. The three Sn–Cl distances (2.3896(9)–2.3981(13) Å) are slightly longer than the Sn–Cl bond distances observed in trichlorostannyl platinum(II) complexes.<sup>14</sup>

Since the SnCl<sub>3</sub> ligand is a substituent with moderate trans influence,<sup>1e,f,15</sup> it was expected that the Pt–Me bond of **2b** trans to the stannyl ligand would be longer

than the other two Pt–Me bonds. However, since all Pt–Me distances found were nearly of the same length, we can only conclude that there is a low trans influence of the stannyl group, presumably caused by the relatively long Pt–Sn distance (2.6497(3) Å). As expected, the Pt<sup>IV</sup>–Sn distance is longer than in Pt(II) compounds<sup>14</sup> but also significantly longer than in other known Pt(IV) compounds (2.54–2.57 Å).<sup>5,7a,9</sup> We assume that this long bond length is a consequence of the electron-withdrawing effect of the three chloro substituents. The long Pt–Sn bond found in the crystal structure is also in agreement with the small <sup>1</sup>J<sub>SnPt</sub> value found in the <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR spectrum.

The sum of the Cl–Sn–Cl angles (295.7°) indicates that some hybridization has occurred (270° for nonhybridized [SnCl<sub>3</sub>]<sup>−</sup>). This deviation is quite small and is in accordance with the long Pt–Sn distance. The conformation of the trichlorostannyl group is best described as eclipsed relative to the two equatorial methyl groups, giving rise to an approximate, noncrystallographic C<sub>s</sub> symmetry of the octahedron. The conformation of the SnCl<sub>3</sub> group may be assisted by weak intramolecular C–H⋯Cl interactions (3.0738 Å) between the equatorial Me groups and the SnCl<sub>3</sub> chlorine atoms.

**Synthesis of [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>+</sup>[SnCl<sub>3</sub>]<sup>−</sup> (**3**).** Kollár et al. reported that addition of triarylphosphine (P) to Pt(II)–trichlorostannyl complexes [PtCl(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(P–P)] (P–P = bidentate diphosphine ligand) resulted in the formation of stable stannate complexes [PtCl(P)(P–P)]<sup>+</sup>[SnCl<sub>3</sub>]<sup>−</sup>, which were found to be soluble in most organic solvents.<sup>16</sup> In a similar fashion it was possible to replace the weakly coordinated SnCl<sub>3</sub> ligand in complexes **2** by PPh<sub>3</sub>, resulting in the formation of cationic platinum(IV) complexes [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sup>+</sup> (**3**) with a noncoordinating [SnCl<sub>3</sub>]<sup>−</sup> anion (eq 2).



Complexes **3** are highly soluble in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>-Cl<sub>2</sub>, and elemental analyses were in agreement with the proposed formulation. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR resonances of PtMe trans to the bipy ligand and the resonances of the methylene group trans to the phosphorus atom in complexes **3** display <sup>195</sup>Pt satellites and <sup>31</sup>P coupling but no <sup>119</sup>Sn satellites. The latter confirms that triphenylphosphine instead of [SnCl<sub>3</sub>]<sup>−</sup> is bonded to the platinum center. The introduction of PPh<sub>3</sub> caused an upfield shift relative to **2** of ca. 0.23 ppm for the methylene positioned trans to phosphorus (**3a**, **3c**) and methyl groups (**3b**). In addition, a decrease (by ca. 9 Hz) of the <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HPt</sub> values was found for the methylene resonances of the R substituent. For the signals of the PtMe groups trans to the bipy ligand, no significant changes in the

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chemical shifts and the  $^2J_{\text{HPt}}$  values were observed. The NMR data of complex **3b** fit well with the literature data for the closely related complexes [PtMe<sub>3</sub>(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]-[BF<sub>4</sub>]<sup>17</sup> and [PtMe<sub>3</sub>(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)]-[O<sub>3</sub>SCF<sub>3</sub>].<sup>18</sup> The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra showed a single resonance ( $\delta$  -0.69 (**3a**), -2.04 (**3b**), -1.23 (**3c**), respectively) with <sup>195</sup>Pt satellites ( $^1J_{\text{PtP}}$  = 972, 984, and 964 Hz, respectively). None of the signals in the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra displayed tin satellites, in line with the noncoordinating character of the [SnCl<sub>3</sub>] anion. The <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR spectra of **3a-c** each showed a singlet at  $\delta$  -48.9, -49.6 and -46.3, respectively, in close agreement with those found for the [SnCl<sub>3</sub>] anion in ionic stannate complexes [AsPh<sub>4</sub>]-[SnCl<sub>3</sub>] ( $\delta$  -51), [NBu<sub>4</sub>][SnCl<sub>3</sub>] ( $\delta$  -52), and, to a lesser extent, [PBu<sub>4</sub>H][SnCl<sub>3</sub>] ( $\delta$  -30).<sup>19</sup>

### Conclusion

Three novel platinum(IV)-trichlorostannyl complexes [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] have been prepared successfully by the reaction of SnCl<sub>2</sub> with [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(R)(bipy)] (R = allyl, Me, Bz). These complexes represent the first examples of Pt(IV) stannyl complexes that were prepared through SnCl<sub>2</sub> insertion into the Pt<sup>IV</sup>-Cl bond. NMR studies of **2a-c** and a crystal structure of **2b** prove the presence of a direct tin-platinum bond. The weakly coordinated SnCl<sub>3</sub> ligand can be easily substituted by triphenylphosphine, resulting in the ionic [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(R)-(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)][SnCl<sub>3</sub>] complexes.

### Experimental Section

**General Procedures.** All reactions and manipulations were carried out under an inert atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents were dried and distilled prior to use. [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(bipy)],<sup>20</sup> [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(benzyl)-(bipy)],<sup>11a</sup> [PtClMe<sub>3</sub>(bipy)],<sup>11b</sup> and [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(allyl)(bipy)]<sup>11c</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures. Anhydrous SnCl<sub>2</sub> was used as supplied. Elemental analyses were carried out by H. Kolbe, Mikroanalytische Laboratorium, Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 200 MHz spectrometer.

**[PtMe<sub>2</sub>(allyl)(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] (2a).** To a solution of [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(allyl)(bipy)] (148 mg, 0.33 mmol) in dichloromethane (7.5 mL) was added tin(II) chloride (61.6 mg, 0.33 mmol). After a few minutes an intense yellow solution was formed. The volume of the solution was reduced in vacuo to 1 mL, and pentane (5 mL) was added to precipitate the product as a yellow solid, which was isolated by filtration, washed with pentane (5 mL), and dried in vacuo. The yield was quantitative. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PtSn: C, 27.83; H, 2.96; Cl, 16.43; N, 4.33. Found: C, 27.74; H, 3.10; Cl, 16.40; N, 4.26.

**fac-[PtMe<sub>3</sub>(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] (2b).** *fac*-[PtClMe<sub>3</sub>(bipy)] (100 mg, 0.23 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL). Next, tin(II) chloride (44 mg, 0.23 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and filtered. Evaporation of the solvent gave 140 mg (98%) of a yellow solid. The yellow compound (50 mg) was dissolved in 5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and crystallized at -20 °C. After 1 week, light yellow crystals suitable for an X-ray crystallographic study had formed. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PtSn: C, 25.13; H, 2.76; Cl, 17.11; N, 4.51. Found: C, 25.20; H, 2.71; Cl, 17.05; N, 4.43.

**Crystal Structure Determination of 2b.** Crystal data: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PtSn, fw = 621.42, yellowish plate, 0.45 × 0.24 ×

0.06 mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c* (No. 14), *a* = 10.5494(1) Å, *b* = 15.4508(2) Å, *c* = 14.6084(1) Å,  $\beta$  = 130.6525(6)°, *V* = 1806.49(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4,  $\rho$  = 2.285 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. A total of 39 957 reflections were measured on a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer with a rotating anode ( $\lambda$  = 0.710 73 Å) at a temperature of 150(2) K; 4139 reflections were unique (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0706). Absorption correction was performed with PLATON<sup>21</sup> (routine DELABS,  $\mu$  = 9.55 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 0.08–0.54 transmission). The structure was solved with direct methods (SIR97)<sup>22</sup> and refined with SHELXL97<sup>23</sup> against *F*<sup>2</sup> of all reflections. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined freely with anisotropic displacement parameters. Methyl hydrogen atoms were refined with a rotating model and phenyl hydrogen atoms with a riding model; there were 184 refined parameters and no restraints. *R* values (*I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)): *R*1 = 0.0240, *wR*2 = 0.0623. *R* values: *R*1 = 0.0258, *wR*2 = 0.0634. GOF = 1.084. The residual electron density was between -1.37 and 0.77 e/Å<sup>3</sup>. Molecular illustration, structure checking, and calculations were performed with the PLATON package.<sup>21</sup>

**[PtMe<sub>2</sub>(Bz)(SnCl<sub>3</sub>)(bipy)] (2c).** This complex was prepared by following the same procedure described for **2a** from [PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(Bz)(bipy)] (135 mg (0.27 mmol), dichloromethane (7.5 mL), and tin(II) chloride (50 mg, 0.27 mmol). The yellow product was isolated in 80% yield. Crystallization of **2a** from hot CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> afforded yellow plate-shaped crystals. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PtSn: C, 32.72; H, 3.03; N, 4.02; Sn, 17.02. Found: C, 32.88; H, 3.04; N, 3.93; Sn, 17.18.

**[PtMe<sub>2</sub>(allyl)(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)] [SnCl<sub>3</sub>] (3a).** *fac*-[PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(allyl)(bipy)] (95 mg, 0.21 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Next 40 mg (0.21 mmol) of tin(II) chloride and 54 mg (0.21 mmol) of PPh<sub>3</sub> were added to the solution. Stirring for 10 min at room temperature afforded a light yellow solution. Filtration of the reaction mixture and evaporation of the solvent gave 169 mg of a yellow solid (90%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>34</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PtSn: C, 43.57; H, 3.77; Cl, 11.69; N, 3.08; P, 3.40. Found: C, 43.64; H, 3.85; Cl, 11.54; N, 3.60.

**fac-[PtMe<sub>3</sub>(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)] [SnCl<sub>3</sub>] (3b).** This complex was prepared by following the same procedure described for **3a** from *fac*-[PtClMe<sub>3</sub>(bipy)] (88 mg, 0.20 mmol), dichloromethane (5 mL), tin(II) chloride (39 mg, 0.27 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (53 mg, 0.20 mmol). The product was obtained as an off-white solid in quantitative yield. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PtSn: C, 42.13; H, 3.65; Cl, 12.04; N, 3.17; P, 3.50. Found: C, 42.18, H, 3.61; Cl, 12.11; N, 3.15; P, 3.54.

**[PtMe<sub>2</sub>(Bz)(bipy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)] [SnCl<sub>3</sub>] (3c).** This complex was prepared by following the same procedure described for **3a** from *fac*-[PtClMe<sub>2</sub>(Bz)(bipy)] (240 mg, 0.47 mmol), dichloromethane (20 mL), tin(II) chloride (89 mg, 0.47 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (124 mg, 0.47 mmol). The product was isolated as a yellow solid in 80% yield. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PtSn: C, 46.30; H, 3.78; N, 2.92; P, 3.23; Cl, 11.08. Found: C, 46.18; H, 3.88; N, 2.97; P, 3.30; Cl, 11.19.

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