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# A C^N Cycloplatinated(II) Fluoride Complex: Photophysical Studies and Csp<sup>3</sup>—F Bond Formation

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#### **Abstract**

This work reports the synthesis and characterization of a new C^N-based cycloplatinated(II) fluoride complex [Pt(ppy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)F] (**2**, ppy = 2-phenylpyridinate), involving a Pt–F bond. The new complex is highly luminescent in green area with a high quantum yield of 94.6% at 77K. A comparison study of the heavier of halogen derivatives reveals a descending emission quantum yield order of F > Cl > Br > I. Time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculations ascribe the decreased emission efficiency to the decreasing trend of intra ligand (IL) transition from F to I, which accounts for the major radiative pathway. In addition, **2** is capable of the fluorinating alkyl halides leading to  $Csp^3$ –F bond formation at room temperature.

#### Introduction

Halide ions are among the most common ligands used for stabilizing transition metals. The size,  $\sigma$ -bond donation ability, *trans* effect, and bond strengths to low oxidation state metals increase down the halide group, while the  $\pi$ -bond donation and bond strength to high oxidation state metals decrease from F to I. As a result, transition metal complexes usually show interesting halide effect in reactivity and properties such as luminescence. While transition metal complexes with Cl, Br, and I ligands are very common, the F containing analogues are much less available, especially for late transition metals cations in low oxidation states,  $^{2-5}$  thus preventing a complete study across the group. For example, halide ligands (Cl, Br, I) have been shown to largely influence the emission properties of Pt(II) $^{6-9}$ , Pt(IV) $^{10, 11}$ , and Cu(I) $^{12-15}$  complexes. The scarcity of transition metal fluoride complexes is largely due to their high reactivity and the limited synthetic methods, as predicted by the hard/soft acid—base theory that the fluoride ion (hard base) is mismatched with soft acid such as Pt(II), Pd(II), Au(I).

Our groups have been actively studying cycloplatinated complexes due to their intriguing photophysical and biological properties. <sup>17–22</sup> Some Pt(II)<sup>23–28</sup> and Pt(IV)<sup>29–37</sup> fluoride complexes are known in literature, however, cycloplatinated complexes bearing a Pt–F bond are unprecendented. <sup>38–40</sup> To the best of our knowledge, only one report discussed the halide effect on the photophysical properties of Pt(IV) complexes involving all the F, Cl, Br, and I ligands. <sup>10</sup> A systematic investigation of the halide effect on the photophysical properties of Pt(II) is not available. Herein, we report the synthesis, photophysical properties and reactivity of a C^N-based cycloplatinated(II) complex with a fluoride ligand.

### **Results and Discussion**

#### **Synthesis and Structural Characterization**

The Pt fluoride complex [Pt(ppy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)F] (**2**, ppy = 2-phenylpyridinate) was efficiently synthesized through F/X exchange from its heavier halogen counterparts [Pt(ppy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)X] (**1**, X = Cl, **1a**; Br, **1b**; I, **1c**)<sup>41, 42</sup> using AgF as the fluoride source (Scheme 1, yield > 85%).

The halide metathesis reaction was performed in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature with 1.4 equiv. of AgF (see the Experimental Section for details).

The successful formation of **2** with Pt–F bond was first identified using the multinuclear 1D (Figures 1 and S1–S5) and 2D (Figures S6–S8) NMR spectroscopy. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **2** shows a sharp doublet signal ( ${}^2J_{PF} = 17$  Hz) flanked by Pt satellites ( ${}^1J_{PtF} = 340$  Hz) at  $\delta = -241.4$  ppm providing direct evidence of Pt–F bonding. Correspondingly, a doublet signal appears in the <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2** ( $\delta = 24.0$  ppm) which has a  ${}^2J_{PF}$  coupling constant of 17 Hz consistent with that observed from <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy (Figure 1). This doublet signal has Pt satellites with  ${}^1J_{PtP} = 4406$  Hz which is normal for direct Pt–P bonds in Pt(II) complexes. <sup>17, 21, 42</sup> Expectedly, the corresponding <sup>195</sup>Pt{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum includes a sharp doublet of doublet signal at  $\delta = -3917$  ppm ( ${}^1J_{PtP} = 4411$  Hz,  ${}^1J_{PtF} = 342$  Hz) due to the coupling with both the coordinated P and F atoms, respectively.

The HR-ESI-Mass spectrum of **2** (Figure S9) shows an ion with an isotope pattern diagnostic for [M-F] $^+$  moiety (m/z = 611.1206). Finally, the molecular structure of **2** was unambiguously characterized by single crystal X-ray crystallography (Figure 2). The crystallographic data (Table S1) and the selected bond lengths and angels are collected in Table S2. The crystal structure of **2** clearly indicates that the fluoride ligand is directly bound to the Pt center and located *trans* to the ligating C atom of the ppy ligand. The bond length of Pt-F is 2.042 Å, in the typical range of tetracoordinated platinum fluoride complexes. <sup>23–28</sup> The platinum adopts a distorted-square-planar coordination geometry with angles ranging from 81.38 to 98.88° and the maximum deviation from the mean plane through PtCNPF is 0.018 Å. The fluoride ligand involves hydrogen bonding interactions with co-crystallized CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solvent<sup>43</sup> (1.950 Å, Figure 2), H<sup>6</sup> of ppy ligand<sup>42</sup> (2.306 Å), and one hydrogen from PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.209 Å) of the vicinal molecule. These interactions are much shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of H and F (2.68 Å)<sup>44–47</sup> (Figure S10).

#### **Photophysical Properties**

The fluoride complex 2 is highly emissive in green area in different states and temperature conditions. In solid state at 298 K, 2 gives a completely structured emission band centered at 490 nm with a vibronic progression at 523 nm and a shoulder at around 560 nm, indicating a large composition of  ${}^3\text{IL}$  with small contribution of  ${}^3\text{MLCT}$  in the emissive state (Figure 3). The lifetime of 2 was measured to be 11.6 µs, confirming the phosphorescence character of the emission. By lowering the temperature down to 77 K, 2 exhibits a much brighter emission with a significant increase in quantum yield ( $\Phi$ ) from 53.1 to 94.6%. There is no tangible change in the position and shape of the emission band at 77 K compared to that of at room temperature (Figure 3). In CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution state at 298 K, 2 keeps its emission in green region ( $\Phi = 8.4\%$ ), yielding a structured emission band with a slight blue shift compared with that of the solid state (Figure 3). The emission band of the frozen solution (77 K) appears at 480 nm with a slight blue shift and more structured shape compared with that of at 298 K (Figure 3).

Interestingly, in solid state the similar emission bands but with decreased intensities were observed from 2 to 1c (F to I), while 1c is practically non-emissive (Figure 4 and Table 1).

The descending trend of  $\Phi$  values for **2** (53.1%), **1a** (47.0%) and **1b** (31.0%) certifies this observation. This was supported by the obtained non-radiative rate constants ( $k_{nr}$ ) of the complexes (**2** [4.06×10<sup>4</sup>], **1a** [7.36×10<sup>4</sup>] and **1b** [10.0×10<sup>4</sup>]) which are on the increase from **2** to **1b**.

To investigate the nature of electronic transitions, the UV-vis spectra were obtained for **2** and **1a–c** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (Figures 5 and S11, Table S3). Density functional theory (DFT) and time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculation methods were carried out for better understanding of the ground and excited states. All complexes were optimized in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution and gas phase (considered as solid state). Besides, their DFT-optimized structures (Figure S12) and the selected geometrical parameters (Table S4) are given in the Supporting Information. Then, the frontier molecular orbitals (MOs) involving "HOMO to HOMO-5" and "LUMO to LUMO+5" were calculated for all the complexes (Tables S5–S8 and visual plots in Figures S13–S16). In all the cases, HOMO is mostly localized on the Pt, ppy and halogen moieties, of which the contribution of halogen ligand increases from F to I. However, LUMO is remarkably centered on the ppy ligand (around 88%). The contribution of PPh<sub>3</sub> is negligible in HOMO and LUMO levels, but it considerably increases in lower HOMOs and higher LUMOs.

TD-DFT calculated electronic transitions are in good agreement with the experimental UV-vis absorption spectra for all the complexes (Figure 5). The low energy region 350–425 nm is related to the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$  transition which is mainly contributed by the HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO transition (> 90%). This region is assigned as the mixed  $^1\text{IL}/^1\text{MLCT}$  and  $^1\text{XLCT}$  (L = ppy, X = halides) characters. In compliance with the experimental data, the low energy band in 2 is red shifted compared to those of the other derivatives (Figure S17). For the more intense absorbing high energy bands (250–350 nm), in addition to IL, MLCT, and XLCT, some other characters like ML'CT, LL'CT, L'LCT and XL'CT (L' = PPh<sub>3</sub>) can be observed, indicating the important role of PPh<sub>3</sub> as the beginning or destination of the electronic transitions (Tables S9–S12).

The theoretical emission wavelengths were calculated for **2**, **1a** and **1b**, using the energy gap between the optimized structures of  $S_0$  and  $T_1$  states in the gas phase. The calculated energy gaps between  $S_0$  and  $T_1$  are 2.516 (**2**), 2.595 (**1a**) and 2.579 (**1b**) eV, corresponding to the emission wavelengths of 493, 478, and 481 nm, respectively. These theoretical emissions are very close to the corresponding experimental values at 298 K (Table 1). To obtain further insight into the nature of the emissions, the frontier molecular orbitals were calculated for  $S_0$  (HOMO and LUMO) and  $T_1$  (LSOMO and HSOMO) states in the gas phase. Figure 6 depicts the HOMO-LUMO and LSOMO-HSOMO energy levels diagram for **2** while those of **1a** and **1b** are shown in Figures S18 and S19, respectively, and summarized in Table 2. For **2**, LSOMO is close to HOMO in terms of the composition and energy. HSOMO also resembles LUMO (both localized on ppy moiety), but with a significant stabilization in energy. By looking at the LSOMO and HSOMO plots, the mixed  $^3$ IL/ $^3$ MLCT/ $^3$ XLCT emission character can be concluded for the complexes.

In order to understand the halide effect on the emission of these Pt complexes, TD-DFT calculations were performed in the gas phase. Figure 7 demonstrates the comparative

diagram for the energy levels of the calculated MOs of 1a-c and 2. Similar to the solution states, the lowest electronic transitions are attributed to the HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO transition for all the complexes wherein the HOMO-LUMO energy gap is almost on the decrease from F to I (2 [3.826 eV], 1a [3.828 eV], 1b [3.718 eV] and 1c [3.512 eV]). In all the cases, based on the contribution percentages shown in Table 2, the HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO transition is assigned as mixed IL/MLCT/XLCT characters. The contribution of halide ligands in HOMO increases from F to I (Table 2, 2 [11 %], 1a [30 %], 1b [45 %] and 1c [62 %]), while the contribution of ppy ligand decreases (Table 2, 2 [35 %], 1a [27 %], 1b [18 %] and 1c [10 %]). As a result, the XLCT character grows and the IL character concedes (intra ligand transition in ppy) from F to I. Additionally, as can be observed in Figure 7, the energies of the  $d_{\sigma}^*$  orbitals of 2 are higher than those of the other complexes 1a-c. It suggests the higher energies of the MC states for 2 which qualitatively explain the trend of emission strength for all the complexes.

#### C<sub>sp</sub><sup>3</sup>–F Bond Formation

Transition metal fluoride complexes are important intermediates in C–F bond activation/ formation reactions. <sup>38, 48–52</sup> To test its reactivity for fluorination reaction, **2** was reacted with methyl iodide, ethyl iodide and allyl bromide. In situ <sup>19</sup>F NMR monitoring of the reactions (Figures 8, S20 and S21) showed the consumption of **2** and the concomitant formation of CH<sub>3</sub>–F, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>–F, and allyl fluoride respectively at room temperature. The formation of the corresponding Pt complexes **1b** and **1c**, were observed in their <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra. <sup>42</sup> The reaction was much faster for allyl bromide (completed in 10 min at room temperature) compared with that for methyl iodide and ethyl iodide. The higher reactivity of allyl bromide might result from its more electron-deficient allylic carbon and/or its strong interaction with the metal center *via* coordination. <sup>53</sup>

#### **Conclusions**

In summary, we report here the first example of a C^N-type cycloplatinated(II) fluoride complex. The complex exhibits an emission centered on the cyclometalated ligand in green region, being stronger (solid and solution) than its heavier halide derivatives ( $F \cdot Cl \cdot Br \cdot I$ ). The theoretical calculations indicated that the nature of halogen ligand significantly affects the emissions. TD-DFT calculations exhibited that, from F to I, the contribution of XLCT character in HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO transition is intensified, lowering the contribution of IL character as the center of emission. Besides, the new Pt–F complex is able to participate in  $Csp^3$ –F bond formation reactions with alkyl halides. We are currently investigating the ligand electronic effect on the reactivity, the scope of the substrates and the mechanism of C–F bond formation.

#### **Experimental Section**

#### **General Remarks**

 $^{1}$ H (700 MHz),  $^{13}$ C{ $^{1}$ H} (176 MHz),  $^{19}$ F (376 MHz),  $^{31}$ P{ $^{1}$ H} (162 MHz) and  $^{195}$ Pt{ $^{1}$ H} (64 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 700, 400 or 300 MHz instruments at room temperature. All chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to their

corresponding external standards (SiMe<sub>4</sub> for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}, CFCl<sub>3</sub> for <sup>19</sup>F, 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> for <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H}, Na<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>6</sub> for <sup>195</sup>Pt{<sup>1</sup>H}). The instrument for HR ESI-Mass measurement was a Shimadzu IT-TOF with an electrospray ionization source, which is part of the Arkansas Statewide Mass Spectrometry Facility. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-770 UV-visible/NIR spectrophotometer. Emission spectra were measured on a JASCO FP-8500 spectrofluorometer. The lifetimes were measured in the phosphorimeter mode and the quantum yields of the complexes were measured using an integrating sphere. The 2-phenylpyridine (ppy), triphenylphosphine (PPh<sub>3</sub>), silver fluoride (AgF) and all the other chemicals were purchased from commercial resources. All the reactions were carried out under Argon atmosphere and in the common solvents and all solvents were purified and dried according to standard procedures before using.<sup>54</sup> The complexes [Pt(ppy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)Cl], **1a**, [Pt(ppy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)Br], **1b**, [Pt(ppy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)I], **1c**, were prepared as published methods.<sup>42</sup> The NMR labeling is shown in Scheme 1 for clarifying the chemical shift assignments.

#### Synthesis of [Pt(ppy)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)F], 2

To a solution of **1a** (200 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1 eq.) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added AgF (55 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.4 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 days in dark at room temperature, and then filtered through cotton/Celite in a glass Pasteur pipette to remove AgCl. The resulting greenish solution was concentrated to a small volume (~ 1 mL) and nhexane (5 mL) was added to precipitate 2 as a green solid. Yield: 87% (169 mg, 0.27 mmol). HR ESI-MS(+) m/z Cacld. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NPPt [M-F]<sup>+</sup> 611.1215; Found 611.1206. Elem. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FNPPt (630.55): C, 55.24; H, 3.68; N, 2.22; Found: C, 55.41; H, 3.74; N, 2.19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 295 K):  $\delta$  9.07 (ddd,  ${}^{3}J_{PtH} = 28.3$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} =$ 4.8 Hz,  ${}^{4}J_{\text{FH}} = 8.7 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{\text{PH}} = 4.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H,  $1\text{H$ = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H<sup>3</sup>), 7.74 (dd,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  = 7.8 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{PH}$  = 11.2 Hz, 6H, H<sup>o</sup> of PPh<sub>3</sub>), 7.51 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sup>12</sup>), 7.48 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H, H<sup>p</sup> of PPh<sub>3</sub>), 7.41 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H, H<sup>m</sup> of PPh<sub>3</sub>), 7.36 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H, H<sup>5</sup>), 6.93 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H, H<sup>11</sup>), 6.52 (ddd,  ${}^{3}J_{PtH}$ = 49.1 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  = 7.6 Hz,  ${}^{4}J_{PH}$  = 3.9 Hz, 1H, H<sup>9</sup>), 6.50 (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H, H<sup>10</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 295 K):  $\delta$  164.9 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> = 3 Hz, C<sup>2</sup>), 146.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub>c = 21 Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{FC} = 13$  Hz,  $C^{6}$ ), 146.1 (s,  $C^{7}$ ), 140.6 (s,  $C^{4}$ ), 139.6 (dd,  ${}^{2}J_{Pt}c = 83$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{FC} = 7$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{PC} = 5 \text{ Hz}, C^{9}$ ), 135.6 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{Pt}c = 38 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J_{PC} = 13 \text{ Hz}, C^{o} \text{ of PPh}_{3}$ ), 131.3 (d,  ${}^{4}J_{PC} = 2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $C^p$  of PPh<sub>3</sub>), 129.8 (dd,  ${}^3J_{Pt}c = 57$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{Pc}c = 2$  Hz,  ${}^4J_{Fc}c = 4$  Hz,  $C^{10}$ ), 129.7 (d,  ${}^1J_{Pc}c = 61$ Hz,  $C^{ipso}$  of PPh<sub>3</sub>), 128.6 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{P}c = 10$  Hz,  $C^{m}$  of PPh<sub>3</sub>), 124.0 (s,  ${}^{3}J_{Pt}c = 30$  Hz,  $C^{12}$ ), 123.4 (s,  $C^{11}$ ), 122.3 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{Pt}c = 16 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{Pc} = 2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $C^{5}$ ), 118.7 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{Pt}c = 17 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{4}J_{Pc} = 2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $C^{3}$ ); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 295 K):  $\delta$  –241.4 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{PtF}$  = 340 Hz, <sup>2</sup> $J_{PF}$  = 17 Hz, 1F); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (162 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 295 K):  $\delta$  24.0 (d, <sup>1</sup> $J_{PtP}$  = 4406 Hz, <sup>2</sup> $J_{PF}$  = 17 Hz, 1P); <sup>195</sup>Pt{ $^{1}$ H} NMR (64 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 295 K):  $\delta$  -3917 (dd,  $^{1}J_{PtP}$  = 4411 Hz  $^{1}J_{PtF}$  = 342 Hz, 1Pt).

#### Monitoring the Reaction of 2 with Alkyl Halides (Mel, Etl and AllylBr) by NMR Spectroscopy

To a solution of **2** (10 mg, 0.016 mmol) in acetone- $d_6$  (0.75 mL) in an NMR tube was added the appropriate alkyl halides (10  $\mu$ L, 0.16 mmol for Me–I; 26  $\mu$ L, 0.32 mmol for Et–I; 2  $\mu$ L, 0.025 mmol for allyl bromide) at 298 K. The tube was then placed in the probe of the NMR spectrometer and NMR spectra were obtained at appropriate time intervals (Figures 8, S20 and S21).

#### X-ray Structure Determination

The appropriate crystals of  $\mathbf{2}$  were obtained by slow evaporation of its saturated solution in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/diisopropyl ether at room temperature. Single crystal X-ray diffraction intensity data of  $\mathbf{2}$  was collected at 100(2) K using a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). Data reduction was carried out using the program Bruker SAINT<sup>55</sup> and an empirical absorption correction was applied based on multi-scan method.<sup>56</sup> The structure of  $\mathbf{2}$  was solved by direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-square technique on  $|F|^2$  with anisotropic thermal parameters to describe the thermal motions of all non-hydrogen atoms using the programs (SHELXS-14)<sup>57</sup> and (SHELXL-18),<sup>58</sup> respectively. All hydrogen atoms were located from difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. The summary of crystal data and relevant structure refinement parameters for  $\mathbf{2}$  (CCDC 2008721) are given in Table S1.

#### **Computational Details**

Density functional calculations were performed with the program suite Gaussian 09<sup>59</sup> using the B3LYP level of theory. 60–62 The LANL2DZ basis set was chosen to describe Pt<sup>63, 64</sup> and the 6–31G(d) basis set was chosen for other atoms. The geometries of complexes were fully optimized by employing the density functional theory without imposing any symmetry constraints. In order to ensure the optimized geometries, frequency calculations were performed employing analytical second derivatives. Time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculations were carried out at the same level of theory and basis sets. Solvent effects have been considered by the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (CPCM)<sup>65, 66</sup>. The calculations for the electronic absorption spectra by time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) were performed at the same level of theory.

## **Supplementary Material**

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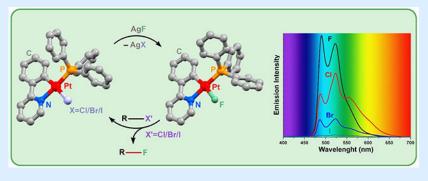
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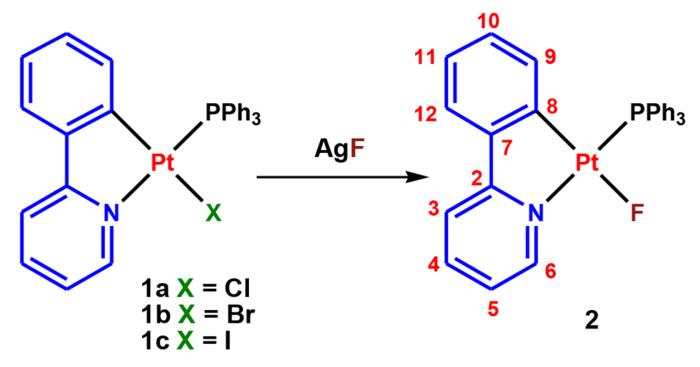
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## **SYNOPSIS**

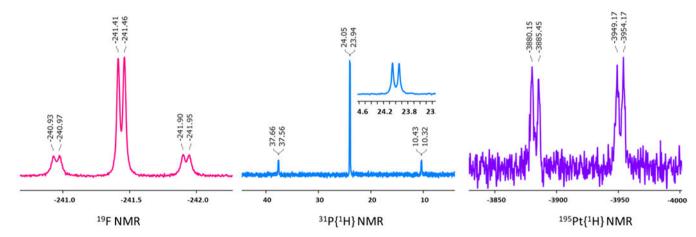
A cycloplatinated(II) fluoride complex was prepared and it revealed an interesting photophysical properties and reactivity for  $Csp^3$ -F bond formation.





Scheme 1.

Synthetic route and ligand numbering system for 2.



**Figure 1.** Heteronuclear NMR spectra of **2** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

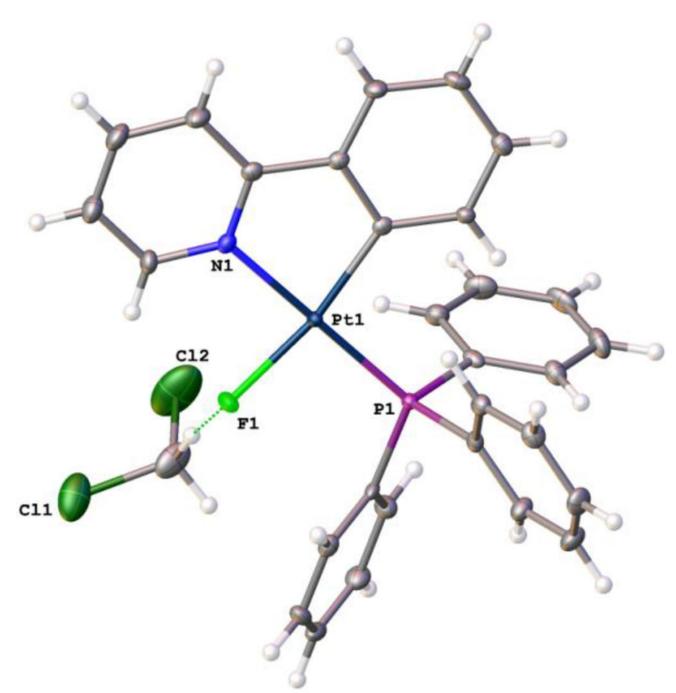


Figure 2. Molecular structure of 2·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Ellipsoids are drawn at a 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Pt(1)-P(1) 2.2288(7), Pt(1)-F(1) 2.0417(18), Pt(1)-N(1) 2.057(2), Pt(1)-C(11) 1.994(3); F(1)-Pt(1)-P(1) 91.87(5), F(1)-Pt(1)-N(1) 87.88(9), C(11)-Pt(1)-P(1) 98.88(8), C(11)-Pt(1)-N(1) 81.38(11).

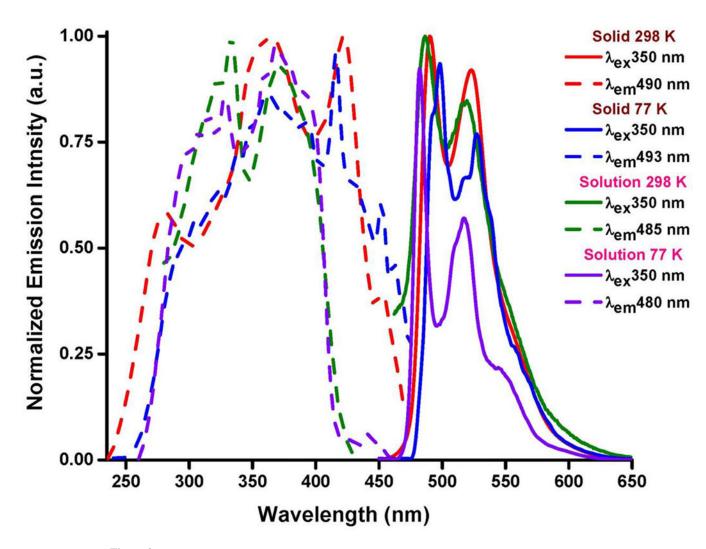


Figure 3. Normalized emission (solid lines) and excitation (dashed lines) spectra of  $\bf 2$  in the solid state and  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution ( $10^{-3}$  M) at 298 and 77 K.

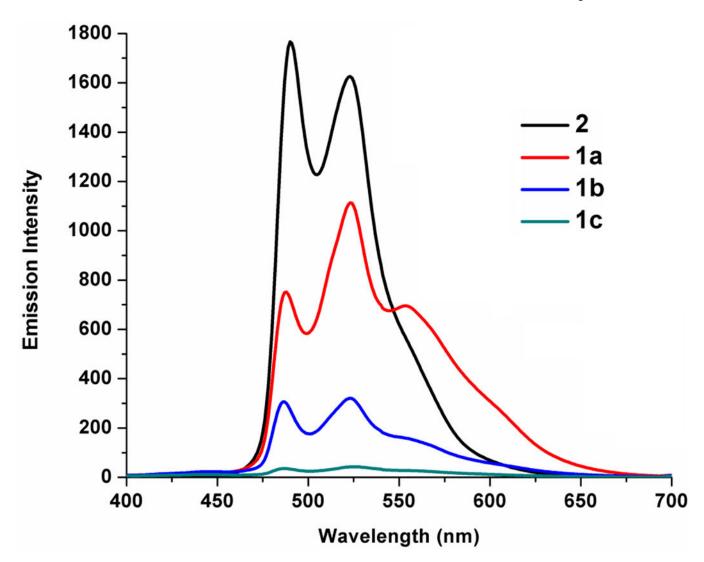


Figure 4. The emission spectra of 1a–c and 2 in solid state at 298 K ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 350 nm).

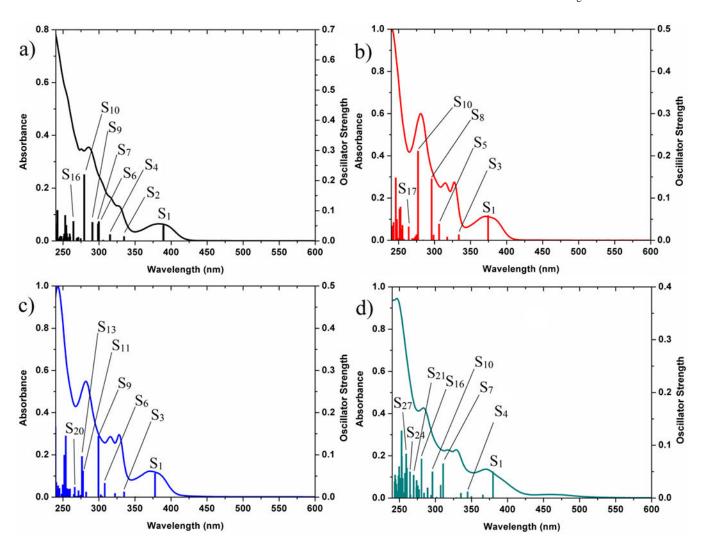


Figure 5.

Overlaid experimental UV-vis spectra and theoretical TD-DFT bars for (a) 2, (b) 1a, (c) 1b and (d) 1c.

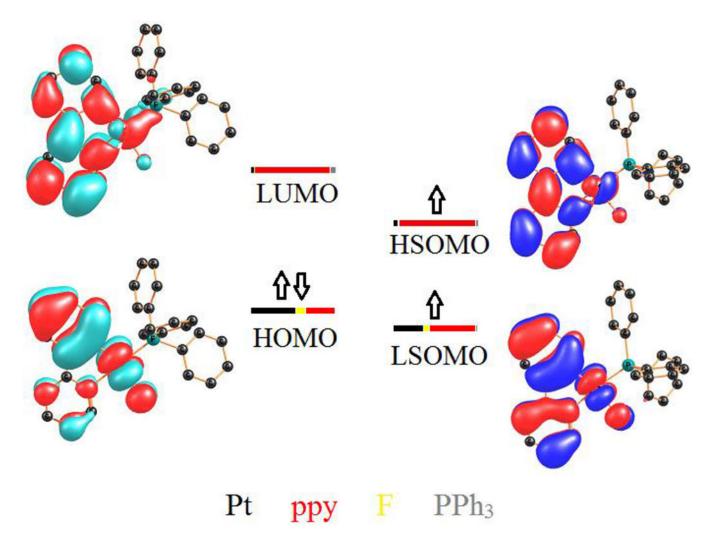


Figure 6. Frontier molecular orbital plots of the calculated  $S_0$  (left) and  $T_1$  (right) states of 2.

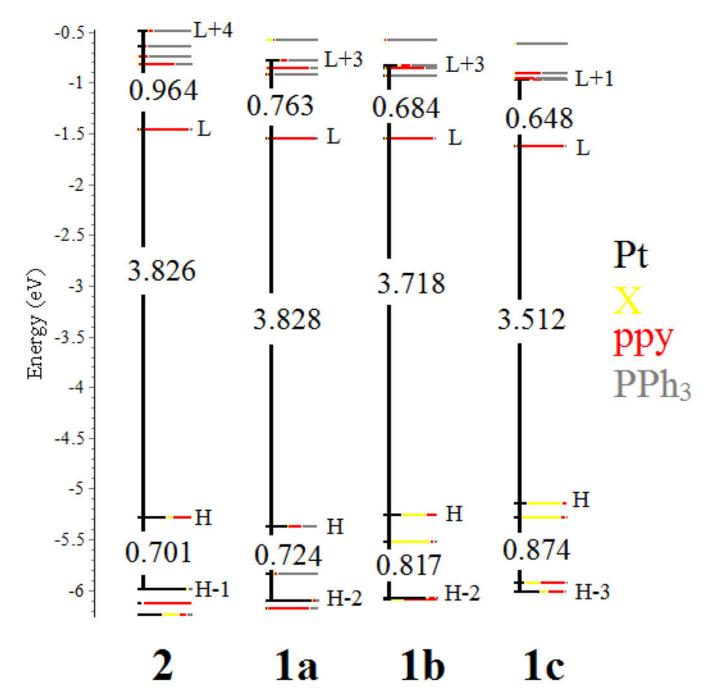
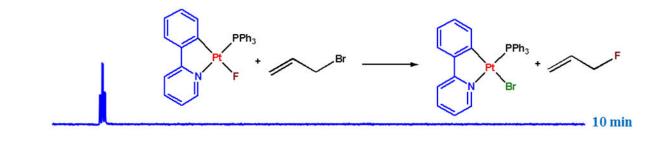
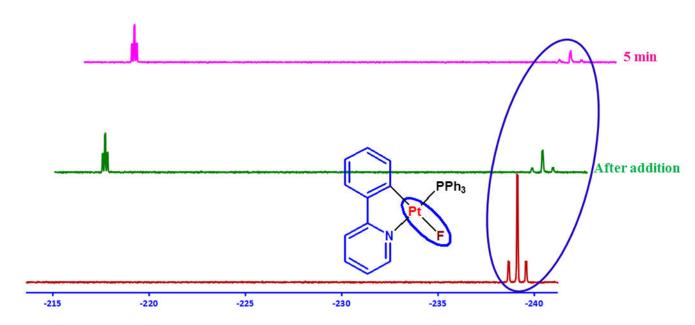


Figure 7.

Comparative energy level diagram for the calculated MOs of 1a-c and 2 in the gas phase.

The energy values are shown in eV.





**Figure 8.** Monitoring the reaction of **2** with allyl bromide by  $^{19}$ F NMR spectroscopy in acetone- $d_6$  at room temperature.

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Table 1.

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Numerical data of the emission properties of 1a, 1b and 2.

Complex	$\lambda_{em}/nm \ (\lambda_{ex}/nm)$	τ/μs	Ф(%)	$k_{\mathrm{r}}^{}a}$	$k_{\rm nr}^{a}$
2	490 <sup>max</sup> , 522, 560 <sup>sh</sup> (350), Solid (298 K) 493 <sup>max</sup> , 529, 560 <sup>sh</sup> (350), Solid (77 K) 485 <sup>max</sup> , 518, 555 <sup>sh</sup> (350), 10 <sup>-3</sup> M (298 K) 480 <sup>max</sup> , 516, 551 <sup>sh</sup> (350), 10 <sup>-3</sup> M (77 K)	11.6 21.5 2.3 16.5	53.1 94.6 8.4 88.1	4.56×10 <sup>4</sup> 4.40×10 <sup>4</sup> 3.65×10 <sup>4</sup> 4.67×10 <sup>4</sup>	4.06×10 <sup>4</sup> 0.25×10 <sup>4</sup> 39.8×10 <sup>4</sup> 1.39×10 <sup>4</sup>
1a	487, 522 <sup>max</sup> , 554 <sup>sh</sup> (350), Solid (298 K)	7.2	47.0	$6.52 \times 10^4$	$7.36 \times 10^4$
1b	487, 522 <sup>max</sup> , 554 <sup>sh</sup> (350), Solid (298 K)	6.9	31.0	$4.49 \times 10^{4}$	$10.0 \times 10^4$

 $<sup>^{</sup>a}k_{\Gamma}$  and  $k_{\Pi\Gamma}$  were calculated according to the equations  $k_{\Gamma}=\Phi/\tau$  and  $k_{\Pi\Gamma}=(1/\tau)-k_{\Gamma}$  respectively.

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Table 2.

Composition (%) of the selected MOs in  $S_0$  and  $T_1$  states in gas phase for 2 (X = F) and 1a-c (X = Cl, Br, I).

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	МО	Energy (eV)	Components (%)				
Complex			Pt	X	ppy	PPh <sub>3</sub>	
2	LUMO+4	-0.495	20	1	9	69	
	LUMO	-1.459	5	1	88	7	
	НОМО	-5.285	52	11	35	1	
	HOMO-1	-5.986	89	1	2	8	
	HSOMO	-2.926	6	1	90	3	
	LSOMO	-5.768	36	7	54	2	
1a	LUMO+3	-0.784	28	0	14	58	
	LUMO	-1.547	5	1	89	6	
	НОМО	-5.375	43	30	27	1	
	НОМО-2	-6.099	85	0	6	9	
	HSOMO	-3.080	6	1	91	3	
	LSOMO	-5.809	34	29	35	1	
1b	LUMO+3	-0.862	28	4	19	49	
	LUMO	-1.546	5	1	89	5	
	НОМО	-5.264	35	45	18	1	
	НОМО-2	-6.081	78	4	11	7	
	HSOMO	-3.015	7	1	87	4	
	LSOMO	-5.699	30	37	30	3	
1c	LUMO+1	-0.976	31	5	18	46	
	LUMO	-1.624	5	1	89	5	
	НОМО	-5.136	25	62	10	3	
	НОМО-3	-6.010	49	15	31	5	