

Binuclear Complexes and Extended Chains Featuring Pt^{II}–Tl^I Bonds: Influence of the Pyridine-2-Thiolate and Cyclometalated Ligands on the Self-Assembly and Luminescent Behavior

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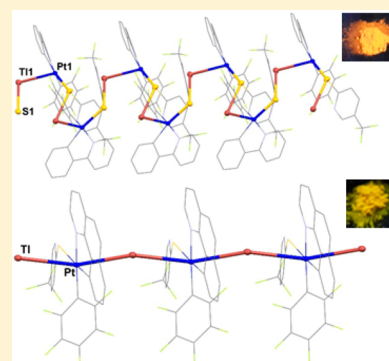
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ABSTRACT: Platinum solvate complexes [Pt(C₆F₅)(C[^]N)(S)] [C[^]N = phenylpyridinyl (ppy), S = dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) (A); C[^]N = benzoquinolinyl (bzq), S = CH₃COCH₃ (B)] react with [Tl(Spy)] (Spy = 2-pyridinethiolate) to afford binuclear [{Pt(C₆F₅)(C[^]N)}Tl(Spy)] [C[^]N = ppy (1) and bzq (2)] species containing a Pt–Tl bonding interaction, supported by a μ-Spy-κN,S bridging ligand, as confirmed by X-ray diffraction. However, the related reactions with [Tl(SpyCF₃-S)] [SpyCF₃-S = 5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinethiolate] give neutral extended chains [{Pt(C₆F₅)(C[^]N)}-Tl(SpyCF₃-S)]_n [C[^]N = ppy (3) and bzq (4)]. 3 features a zigzag –Pt–Tl⋯S–Pt–chain, generated by Pt–Tl and Tl⋯S bonds, with the SpyCF₃ acting as a μ-κN:κ²S bridging ligand, whereas 4 displays an unsupported ⋯Tl–Pt⋯Tl–Pt⋯ backbone (angle of ca. 158.7°). The lowest-energy absorption bands in the UV–vis spectra in CH₂Cl₂, associated with ¹L/LCT transitions with minor ¹LC/¹MLCT (L' = Spy or SpyCF₃-S; L = C[^]N) character, are similar for all complexes 1–4, demonstrating that for 3 and 4 the chains break down in solution to yield similar bimetallic Pt–Tl units. For 2, two different forms, 2-o (orange) and 2-y (yellow), exhibiting different colors and emissions were found depending on the isolation conditions. Slow crystallization favors formation of the thermodynamically more stable yellow form (2-y), which exhibits a high-energy (HE) structured emission band, whereas fast crystallization gives rise to the orange form (2-o), with a remarkably lower energy structureless emission. Complexes 1 and 3 exhibit dual luminescence in the solid state at 298 K: an unstructured low-energy band associated with ³ππ* excimeric emission due to π⋯π (C[^]N) interactions and a more structured HE band, assigned, with support of density functional theory calculations, to an intraligand ³LC (C[^]N) excited state mixed with some ligand (SPy)/platinum-to-ligand (C[^]N)³[(L' + M)LCT] charge transfer. Chain 4 only shows a HE band at 298 K, attributed to a ³L/LCT (SpyCF₃ → bzq) excited state mixed with a minor ³MLCT/³MM'/CT (M = Pt; M' = Tl) contribution. At 77 K, the ππ*-stacking emission is predominant in all complexes, except in the form 2-y. Interestingly, 2–4 exhibit reversible *mechanochromic* color and luminescence changes, with remarkable red shift and increased quantum yields, and upon exposure to solvents, they are restored to their original color and emission. On the basis of powder X-ray diffraction studies, a plausible mechanism of the mechanochromic processes is proposed, involving reversible crystalline-to-amorphous phase transitions.



INTRODUCTION

Closed- and sub-closed-shell interactions and metal–metal dative bonds have been used as powerful tools in the range of heteronuclear discrete clusters and supramolecular architectures.¹ In addition to the particular characteristics of the chemical bonding in these complexes, these kinds of heterometallic systems are of interest because of their photophysical properties, in particular their very efficient luminescence.² Many studies have shown that their emission properties depend on the nature of the metals, the coligands, the strength of the metal–metal and ligand–ligand interactions,

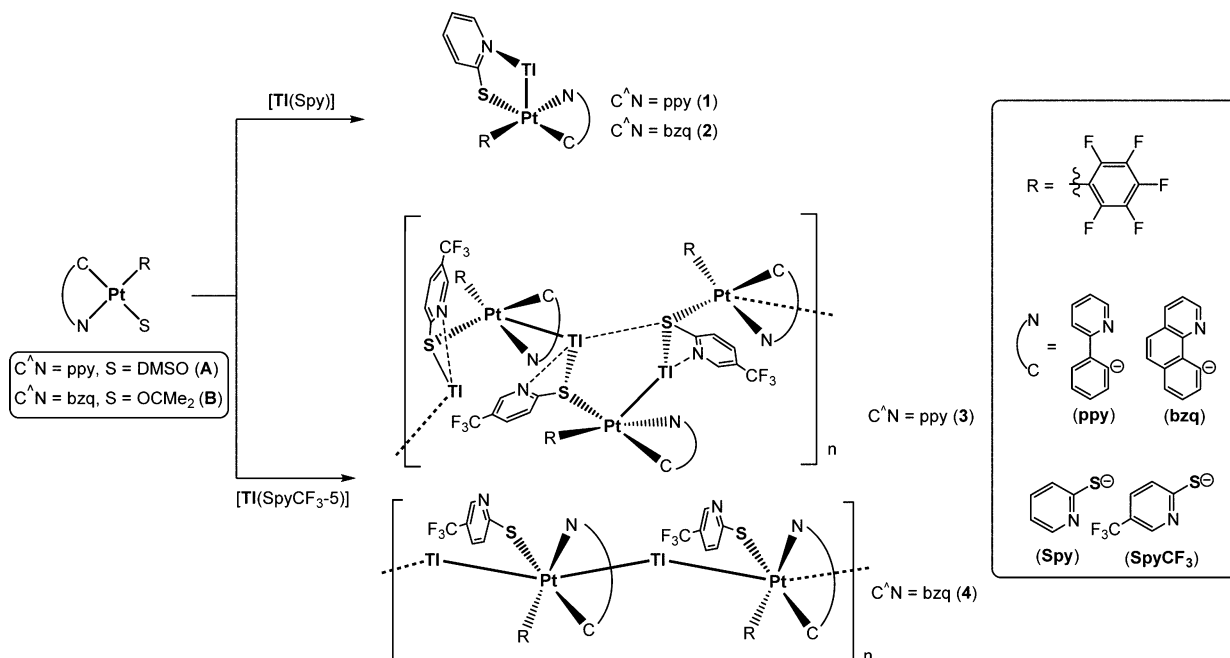
and the secondary contacts. Therefore, many of these materials exhibit a great variety of tunable photoluminescent, mechanochromic, vapochromic, or vapoluminescent properties, with extensive applications as photofunctional materials.³

Over the past few years, a great number of Pt^{II} d⁸ with closed-shell d¹⁰1d,2a,b,f,4 and, to a lesser extent, with d¹⁰s² heavy metals (Tl^I and Pb^{II}) have been reported. With regard to these latter systems, the number of luminescent heteropolymetallic

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Scheme 1. Synthetic Routes for the Pt–Tl Complexes 1–4



systems involving metallophilic interactions with Pb^{II} is quite limited.⁵ However, since the pioneering contribution of the first luminescent complex $[Tl_2Pt(CN)_4]$,⁶ several interesting families of heteropolynuclear Pt^{II} – Tl^I clusters have been reported. These clusters show diverse structural configurations, supported or unsupported by bridging ligands, including dinuclear ($PtTl$),⁷ trinuclear ($PtTl_2$,⁸ Pt_2Tl ^{5e,9}), tetranuclear [paired ($PtTl$)₂,^{7a,10} and trigonal (Pt_3Tl)¹¹], and hexanuclear (Pt_2Tl_4 ^{10c,12} and Pt_3Tl_3 ^{11b}) clusters or infinite networks.^{5e,9a,c,10b,c,13} In the Pt $d^{10}s^2$ systems, the stereoactivity of the $6s^2$ lone pair of the heavy ion (Tl^I and Pb^{II}) usually exerts a remarkable influence on the final structure of the cluster.¹⁴

In this area, work from our research group has demonstrated the utility of lead pyridinethiolates ($[Pb(Spy)_2]$ (Spy = 2-pyridinethiolate) and $[Pb(SpyCF_3-5)_2]$ [$SpyCF_3-5$ = 5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinethiolate] and neutral cycloplatinatate solvate complexes $[Pt(C_6F_5)(C^AN)(S)]$ [C^AN = phenylpyridinyl (ppy), S = dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) (A); C^AN = benzoquinolinyl (bzq), S = CH_3COCH_3 (B)] to form very stable Pt_2Pb clusters featuring two distinct Pt–Pb bonds, supported by different bridging pyridinethiolate ligands.¹⁵ In addition, they exhibit different stimulus-responsive luminescence and color switches, arising from subtle changes in the stereochemical activity of the lone pair around the Pb^{II} center. Intrigued by their structural variety and distinct luminescence behavior, we decided to study the role of the heterometal in the structures and photophysical behavior of these heteropolymetallic systems. In this work, we demonstrate the ability of thallium pyridinethiolate to form heterometallic aggregates featuring supported and unsupported Pt–Tl metal–metal linkages. Thus, $[TlSpy]$ and the solvates $[Pt(C_6F_5)(C^AN)(S)]$ form binuclear species $[\{Pt(C_6F_5)(C^AN)\}Tl(Spy)]$ [C^AN = ppy (1) and bzq (2)] with μ -Spy- $\kappa N,S$ bridging groups, whereas in the case of $[Tl(SpyCF_3-5)]$, 1D extended arrays are formed based on unsupported Pt–Tl [C^AN = bzq (4)] or a combination of Pt–Tl bonds and secondary $Tl \cdots S$ linkages [C^AN = ppy (3)]. Luminescence studies supported by

computational calculations and powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) analysis are also presented.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis and Structural Characterization. As depicted in Scheme 1, the reaction of platinum solvate complexes $[Pt(C_6F_5)(C^AN)(S)]$ [C^AN = ppy, S = DMSO (A);^{15b} C^AN = bzq, S = CH_3COCH_3 (B)¹⁶] with 1 equiv of in situ freshly prepared $[Tl(Spy)]$ or $[Tl(SpyCF_3-5)]$, formed by the reaction of $[Tl(acac)]$ and the appropriate pyridine-2-thiol ligand in a 1:1 molar ratio (Experimental Section), gives the bimetallic species $[\{Pt(C_6F_5)(C^AN)\}Tl(Spy)]$ [C^AN = ppy (1) and bzq (2)] or the extended chains $[\{Pt(C_6F_5)(C^AN)\}Tl(SpyCF_3-5)]_n$ [C^AN = ppy (3) and bzq (4)], respectively.

All complexes 1–4 were characterized by standard analytical and spectroscopic techniques, and their integrity in solution was confirmed by multinuclear [1H , ^{19}F , and $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ (CD_3COCD_3)] NMR spectroscopy. The assignments were made on the basis of 2D experiments, and schematic labeling is given in Figure S1. Their MALDI(+) spectra exhibit the molecular peaks associated with $[M]^+$ or $[M + Tl]^+$ fragments, suggesting the integrity of bimetallic units in solution. The NMR spectra of all complexes show signals for only one type of cyclometalated C_6F_5 and Spy/SpyCF₃-5 ligands, corresponding to “ $Pt(C_6F_5)(C^AN)Tl(\mu-Spy)$ ” fragments, in spite of the different environments observed in the solid state. Their ^{19}F NMR spectra in CD_3COCD_3 display the common $AA'MX'X$ spin system ($2F^o$, F^p , and $2F^m$),^{15b} indicating that the C_6F_5 group has free rotation around the $Pt-C_{ipso}(C_6F_5)$ bond. The $o-F$ signal appears flanked by satellites with a decrease in the ^{19}F – ^{195}Pt coupling constant ($J_{Pt,F^o} = 401$ – 422 Hz) with respect to the starting platinum solvate complexes (494 Hz, A; 501 Hz, B).^{15b,16} This reduction in the coupling constants has been related to the increase in the coordination number of the platinum center as a result of the formation of a donor $Pt \rightarrow Tl$ bond.^{5e,9a,10b,17}

It is worth noting that two different polymorphs with distinctive color and emission were found for 2 depending on

the crystallization conditions. Kinetic conditions, i.e., fast precipitation by the addition of *n*-hexane to CH₂Cl₂ or acetone solutions of **2**, give an orange solid (form **2-o**). However, slow precipitation or crystallization from the desired solvent (CH₂Cl₂ or acetone) affords a yellow solid (form **2-y**). Yellow crystals of **1** and **2-y** were obtained by the slow diffusion of *n*-hexane into solutions of complex **1** in acetone or complex **2** in CH₂Cl₂ at -30 °C (crystals of **2-y** obtained slowly from acetone/*n*-hexane at -30 °C show an almost identical structure; to simplify, the data used for this work are of crystals from CH₂Cl₂/*n*-hexane). Unfortunately, crystallization conditions (slow process) prevent one from obtaining orange crystals of **2-o**.

The crystal structures of complexes **1** and **2-y** (Figures 1, 2, and S2–S4 and Tables 1 and S1 and S2) were confirmed by X-

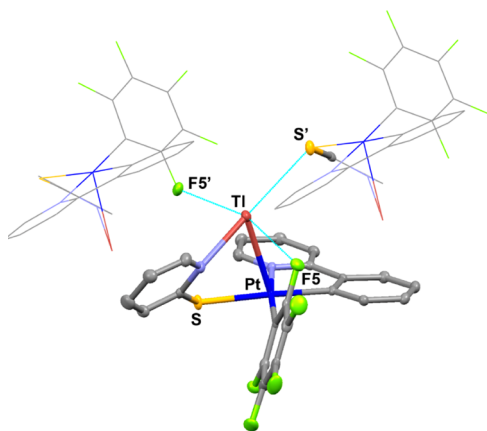


Figure 1. Molecular structure of **1** showing the environment of the Tl^I center. Asymmetric unit and selected atoms shown as 50% probability thermal ellipsoids.

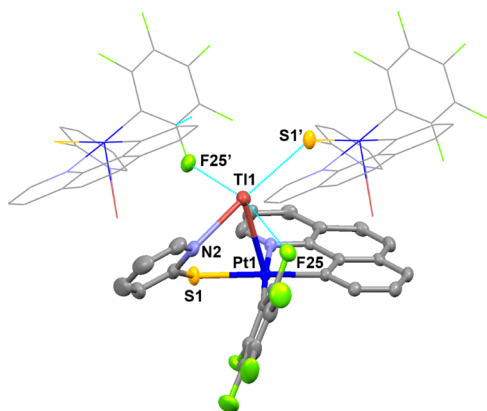


Figure 2. Molecular structure of $[\{\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{bzq})\}\text{Tl}(\text{Spy})]$ (**2-y**) showing the environment of the Tl^I center. Asymmetric unit and selected atoms shown as 50% probability thermal ellipsoids.

ray diffraction. Both crystallize in the same space group (*P*21/*n*) of the monoclinic system. The X-ray studies confirm the formation of bimetallic “PtTl(C₆F₅)(C[^]N)(Spy)” units, containing a donor–acceptor Pt^{II} → Tl^I bond, with intermetallic distances of 2.8848(2) Å (**1**) and 2.8957(2) Å (**2**). These bond lengths are in the lower range of Pt^{II}–Tl^I bond distances,^{5e,8b,9a,c,10b,d,e,11,13,18} comparable to the sum of the metallic radii of Pt and Tl atoms (2.99 Å), and similar to those reported in related bimetallic Pt^{II} → Tl^I species, such as

[PtMe(bzq)(dppy)Tl]PF₆ [dppy = 2-(diphenylphosphino)pyridine, 2.8914(2) Å]^{17a} or [PtTl(bzq)(C≡CC₅H₄N-2)₂] [2.9266(12) Å].^{7a} The Pt^{II}–Tl^I vector is nearly perpendicular to the square-planar basal plane [tilted by 14.0(1)° (**1**) and 12.8(1)° (**2**) with respect to the normal line of the coordination plane].

The Pt–Tl core is supported by a (μ - κ N,*S*)-pyridine-2-thiolate (Spy⁻) bridging ligand,¹⁹ with the Tl^I atom bonded to the N atom [Tl–N2 2.634(3) Å (**1**), 2.674(4) Å (**2**)] and the Pt^{II} atom to the S atom [Pt–S 2.3878(10) Å (**1**), 2.3867(10) Å (**2**)], with the distances being within the range reported for these types of bonds.^{15,20} The Tl center completes its coordination with a short intramolecular contact with one *o*-F atom [F5 2.974(1) Å (**1**); F25 3.008(3) Å (**2**)] and two additional long secondary intermolecular interactions with another *o*-F and a S center of two neighboring binuclear units. These intermolecular Tl^I⋯F' [3.133(7) Å (**1**), 3.081(3) Å (**2**)] and Tl^I⋯S' distances [3.2991(1) Å (**1**), 3.281(1) Å (**2**)] are rather long but close to the sum of the covalent radii of Tl^I (1.55 Å) and the van der Waals radii of the F (1.47 Å) and S (1.80 Å) atoms, respectively.²¹ As shown in Figures S3 and S4, these secondary interactions together with π ⋯ π (C[^]N)-stacking interactions^{5e,16,18,21} [interplanar distances: 3.392(1) Å (**1**) and 3.392(6) Å (**2**)] form 2D framework structures.

Different crystallographic structures have been obtained by incorporating the CF₃ substituent on the thiolate ligand, which lead to distinct luminescence properties (Figures 3, 4, and S2, S5, and S6 and Tables 1 and S3 and S4). As shown in Figure 3, complex **3** involves an unusual 1D [–Pt–Tl–S–Pt–] zigzag chain, formed by linking a square-planar “Pt(C₆F₅)(ppy)-(SpyCF₃-S)” unit to two Tl^I centers: one through a donor Pt^{II} → Tl^I bond [3.0924(2) Å] and the other through the S atom of the pyridinethiolate group, which acts as a μ - κ N: κ 2S bridging ligand.¹⁹ Thus, the S atom is connected to the Pt center [Pt–S1 2.4015(10) Å] and to the Tl atom with a short Tl1–S1 distance [2.9961(11) Å]. The Tl^I center in the chain achieves a five coordination with a weak Tl1–N2 [2.800(4) Å] bond to the N atom of the SpyCF₃ ligand, the *o*-F atom [3.047(3) Å], and a relatively long contact to the S atom of the next unit [Tl1–S1' 3.383(1) Å]. Their crystal packing reveals the occurrence of extended π ⋯ π interactions [3.332(6) Å] in a head-to-tail fashion between ppy ligands of neighboring chains, assisted by secondary F⋯H–C [2.612(3) Å] (Figure S5).

Crystallographic characterization of **4** shows a 1D (⋯[·Tl–Pt⋯Tl–Pt⋯]) chain with alternating “Pt(C₆F₅)(bzq)(SpyCF₃-S)” and “Tl” fragments, which is maintained by unsupported Pt^{II} → Tl^I bonds (Figure 4). As far as we know, only three related linear chains without any supporting ligands have been reported previously, published by our group.^{5e,9a,10c} In **4**, the Pt–Tl distances are asymmetric, with a short Pt–Tl distance [3.1965(2) Å] in the high range of those described for Pt^{II}–Tl^I complexes^{5e,8b,9a,c,10b,d,e,11,13,18} and a significantly long Pt–Tl' distance [3.4566(2) Å]. Each Tl^I center is additionally surrounded by the *o*-F atoms of two C₆F₅ ligands within the same chain [Tl⋯F_o 3.011(2) and 3.2912(3) Å] and by the N and S atoms of a thiolate group in an adjacent chain [Tl⋯N'_{SpyCF₃} 2.735(4) Å; Tl⋯S'_{SpyCF₃} 3.0479(10) Å], rendering a final 2D network. As in the related $[\{\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\text{bzq})\}\text{Tl}(\text{Me}_2\text{CO})]_n$, the chain is not linear, with Pt–Tl–Pt and Tl–Pt–Tl angles of ~158.7°. Curiously, in contrast to previous complexes **1**–**3**, the SpyCF₃ ligand is rather coplanar with the platinum coordination plane [dihedral angle 21.9(1)°], which

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) around the Tl Metal Center for 1–4

	1	2-y	3	4
Pt–Tl	2.8848(2)	2.8957(2)	3.0924(2)	3.1965(2)
Pt–Tl'				3.4566(2)
Tl–N2	2.634(3)	2.674(4)	2.800(4)	2.735(4)
Tl–S'	3.2991(1)	3.281(1)	2.9961(11), 3.383(1)	3.0479(10)
Tl–F	F5: 2.974(1) F5': 3.133(7)	F2S: 3.008(3) F2S': 3.081(3)	F4: 3.047(3)	F5: 3.011(2) F1': 3.2912(3)
N2–Tl–Pt	78.63(7)	78.00(8)		
S'–Tl–Pt			100.03(2)	
Pt–Tl–Pt'				158.735(8)
Tl–Pt–Tl'				158.733(8)

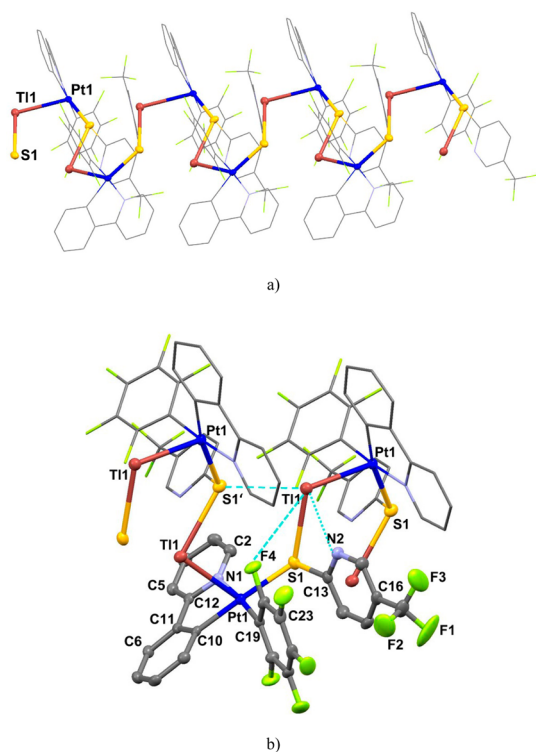


Figure 3. (a) Supramolecular packing in 3 showing the metallic chain along the *b* axis, related to other chains through $\pi\cdots\pi$ and F \cdots H–C interactions. (b) View of part of the chain showing the environment of the Tl^I center. Asymmetric unit and selected atoms shown as 50% probability thermal ellipsoids.

favors the presence of extensive $\pi\cdots\pi$ stacking, not only between Pt(bzq) fragments of adjacent chains but also between the nitrogen-containing ring of bzq and the thiolate ligand (SpyCF₃) of adjacent chains, with interplanar distances in the range of 3.13–3.60 and 3.26–3.44 Å, respectively (Figure S6).

Photophysical Properties. Absorption Spectra. Electronic absorption data for 1–4 obtained in the solid state and in different solvents (CH₂Cl₂ and acetone) are collected in Table S5. In the solid state, the yellow solids (1, 2-y, 3, and 4) are characterized by broad absorption spectral bands up to 520–530 nm (Figure S7a), whereas the orange solid (2-o) shows an absorption spectrum extending to 600 nm (Figure S7b) in coherence with its color. The absorption above 450 nm, which is absent in solution, is attributed to the presence of extensive aggregation in the solid state, mainly through strong $\pi\pi^*$ -stacking interactions.

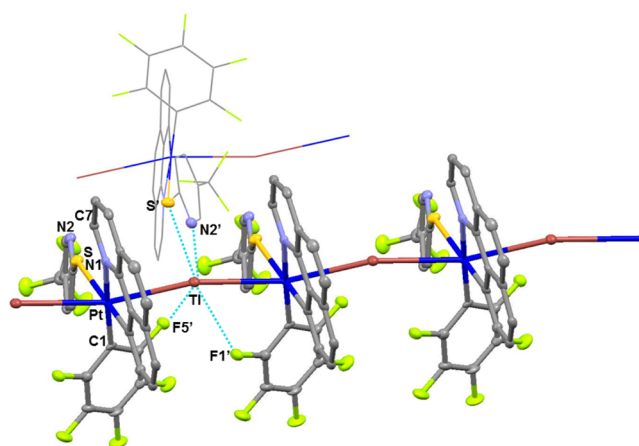


Figure 4. Molecular view of a section of 4 showing the environment of the Tl^I center. Remarkable chain and selected atoms shown as 50% probability thermal ellipsoids.

Spectra of complexes 1–4 in CH₂Cl₂ solutions are displayed in Figure 5. The similarity of the absorption profiles of all

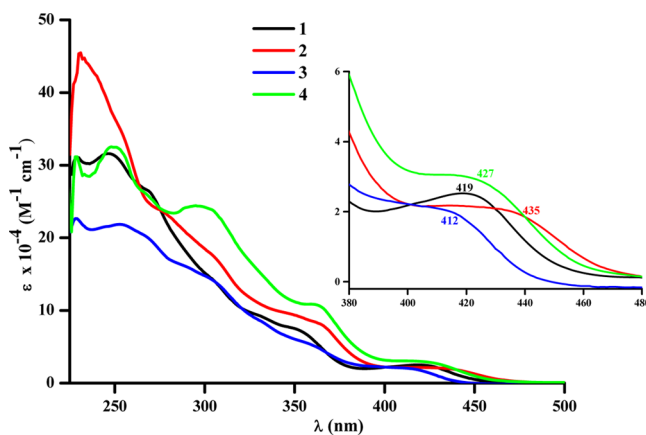


Figure 5. Absorption spectra of 1–4 in CH₂Cl₂ (concentration = 5×10^{-5} M) at 298 K. Inset: LE region.

complexes indicates that the extended chains 3 and 4 break down in solution, probably as bimetallic fragments [$\{Pt(C_6F_5)-(C^{\wedge}N)\}Tl(SpyCF_3-5)$] similar to those observed for 1 and 2 in the solid state. All complexes show intense absorption bands at high energy (HE; range 230–366 nm, $\epsilon > 5 \times 10^3$ M⁻¹ cm⁻¹) and a less intense low-energy (LE) absorption [412–435 nm, $\epsilon = (2-3) \times 10^3$ M⁻¹ cm⁻¹, CH₂Cl₂; Figure 5; 409–429 nm

Table 2. Photophysical Data for Complexes 1–4 in the Solid State at 298 and 77 K

compound	T/K	λ_{em}/nm (λ_{exc}/nm)	$\tau/\mu s$	$\Phi/\%$	k_r^a	k_{nr}^a
[PtII(C ₆ F ₅)(ppy)(Spy)] (1)	298	530 _{sh} , 610 _{max} (440) 625 (480–500)	0.3 (36%), 1.4 (64%) at 610 nm 0.03 (60%), 0.4 (40%) at 530 nm	9.9	1×10^5	9×10^5
	77	580 (350–480)	13.1			
[PtII(C ₆ F ₅)(bzq)(Spy)] (2-o) (see the text)	298	620 (440–520)	0.7 (56%), 0.1 (44%)	6.5	1.5×10^5	2.2×10^6
	77	530 _{sh} , 620 _{max} (400–440) 630 (480)	11.8			
2-y (see the text)	298	507 _{max} , 541, 560, 590 (365–440)	0.1 (36%), 0.5 (64%) at 507 nm 15.1 at 590 nm	2.8	7.9×10^4 2×10^3	2.7×10^6 6.4×10^4
	77	525 _{max} , 580 _{sh} , 625 _{sh} (365–440)	22.2 (87%), 87.3 (23%) at 525 nm			
2-y-ground	298	650 (440–520)	0.8 (52%), 0.1 (48%)	6.6	1.4×10^5	2.0×10^6
	77	525 _{sh} , 620 _{max} (400–440) 630 (480)	12.1			
[PtII(C ₆ F ₅)(ppy)(SpyCF ₃ -5)] (3)	298	515, 535, 600 _{max} , 615 (400–480) 615, 640 (500)	0.05 (57%), 0.5 (43%) at 535 nm 0.2 (27%), 1.1 (73%) at 615 nm	7.2	3.0×10^5 8.4×10^4	3.8×10^6 1.1×10^6
	77	515 _{sh} , 590 _{max} (360–440) 595 (480)	9.7			
3-ground	298	640 (480)	10.1 (0.3%), 1.1 (99.7%)	13.5	1.2×10^5	7.7×10^5
	77	630 (480)	9.2			
[PtII(C ₆ F ₅)(bzq)(SpyCF ₃ -5)] (4)	298	540 _{max} , 565 _{sh} (365–500)	0.09 (63%), 0.3 (37%) at 540 nm	1.9	1.1×10^5	5.9×10^6
	77	515, 600 _{max} (360–480)	8.2 at 602 nm			
4-ground	298	630 (500)	0.2 (37%), 0.9 (63%)	17.5	2.7×10^5	1.3×10^6
	77	610 (480)	10.5			

^a k_r and k_{nr} were calculated according to the equations $k_r = \Phi/\tau_{average}$ and $k_{nr} = (1/\tau_{average}) - k_r$.

acetone]. According to time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculations (CH₂Cl₂) and to previous assignments,^{5e,22} the HE bands are mainly considered as slightly metal-perturbed intraligand (¹LC $\pi-\pi^*$) transitions, located on the cyclometalated (ppy and bzq) and thiolate (Spy and SpyCF₃) ligands. The LE bands are ascribed to ligand-to-ligand charge transfer (¹L'LCT; Spy or SpyCF₃-5 \rightarrow C^{^N}) with minor character of intraligand [¹LC; $\pi(C^N) \rightarrow \pi^*(C^N)$] and metal-to-ligand charge transfer (¹MLCT; Pt \rightarrow C^{^N}).

In agreement with this assignment, the LE bands are red-shifted upon going from a ppy to bzq cyclometalated ligand (Figure 5), which can be attributed to larger π conjugation in the bzq ligand with respect to ppy, which lowers the π^* energy level, red shifting the transition.^{7a,22a,e,23} This behavior is in contrast to those previously reported for Pt^{II}-Pb^{II} trinuclear clusters, in which no noticeable dependence of the cyclometalating ligands was found.^{15b} However, as in those, minor blue shifts from the Spy to SpyCF₃ species were detected.^{15b} These LE bands are blue-shifted with increasing solvent polarity [i.e., for 4, 427 nm (CH₂Cl₂) and 421 nm (acetone)], in agreement with their considerable charge-transfer character, typical of negative solvatochromism.^{22a,24}

Emission Spectra. All complexes display luminescence in the solid state at 298 and 77 K and in glassy solutions (CH₂Cl₂ and acetone). None of the derivatives is emissive in solution at 298 K. Their photophysical data are collected in Tables 2 and S6.

Solid State. Under irradiation at room temperature, 1 displays an orange emission with a quantum yield of 9.9%. Photoexcitation in the range 420–440 nm gives a LE broad featureless emission band centered at 610 nm with a minor contribution of a HE shoulder at ca. 530 nm (Figure 6). The main LE band can be selectively obtained by increasing the wavelength of excitation ($\lambda_{ex} = 480-500$ nm), exhibiting a small red shift at ca. 15 nm. This band is mainly ascribed to

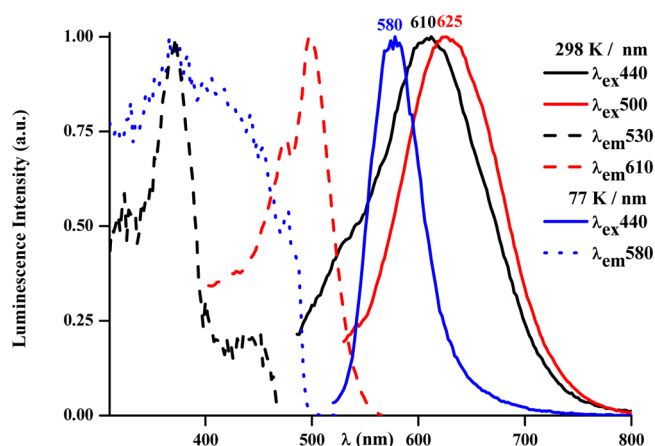


Figure 6. Normalized excitation and emission spectra of 1 in the solid state at 298 and 77 K.

excimer (³ $\pi\pi^*$) emission, generated by the extensive degree of aggregation through short $\pi\cdots\pi$ intermolecular interactions between the cyclometalating (ppy) ligands, as found in the X-ray packing. This behavior has many precedents in cycloplatinated(II) planar complexes having more or less extended π systems. On the basis of theoretical calculations (see below), the HE emission can be assigned to monomer emission having ³LC character with some pyridinethiolatoplatinum-to-phenylpyridinyl [³(L'+M)LCT] (Spy/Pt \rightarrow ppy) contribution. Probably, the internal conversion between the two emissive states ³LC/³(L'+M)LCT (high excited state) and ³ $\pi\pi^*$ (low excited state) is relatively slow at 298 K, and both bands are observed.^{7a} In agreement with this, the excitation spectra monitored in both wavelengths (610 and 530 nm) show different profiles and the lifetimes measured in both maxima fit to two components [0.03 (60%), 0.4 (40%) μs ,

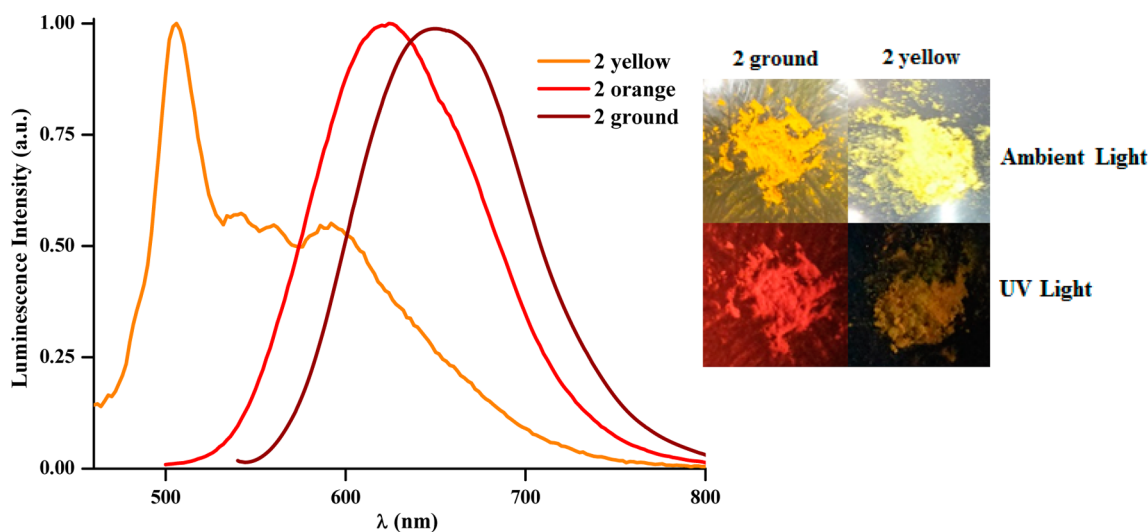


Figure 7. Normalized emission spectra of solid samples of the yellow (2-y), orange (2-o), and brown (2-y-ground) forms at 298 K. Photographs show the color and luminescence changes of 2-y after grinding.

530 nm, 0.3 (36%), 1.4 (64%) μs , 610 nm], which indicates that these emissions have some degree of mixed origin (Table 2). The possibility that the dual emission observed at room temperature could come from the presence of impurities is ruled out from the ^1H NMR spectra of the microcrystalline solid used as the sample. In these types of systems, the existence of site heterogeneity cannot be completely excluded, as is suggested from the dependence of the emission with the excitation wavelengths, probably originating from different conformations of the pyridinethiolatoplatinum fragment around the Tl^{I} and/or distinct separations between the PtTl units. At 77 K, the emission intensity increases remarkably and does not depend on the excitation wavelength. Only the LE band is observed, and both the emission (580 nm) and excitation spectra are blue-shifted in relation to room temperature (Figure 6). This dependence clearly suggests that the emission is unlikely to be Pt-Tl in origin because a red shift upon cooling is generally observed because of a decrease of the distances at lower temperature.^{5e,9a,10b} The behavior observed is consistent with the excimer $^3\pi\pi^*$ character for the emission. Upon cooling, the intramolecular bond distances (including Pt-Tl) are expected to decrease, probably provoking a slight separation in the intermolecular contacts between binuclear units, and this could be the reason for the blue shift in the corresponding emission. The lifetime fits well to one component and is increased up to 13.1 μs , likely due to the suppression of thermally activated nonradiative processes.

As noted before, the color and luminescence of **2** are substantially altered depending on the crystallization conditions. The orange solid **2-o**, obtained by fast precipitation, exhibits at 298 K an intense orange emission at 620 nm (Figures 7 and S8) with a quantum yield of $\Phi = 6.5\%$. This structureless band is similar to that observed for **1** at 625 nm, and thus it could be assigned to an excimer-like emission associated with $\pi\cdots\pi$ interactions in the ground state. As shown in Figure S8, the energy maximum in **2-o** remains essentially unchanged at low temperature (77 K), although a minor monomer contribution is also detected at 530 nm upon excitation at 400 nm, probably $^3\text{LC}/^3[(\text{L}'+\text{M})\text{LCT}]$ ($\text{L} = \text{bzq}$; $\text{L}' = \text{Spy}$) in nature, as in complex **1**. The emission decay at 77 K (11.8 μs) is longer than that at 298 K [0.7 (56%) and 0.1

(44%) μs] because of suppression of the nonradiative deactivation channels and is slightly reduced in relation to **1**.

Interestingly, the yellow solid (2-y) predominantly displays emission from the monomer Pt-Tl unit (Table 2 and Figures 7 and S9). Solid **2-y** exhibits at 298 K, upon excitation at 440 nm, a main structured band at 507 nm, with a minor contribution of a broad LE excimer band at 590 nm, which practically overlaps with the tail of the main structured band and decreases by excitation at $\lambda_{\text{exc}} < 365$ nm. The excitation spectra monitored in both maxima show different profiles, indicative of different origins. The structured band is tentatively ascribed to a mixed $^3\text{LC}/^3[(\text{L}'+\text{M})\text{LCT}]$ emissive state in the monomer Pt-Tl unit, as supported by DFT calculations. The LE band displays a long lifetime, which fits to one component (15.1 μs), whereas the HE band (measured at 507 nm) fits to two components and exhibits shorter decays [0.1 (36%) and 0.5 (64%) μs]. Upon cooling to 77 K, the emission profile of this solid displays essentially the structured band slightly red-shifted ($\lambda_{\text{max}} = 525$ nm), with a biexponential global fit and longer lifetime [22.2 (87%) and 87.3 (23%) μs].

We also found that the form **2-y** exhibits notable *mechanochromic* behavior.^{2a,3b,5d,e,15,25} Thus, when the yellow solid **2-y** is ground in a mortar, the color gradually turns pale-orange and the emission changes to intense orange. After grinding, **2-y-ground** shows an absorption spectrum almost coincident with **2-o**, extending to 600 nm (Figure S7b). The emission profile completely changes to an unstructured band with a 143 nm red shift at the peak maxima and a clear increase in the quantum yield ($\Phi = 6.6\%$ **2-y-ground** vs 2.8% **2-y**; Table 2 and Figures 7 and S10). The new luminescence profile ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 650$ nm) is similar to that observed for the **2-o** form but with a remarkable red shift of ca. 30 nm at 298 K (Figure 7). As in the as-obtained orange solid **2-o**, the luminescence in the ground solid is associated with excimer emission. The observed enhanced quantum yield is not common but has some precedents.²⁶ The change in the emission spectrum is associated with structural modifications in the packing, suggesting that the crushed solid probably has close intermolecular $\pi\cdots\pi$ -stacking interactions after grinding.^{15b} Upon cooling to 77 K, the ground powder shows, by excitation at 400 nm, the presence of both emissions, a LE band at 620

nm and a minor contribution of the HE band at 525 nm, a pattern clearly similar to that observed in the 2-o form. In a similar way, the lifetime of 2-y-ground is very close to that observed for 2-o at both 298 and 77 K (Table 2). Interestingly, the initial yellow solid (2-y) is recovered upon exposure to CH_2Cl_2 or acetone solvent, and this phenomenon is totally reversible for several cycles. To gain knowledge about the mechanism of mechanochromic behavior of complex 2-y, we compared its PXRD pattern before and after mechanical stimulation (Figure 8). The PXRD pattern of the unground

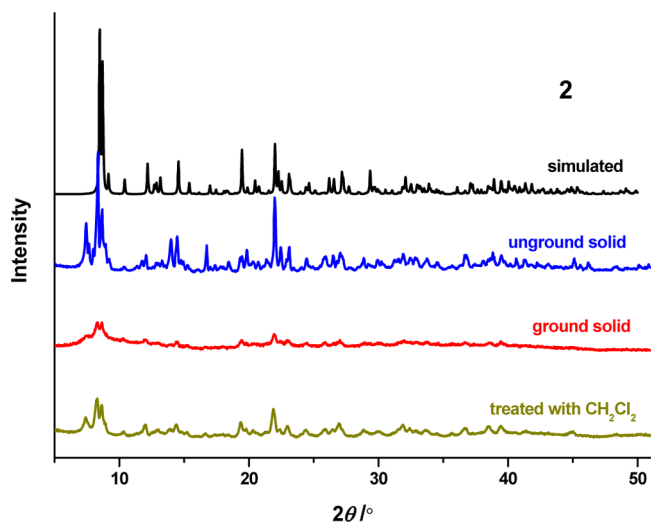


Figure 8. Simulated patterns derived from single crystals (black line) and PXRD patterns of unground solid (blue line), ground solid (red line), and ground solid treated with a drop of CH_2Cl_2 (green line) of 2.

yellow sample, 2-y, (blue line) showed clear reflection peaks, in good agreement with the simulated pattern (black line). However, the PXRD pattern of the ground sample showed significant decreased peak intensities and increased peak widths (red-line), indicating that the grinding causes crystal-to-amorphous conversion. Upon treatment of the ground sample with a drop of CH_2Cl_2 , the reflection peaks were partially recovered (green line), indicating partial reversion from the amorphous to crystalline phase.

In complex 3, the presence of two different bands at 298 K (Table 2 and Figure 9) is also apparent. The emission from monomer at 515 and 535 nm, with a biexponential lifetime, is attributed to a mixed ^3LC , $^3\text{L}'\text{LCT}$ ($\text{SpyCF}_3 \rightarrow \text{ppy}$), and $^3\text{MLCT}$ ($\text{Pt} \rightarrow \text{ppy}$) excited state, and the LE emission (600 nm) is caused by the presence of close $\pi \cdots \pi$ (ppy) interactions between adjacent groups, as suggested by X-ray, which allow the formation of excited $^3\pi\pi^*$ excimers with slower decays.^{22c,27} In agreement to their different origins, the excitation spectra monitored at 535 and 600 nm are different. Upon a decrease in the temperature (77 K), the luminescence becomes more intense and changes to orange, with the HE band disappearing and only the unstructured LE band remaining, although slightly blue-shifted (Table 2 and Figure 9), with an increased lifetime (9.7 μs).

As shown in Figure 10, the yellow extended $[-\text{Pt}-\text{Tl}\cdots\text{Pt}-\text{Tl}-]$ chain 4 displays at 298 K a yellow phosphorescence emission. In contrast to the dual emission observed in chain 3, in this case, only one emission (540 and 565 nm) with a biexponential decay [0.09 (63%) and 0.3 (37%) μs at 540 nm],

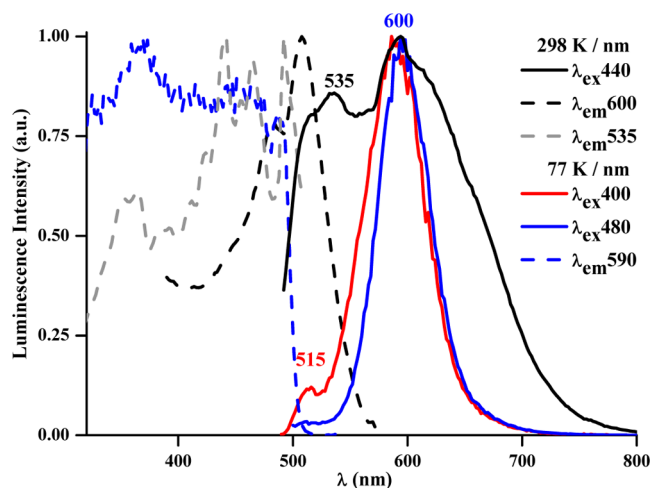


Figure 9. Normalized excitation and emission spectra of 3 in the solid state at 298 and 77 K.

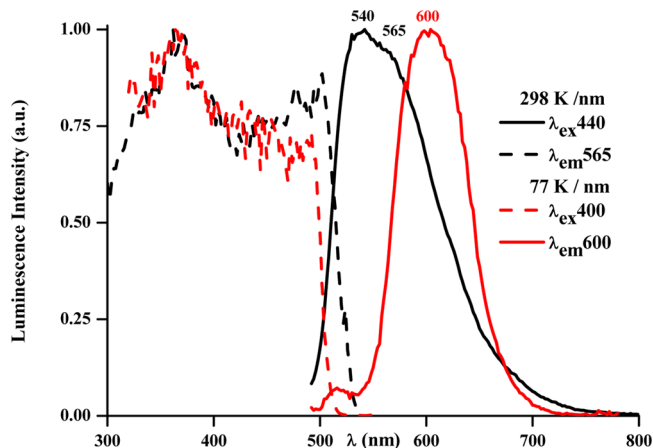


Figure 10. Normalized excitation and emission spectra of 4 in the solid state at 298 and 77 K.

by excitation at the lowest-energy absorption band, is observed. According to calculations (see below), this is the only compound that shows a small contribution of the metal orbitals in the excited state, with the emission being ascribed to interligand ($\text{SpyCF}_3 \rightarrow \text{bzq}$) charge transfer ($^3\text{L}'\text{LCT}$) with minor $^3\text{MLCT}$ and $^3\text{MM}'\text{CT}$ contributions. At 77 K, the emission becomes bright orange. The emission profile retains a minor contribution of the HE band at 515 nm, and a new and more symmetric band appears at 600 nm. This structureless band with a longer lifetime (8.2 μs) probably originates from the occurrence of $^3\pi\pi^*$ -stacking transitions, as illustrated in the crystal-packing structure (Figure S6). An inspection of radiative and nonradiative rate constants (k_r and k_{nr} , respectively) shows that the nonradiative rate constants are similar to the k_r values or are 1 order of magnitude higher. The poor quantum yields of 2-y and 4 could be attributable to their higher difference between k_r and k_{nr} .

Both SpyCF_3 complexes 3 and 4 exhibit a notable mechanochromic behavior with enhancement of photoluminescence. Thus, upon mechanical grinding, their color changes from yellow to orange, whereas the luminescence varies from yellow to bright orange under UV light (Figure S11 for 4). After grinding, crushed solids 3 and 4 display at 298 K broad absorption bands with long tails to 590–600 nm (Figure S7c,d)

and unstructured emission bands centered at 640 and 630 nm, respectively (Figures S12 and S13) with a remarkable increase in their quantum yields (Φ 13.5% **3-ground** vs 7.2% **3**; 17.5% **4-ground** vs 1.9% **4**). The remarkable red shift in the crushed powder suggests a shortening of the $\pi\cdots\pi$ contacts in the chain caused by grinding.^{7a,27} At 77 K, only a slight blue shift and an increase of the lifetimes are detectable in relation to 298 K (Table 2). Interestingly, in both cases, the preliminary yellow solids (ungrounded powder) were recovered upon treatment with some drops of CH_2Cl_2 or acetone, being thoroughly reversible for several cycles.^{5d}

A comparison of the simulated and PXRD patterns of the ground form shows that complex **3** undergoes, like **2**, a remarkable crystal-to-amorphous phase transitions by mechanical stimulation (Figure 11a). Upon treatment of the ground sample with CH_2Cl_2 , the reflection peaks were restored, which

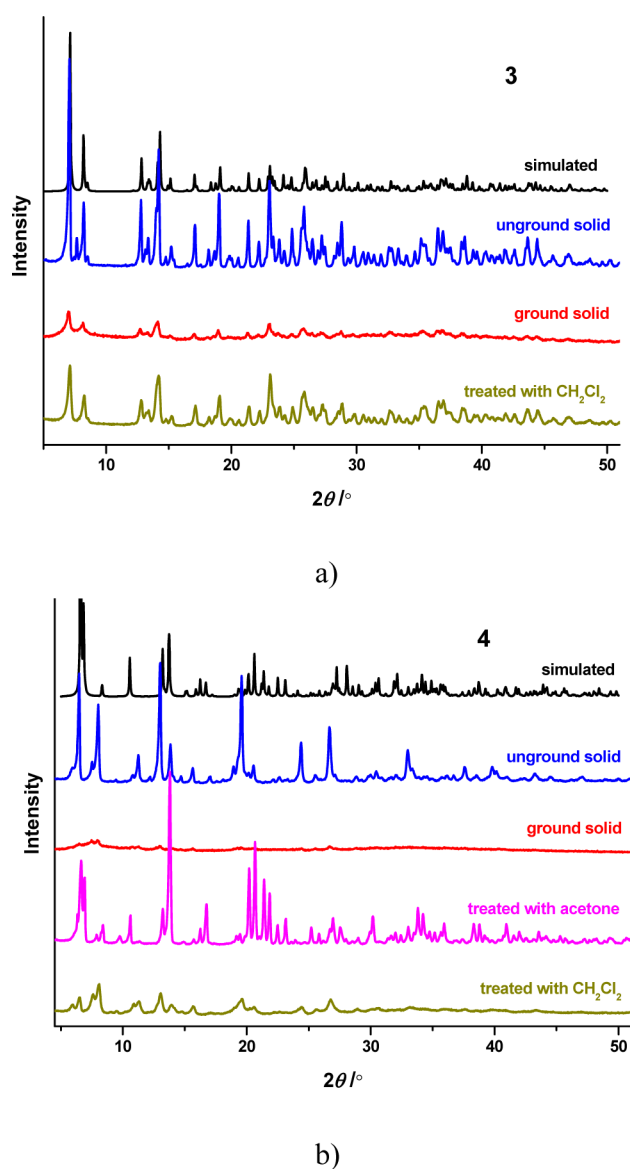


Figure 11. Simulated powder patterns derived from single crystals (black lines) and PXRD patterns of unground solids (blue lines), ground solids (red lines), ground solids treated with a drop of CH_2Cl_2 (green lines), and ground solids treated with a drop of acetone (pink lines) of (a) **3** and (b) **4**.

indicates reversion from the amorphous-to-crystalline phase. In the case of **4**, the PXRD pattern of the unground pristine sample obtained from CH_2Cl_2 does not match the simulated pattern of the single crystals obtained from acetone (Figure 11b, blue and black lines), clearly indicating that the solvent modifies somewhat the arrangement of the molecules in the crystal. The grinding transforms the yellow luminescent microcrystalline powder into a metastable amorphous orange emissive phase (red line), which upon treatment with CH_2Cl_2 (green line) matches partially with the unground sample pattern. As expected, treatment of the ground solid with a drop of acetone causes recuperation of a crystalline phase (pink line) with reflection peaks coincident with those simulated by X-ray.

These results suggest that for the three complexes (**2–4**) stimulation by mechanical grinding transforms the microcrystalline powder into a metastable amorphous phase, in which the Pt–Tl aggregates are likely disordered and present stronger $\pi\cdots\pi$ contacts. This leads to a much smaller highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO)–lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) gap, which is responsible for the red shift in the absorption and emission spectra. Upon treatment of the ground sample with a drop of CH_2Cl_2 (**2–4**) or acetone (**4**), the crystalline phase is rapidly restored.

Solution. Complexes **1–4** are not emissive at 298 K in CH_2Cl_2 or acetone solutions at low (5×10^{-5} M) or high (10^{-3} M) concentrations, but they are luminescent in these media at 77 K (Table S6). In glassy solutions, the color and emission are not dependent on the solvent and concentration. They display a yellow color (glassy form) and emit a bright-orange color under UV irradiation. In concentrated solutions of both solvents (10^{-3} M), all complexes exhibit a broad featureless intense emission band in the LE region with maxima in the range 615–630 nm (Figure S14). This unstructured band is clearly similar (in shape and energy) to those in the solid state (Table 2), and therefore it could be attributed to ${}^3\pi\pi^*$ excimer emission. In diluted solutions (5×10^{-5} M), they show the LE band at position, shape, and intensity similar to those observed in concentrated solutions but in all cases (except for **4**) accompanied by a weak structured HE band (Figure S14), which, according to previous assignments,^{5e,7a,16,22a,e,27} could be ascribed to a mixed ${}^3\text{LC}/{}^3\text{MLCT}$ excited state. Both bands are associated with different excitation profiles, suggesting the presence of different emissive manifolds in glass media.^{15b,22a,23a}

Theoretical Studies. In order to rationalize their optical properties, DFT and TD-DFT calculations have been performed on systems **1–4**. The asymmetric units of the crystal structures have been used as starting points for optimization of the complexes. Complex **1** was optimized with three different functionals (B3LYP, CAM-B3LYP, and PBE) and a mixed basis set (6-31g(d)/LanL2DZ), and subsequent TD-DFT calculations were performed using the CPCM CH_2Cl_2 solvent model. The simulated absorption spectra (Figure S15a–c) show that B3LYP gives the most accurate results, followed by PBE, while CAM-B3LYP predicts the lowest-energy transition, substantially blue-shifted in comparison with the experimental value. With these results, complexes **1–4** were optimized, followed by TD-DFT using B3LYP and PBE functionals. As can be seen in Figures S15–S18, when the computed and experimental spectra are compared, B3LYP gives good results for the Spy complexes **1** and **2**, while for the Spy- CF_3 complexes **3** and **4**, the LE band is clearly shifted and the shape of the spectrum for **4** does not

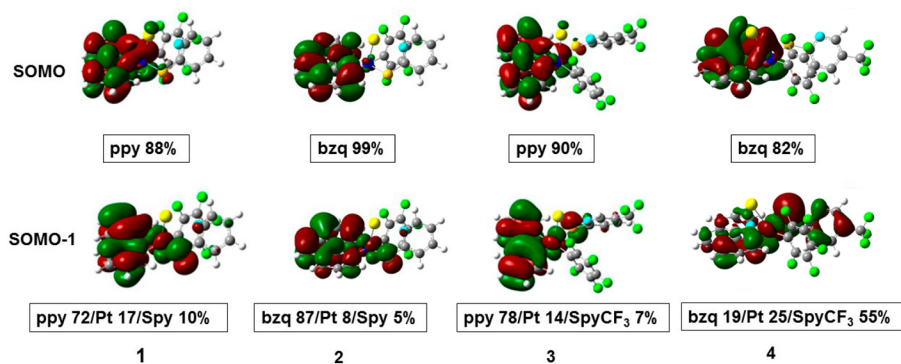


Figure 12. SOMO and SOMO-1 of complexes 1–4.

even resemble that of the experimental spectrum. The computed spectra using PBE agree better with the experimental spectra for complexes 3 and 4, although the LE band is shifted as well, but the shape of the spectra is similar to that of the experimental spectra for all complexes. With this in mind, we decided to use the results obtained using the BPE/6-31g(d)/LanL2Dz method for comparative purposes.

In contrast to the different geometries observed in the X-ray structures, optimization in the ground state (gas phase) originates in all cases bimetallic PtTl units (Figure S19), with the distances and angles of the optimized structures similar for all complexes (Table S7), which reproduces well the geometrical X-ray parameters for the bimetallic complexes 1 and 2. Thus, for 1 and 2, calculations show similar Pt–Tl distances [2.8848(2) Å for 1 and 2.8957(2) Å for 2 vs calculated 2.91287 Å for 1 and 2.90700 Å for 2]. However, in the case of 3 and 4, the obtained S_0 geometries show systematically shorter Pt–Tl and Tl–N distances from those seen in the X-ray [Pt–Tl 3.0924(2) Å for 3 and 3.1965(2) Å for 4 vs calculated 2.89171 Å for 3 and 2.89035 Å for 4 Å; Tl–N 2.800(4) Å for 3 and 2.735(2) Å for 4 vs calculated 2.62935 Å for 3 and 2.62942 Å for 4]. Selected frontier molecular orbitals are depicted in Figures S20–S23, and their compositions in terms of metals and ligands are collected in Table S8. In all cases, the HOMO is centered on the Spy or SpyCF₃₋₅ group (54–61%), Pt center (19–20%), and the cyclometalated C[^]N ligand (16–25%), while the LUMO is mainly centered on the C[^]N ligand (83–91%) with some minor contribution of the metallic centers (4–7% Pt and 4–7% Tl). TD-DFT calculations in CH₂Cl₂ (Table S9) show that the lowest-energy transition predicted for all of the complexes is from HOMO to LUMO. Therefore, the LE band can be assigned to transitions from the Spy or SpyCF₃₋₅ fragments to the cyclometalated ligand (¹L/LCT) with minor contributions of intraligand ¹LC and Pt to cyclometalated ¹MLCT (L = C[^]N; L' = Spy; M = Pt), with the contributions of the transitions to the Tl center (¹L'M'CT and ¹MM'CT; L' = Spy; M = Pt; M' = Tl) being very small.

In order to rationalize the emission properties of these complexes, the first triplet (T_1) of all complexes was optimized. The computed geometric parameters are similar to those found for the corresponding ground states S_0 (Table S7 and Figure S19), with the main difference being the slightly longer Pt–Tl and Tl–N distances in the T_1 state. The emission energies (537 nm, 1; 581 nm, 2; 525 nm, 3; 570 nm, 4) were calculated as the energy difference [$E_{AE} = E(T_1) - E(S_0)$] at the T_1 -optimized geometries (adiabatic electronic emission). The predicted emission energies agree qualitatively with the HE emission

band (530 nm, 1; 535 nm, 3; 540 and 565 nm 4), except in 2, in which two different forms are observed (507 nm, 2-y; 620 nm, 2-o). The predicted emission energies show a clear red shift in the bzq derivatives (2 and 4) in relation to the ppy derivatives (1 and 3). The spin densities for the T_1 state for 1–4 are depicted in Figure S24.

For derivatives 1–3, the singly occupied molecular orbitals (SOMOs) are almost identical with the LUMO, being centered in the cyclometalated ligand (Table S10 and Figure 12), whereas the SOMO-1 is located in the triplet state located mainly on the C[^]N ligand (72% ppy, 1; 87% bzq, 2; 78% ppy, 3), with minor percentages on the Spy or SpyCF₃₋₅ ligand (10% 1, 5% 2, and 7% 3) and on the Pt (17% 1, 8% 2, and 14% 3). Thus, the HE emission has a pronounced intraligand cyclometalated character ³LC with a minor contribution of pyridinethiolatoplatinum-to-cyclometalated ³[(L'+M)LCT] nature. In the SpyCF₃ derivative 4, the SOMO is also mainly located on the bzq group (82%) but has moderate contributions of both metal centers (8% Pt and 8% Tl), while the SOMO-1 is similar to the HOMO (55% SpyCF₃, 25% Pt, and 19% bzq). Consequently, in 4, the phosphorescence emission is primarily associated with interligand SpyCF₃-to-bzq charge transfer (³L/LCT) with a minor ³MLCT/³MM'CT contribution.

CONCLUSIONS

We report the synthesis, structures, and optical properties of four related heterometallic Pt–Tl systems. The complexes are accessible by solvent displacement using the platinum solvato chromophores [Pt(C₆F₅)(C[^]N)(S)] and the likely polymeric material [Tl(Spy)] or [Tl(SpyCF₃₋₅)], generated in situ. The donor characteristics of the pyridinethiolate ancillary ligand and the cyclometalated group have a profound effect on the final structures and luminescence properties. In particular, the [Tl(Spy)] precursor leads to bimetallic complexes featuring a short Pt → Tl bond, supported by a typical a μ - κ S(Pt): κ N(Tl). However, employing [Tl(SpyCF₃₋₅)] with a less donating (trifluoromethyl)pyridinethiolate group, the formation of extended networks is observed containing unusual zigzag –Pt–Tl...S–Pt– [Pt(C₆F₅)(ppy)]Tl(SpyCF₃₋₅)]_n (3) or more linear ...Pt–Tl...Pt–Tl... [Pt(C₆F₅)(bzq)]Tl(SpyCF₃₋₅)]_n (4) backbones. Crystal-packing analysis reveals the presence of remarkable π ... π stacking in all 1–4 structures, which influences the emissive properties. Thus, for 1, we observe dual emission arising from monomer units [associated with admixture ³LC/³(L'+M)LCT] and aggregated ³ π π -stacking species. For complex 2, two forms (2-y and 2-o) are

easily generated, depending on the isolation conditions. **2-y** displays mainly the HE monomer yellow emission, whereas **2-o** exhibits only an enhanced orange excimer emission (the quantum yield increased by a factor of 2.5). The extended chains **3** and **4** show different emission profiles at 298 K. Whereas **3** displays a dual emission from monomer [attributed to admixture ${}^3\text{LC}/{}^3(\text{L}'+\text{M})\text{LCT}$, as in the other ppy complex **1**] and ${}^3\pi\pi$ -stacking species, the chain **4** shows only one emission, assigned to interligand ${}^3\text{L}/\text{LCT}$ with minor ${}^3\text{MLCT}$ character and ${}^3\text{MM}'\text{CT}$, as confirmed by theoretical calculations. At 77 K, the ${}^3\pi\pi$ -stacking transition is predominant and selectively achieved in all complexes, except in **2-y**. Complexes **2-y**, **3**, and **4** display an interesting and reversible color and luminescent *mechanochromic* behavior, with an unusual and remarkable increase in the quantum yield of the solids after mechanical stimulation. Analysis of the PXRD changes (before and after mechanical stimulation and after treatment with solvent) confirms the reversible conversion between the crystalline phase of the pristine solids and solvent-treated samples and the amorphous phases of the ground solids. Similar mechanical grinding triggering a crystalline-to-metastable amorphous phase transition has been reported in cycloplatinated systems.²⁵ The remarkable red shift in the color and emission observed is attributed to the formation of disordered aggregates with shorter $\pi\cdots\pi$ interactions.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials and Methods. All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques and solvents from a solvent purification system (Mbraun MB SPS-800). Elemental analyses were carried out with a Carlo Erba EA1110 CHNS/O microanalyzer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Microflex matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF) spectrometer operating in the linear and reflector modes using dithranol as the matrix. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Nexus Fourier transform infrared spectrometer from Nujol mulls between polyethylene sheets. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX 300 or ARX 400 spectrometer at 298 K. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to external standards (SiMe_4 for ${}^1\text{H}$ and ${}^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ and CFCl_3 for ${}^{19}\text{F}$), and all coupling constants are given in hertz. UV-vis absorption spectra were carried out in a Hewlett-Packard 8453 spectrophotometer. Diffuse-reflectance UV-vis (DRUV) data were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrophotometer with a Harrick Praying Mantis accessory and recalculated following the Kubelka–Munk function. Excitation and emission spectra were obtained on a PerkinElmer LS50B or in a Jobin-Yvon Horiba Fluorolog 3-11 Tau-3 spectrofluorimeter. The lifetime measurements were performed in a Jobin-Yvon Horiba Fluorolog spectrofluorimeter operating in the phosphorimeter mode (with an F1-1029 lifetime emission PMT assembly, using a 450 W xenon lamp) or with a DataStation HUB-B with a nanoLED controller and software DAS6. The nano-LEDs employed for lifetime measurements were of wavelength 450 nm with pulse lengths of 0.8–1.4 ns. The lifetime data were fitted using the Jobin-Yvon software package. Quantum yields in solid were measured using an F-3018 Integrating Sphere mounted on a Fluorolog 3-11 Tau-3 spectrofluorimeter. PXRD patterns were obtained at room temperature using a Rigaku D/max 2500 rotating-anode generator with graphite-monochromated Cu K α operating at 40 kV and 80 mA. PXRD patterns were collected between 2θ of 3° and 60° with a 2θ stepping angle of 0.03° and an angle dwell of 1 s. Complexes $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{ppy})(\text{DMSO})]^{15\text{b}}$ (**A**) and $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{bzq})(\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3)]^{16}$ (**B**) were prepared as reported in the literature. The $[\text{Ti}(\text{Spy})]$ and $[\text{Ti}(\text{SpyCF}_3\text{-5})]$ species were freshly prepared by reaction in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) of the corresponding HSpy or HSpyCF₃-5 ligand with a suspension of $[\text{Ti}(\text{acac})]$ in a 1:1 molar ratio and stirred for 30 min.

Preparation of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{ppy})\text{Ti}(\text{Spy})]$ (1**).** To a yellow suspension of $[\text{Ti}(\text{Spy})]$ (0.336 mmol), prepared in situ from $[\text{Ti}(\text{acac})]$ (0.103 g) and HSpy (0.037 g) in 20 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , was added **A** (0.2 g, 0.336 mmol), and the mixture was further stirred for 40 min. The deep-yellow solution formed was concentrated to small volume (~ 2 mL) under vacuum, and *n*-hexane (10 mL) was added to give **1** as a yellow solid, which was filtered and washed with *n*-hexane (5 mL, 0.244 g, 87% yield). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{PtSTl}$: C, 31.77; H, 1.46; N, 3.37; S, 3.85. Found: C, 32.10; H, 1.72; N, 2.97; S, 4.07. MALDI-TOF(+): m/z 1034 ($[\text{M} + \text{Ti}]^+$; 38), 940 ($[\text{M} + (\text{SpyH})]^+$; 86), 831 ($[\text{M}]^+$; 43). IR (cm^{-1}): $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5 \text{ x sens})$ 798 (vs). ${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (δ , 400.17 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 9.25 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.6$, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 22.7$, H^2_{ppy}), 8.21 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.0$, H^6_{ppy}), 8.10–8.08 (m, H^4_{ppy} , H^5_{ppy}), 7.78 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.7$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.0$, H^6_{ppy}), 7.37–7.28 (m, H^3_{ppy} , H^4_{ppy} , H^5_{ppy}), 7.08 (td, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.7$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.0$, H^7_{ppy}), 7.01–6.94 (m, H^5_{ppy} , H^8_{ppy}), 6.90 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.5$, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 58.2$, H^9_{ppy}). ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (δ , 282.4 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): -117.6 (dm, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-F}} = 415$, 2F^0), -166.1 (m, 1F^0 , 2F^m). ${}^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (δ , 100.6 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 169.0 (s, ${}^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 63$, C^2_{Spy}), 167.8 (s, ${}^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 82$, $\text{C}^{12}_{\text{ppy}}$), 151.1 (s, C^2_{ppy}), 150.5 (s, $\text{C}^{11}_{\text{ppy}}$), 148.1 (s, C^6_{ppy}), 147.9 (s, $\text{C}^{10}_{\text{ppy}}$), 141.5 (s, C^4_{ppy}), 138.1 (s, ${}^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 97$, C^9_{ppy}), 137.4 (s, C^4_{Spy}), 132.1 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 41$, C^3_{Spy}), 132.0 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 65$, C^8_{ppy}), 126.0 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 37$, C^6_{ppy}), 125.6 (s, C^7_{ppy}), 125.0 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 32$, C^3_{ppy}), 121.3 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 36$, C^5_{ppy}), 119.8 (s, C^5_{Spy}).

Preparation of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{bzq})\text{Ti}(\text{Spy})]$ (2**).** This compound was obtained as an orange solid (0.359 g, 91% yield) following a procedure similar to that described for **1**, using starting precursors $[\text{Ti}(\text{Spy})]$ (0.5 mmol) and **B** (0.3 g, 0.5 mmol). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{PtSTl}$: C, 34.04; H, 1.41; N, 3.27; S, 3.74. Found: C, 34.54; H, 1.56; N, 3.07; S, 3.86. MALDI-TOF(+): m/z 1600 ($[\text{Pt}_2\text{Ti}_2(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\text{bzq})_2(\text{Spy})]^+$; 27), 964 ($[\text{M} + (\text{SpyH})]^+$; 20), 1059 ($[\text{M} + \text{Ti}]^+$; 40), 855 ($[\text{M}]^+$; 100). IR (cm^{-1}): $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5 \text{ x sens})$ 800 (vs). ${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (δ , 400.17 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 9.45 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.3$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.3$, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 23.3$, H^2_{bzq}), 8.64 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.1$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.3$, H^4_{bzq}), 8.19 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.3$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 0.8$, H^6_{Spy}), 7.90 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.8$, $\text{H}^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 7.79 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.8$, $\text{H}^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 7.72 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.1$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.3$, H^3_{bzq}), 7.66 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.9$, H^7_{bzq}), 7.48 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.1$, H^3_{Spy}), 7.42–7.38 (m, H^4_{Spy} , H^8_{bzq}), 7.12 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.1$, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 56.3$, H^9_{bzq}), 7.00 (m, H^5_{Spy}). ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (δ , 282.4 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): -117.5 (dm, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-F}} = 422$, 2F^0), -166.1 (m, 1F^0 , 2F^m). ${}^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (δ , 100.6 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 170.1 (s, C^2_{Spy}), 156.3 (s, ${}^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 68$, $\text{C}^{12}_{\text{bzq}}$), 152.4 (s, C^2_{bzq}), 148.4 (s, $\text{C}^{14}_{\text{bzq}}$), 148.3 (s, C^6_{Spy}), 142.1 (s, $\text{C}^{10}_{\text{bzq}}$), 138.3 (s, C^4_{bzq}), 134.0 (s, $\text{C}^{11}_{\text{bzq}}$), 133.4 (s, ${}^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 100$, C^9_{bzq}), 130.3 (s, C^4_{Spy}), 129.7 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 65$, C^8_{bzq}), 129.4 (s, $\text{C}^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 127.3 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 36$, C^3_{Spy}), 123.5 (s, $\text{C}^{13}_{\text{bzq}}$), 122.2 (s, $\text{C}^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 122.0 (s, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 21$, C^3_{bzq}), 121.0 (s, C^7_{bzq}), 117.6 (q, ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 32$, C^5_{Spy}).

Preparation of $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{ppy})\text{Ti}(\text{SpyCF}_3\text{-5})]$ (3**).** To a suspension of $[\text{Ti}(\text{SpyCF}_3\text{-5})]$ (0.336 mmol), prepared in situ from $[\text{Ti}(\text{acac})]$ (0.103 g, 0.336 mmol) and HSpyCF₃-5 (0.060 g, 0.336 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), was added **A** (0.2 g, 0.336 mmol), and the mixture was further stirred for 40 min. The deep-yellow solution formed was concentrated to small volume (~ 2 mL) under vacuum, and *n*-hexane (10 mL) was added to give **3** as a yellow solid, which was filtered and washed with *n*-hexane (5 mL, 0.268 g, 89% yield). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_8\text{N}_2\text{PtSTl}$: C, 30.74; H, 1.23; N, 3.12; S, 3.57. Found: C, 30.86; H, 1.30; N, 2.76; S, 3.72. MALDI-TOF(+): m/z 1620 ($[\text{Pt}_2\text{Ti}_2(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\text{ppy})_2(\text{SpyCF}_3\text{-5})]^+$; 25), 1103 ($[\text{M} + \text{Ti}]^+$; 100), 898 ($[\text{M}]^+$; 20). IR (cm^{-1}): $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5 \text{ x sens})$ 798 (vs). ${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (δ , 400.17 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 9.22 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.6$, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 22.3$, H^2_{ppy}), 8.55 (s, $\text{H}^6_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 8.12–8.06 (m, H^4_{ppy} , H^5_{ppy}), 7.80 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.6$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.0$, H^6_{ppy}), 7.58 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.6$, $\text{H}^3_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 7.52 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.6$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 2.1$, $\text{H}^4_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 7.34 (m, H^3_{ppy}), 7.10 (td, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.5$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.2$, H^7_{ppy}), 7.03 (td, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.5$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.2$, H^8_{ppy}), 6.94 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.5$, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 57.3$, H^9_{ppy}). ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR (δ , 282.4 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): -61.7 (s, $3\text{F}_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), -117.4 (dm, ${}^3J_{\text{Pt-F}} = 401$, 2F^0), -165.5 (t, 1F^0), -166.0 (m, 2F^m). ${}^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (δ , 100.6 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 175.0 (s, ${}^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 69$, $\text{C}^2_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 168.7 (s, ${}^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 74$, $\text{C}^{12}_{\text{ppy}}$), 151.6 (s, C^2_{ppy}), 149.9 (s, $\text{C}^{11}_{\text{ppy}}$), 147.8 (s, $\text{C}^{10}_{\text{ppy}}$), 145.8 (s, $\text{C}^6_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 141.5 (s, C^4_{ppy}), 138.2 (s,

$^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 95$, C^9_{ppy} , 133.1 (s, $C^4_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 132.1 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 65$, C^8_{ppy}), 131.2 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 38$, $C^3_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 126.1 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 38$, C^6_{ppy}), 126.0 (s, C^7_{ppy}), 125.1 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 34$, C^5_{ppy}), 121.4 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 28$, C^5_{ppy}), 120.9 (s, $C^5_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$).

Preparation of $[\{\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)(\text{bzq})\}\text{Tl}(\text{SpyCF}_3)_5]_n$ (4). Compound 4 was isolated as a yellow solid (0.247 g, 80% yield) following a procedure similar to that described for 3, using starting precursors $[\text{Tl}(\text{SpyCF}_3)_5]$ (0.334 mmol) and B (0.2 g, 0.334 mmol). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_8\text{N}_2\text{PtSTl}$: C, 32.54; H, 1.20; N, 3.04; S, 3.47. Found: C, 32.51; H, 1.27; N, 2.96; S, 3.89. MALDI-TOF(+): m/z 1668 ($[\text{Pt}_2\text{Tl}_2(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2(\text{bzq})_2(\text{SpyCF}_3)_5]^+$; 30), 1127 ($[\text{M} + \text{Tl}]^+$; 100), 923 ($[\text{M}]^+$; 10), 757 ($[\text{M} - (\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)]^+$; 42). IR (cm^{-1}): $\nu(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5 \text{ Xsens})$ 801 (vs). ^1H NMR (δ , 400.17 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 9.42 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 5.3$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.2$, $^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 23.0$, H^2_{bzq}), 8.63 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.1$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 1.2$, H^4_{bzq}), 8.53 (s, $\text{H}^6_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 7.91 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.8$, $\text{H}^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 7.80 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.8$, $\text{H}^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 7.73–7.64 (m, $\text{H}^3_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$, H^3_{bzq} , H^7_{bzq}), 7.55 (dd, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.7$, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 2.2$, $\text{H}^4_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 7.44 (t, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.3$, H^8_{bzq}), 7.18 (d, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.3$, $^3J_{\text{Pt-H}} = 55.5$, H^9_{bzq}). ^{19}F NMR (δ , 282.4 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): -65.1 (s, $3F_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), -117.6 (m, $^3J_{\text{Pt-F}} = 413$, $2F^o$), -165.5 (t, $1F^p$), -165.9 (m, $2F^m$). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (δ , 100.6 MHz, CD_3COCD_3): 175.1 (s, $^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 64$, $C^2_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 158.0 (s, $^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 70$, C^{12}_{bzq}), 151.0 (s, $1C$, C^2_{bzq}), 148.2 (s, C^{14}_{bzq}), 145.8 (s, br, $C^6_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 143.9 (s, C^{10}_{bzq}), 140.3 (s, C^4_{bzq}), 136.0 (s, C^{11}_{bzq}), 135.6 (s, $^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 99$, C^9_{bzq}), 133.0 (m, $C^4_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 131.6 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 70$, C^8_{bzq}), 131.3 (s, $C^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 131.1 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 34$, $C^3_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$), 129.2 (s, $^2J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 23$, C^{13}_{bzq}), 125.5 (s, $C^{5/6}_{\text{bzq}}$), 124.3 (s, C^7_{bzq}), 124.2 (s, $^3J_{\text{Pt-C}} = 22$, C^3_{bzq}), 120.9 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 34$, $C^5_{\text{SpyCF}_3}$).

X-ray Crystallography. Details of the X-ray analyses are summarized in Table S11. Yellow (1, 2-y, 3, and 4) crystals were obtained by the slow diffusion of *n*-hexane into solutions of the complexes in acetone (1, -30 °C; 3 and 4, room temperature) or CH_2Cl_2 (2-y, -30 °C). The radiation used in all cases was graphite-monochromated $\text{Mo K}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). For 1 and 4, X-ray intensity data were collected on an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer, and the diffraction frames were integrated and corrected from absorption by using the *CrysAlisRED* program.²⁸ For 2 and 3, X-ray intensity data were collected with a Nonius κ CCD area-detector diffractometer, and the diffraction frames were integrated and corrected from absorption by the *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* suite of programs.²⁹ The structures were solved by Patterson and Fourier methods using *SHELXS*³⁰ (1 and 4) or *DIRDIF2008*³¹ (3) or by intrinsic phasing using *SHELXT*³² (2-y) and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 with *SHELXL*.³³ All non-H atoms were assigned anisotropic displacement parameters. All of the H atoms were constrained to idealized geometries fixing isotropic displacement parameters 1.2 times the U_{iso} value of their attached C atom. Finally, the structures of 1 and 4 show some residual peaks greater than $1 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ in the vicinity of the Pt and Tl atoms but with no chemical meaning.

Computational Details for Theoretical Calculations. DFT and TD-DFT calculations were undertaken on the complexes 1–4 by using the *Gaussian03*³⁴ and *Gaussian09*³⁵ packages. Geometry optimizations of the singlet ground (S_0) and first triplet excited (T_1) states, and subsequent TD-DFT calculations were carried out by using the B3LYP³⁶ and PBE0³⁷ (25% exchange and 75% correlation weighting) functionals. The basis set used for the metal centers (Pt and Tl) was the LanL2DZ effective core potential³⁸ and 6-31+G(d,p) for the ligand atoms. The solvent effect of dichloromethane in the TD-DFT calculations was taken into consideration by the polarizable continuum model (PCM).³⁹ The calculated emission maxima were estimated from the differences between the ground state and triplet excited state energies at the optimized triplet state geometry.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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