

Unusual Formation and Reactivity of a Diplatinum μ -Phenylethenylidene Complex: Synthesis and Structures of *cis,cis*-[(PPh₃)₂(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ - η^1 : η^3 -CHPhCCO)Pt(PPh₃)₂] and *cis,cis*-[(PPh₃)₂Pt{ μ - η^2 (C,S): η^1 (C)-C(SPh)(CH₂Ph)}Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)] Dinuclear Compounds

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The μ -phenylethenylidene-bridged diplatinum complex [(OC)(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ -C=CHPh)Pt(PPh₃)₂], **1**, synthesized from the reaction between the mononuclear alkynyl–hydride *trans*-[Pt(C \equiv CPh)H(PPh₃)₂] and *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)(THF)] (THF = tetrahydrofuran), displays a remarkable reactivity associated with the μ -vinylidene ligand under mild conditions. The reaction of **1** with PPh₃ (molar ratio 1:1) produces an unprecedented reductive coupling of the CO ligand and the vinylidene bridging group to give the compound *cis,cis*-[(PPh₃)₂(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ - η^1 : η^3 -CHPhCCO)Pt(PPh₃)₂], **2**, which contains an expanded, unsaturated benzylideneketene bridging ligand. On the other hand, treatment of **1** with PhSH generates the new diplatinum compound *cis,cis*-[(PPh₃)₂Pt{ μ - η^2 (C,S): η^1 (C)-C(SPh)(CH₂Ph)}Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)], **3**, formed by a formal addition of the PhSH to the carbon–carbon double bond of the vinylidene group in **1**. The structures of **2** and **3** have been fully elucidated by X-ray diffraction studies.

Introduction

Organometallic complexes in which two or more metals are linked by a hydrocarbon bridge have been extensively studied as models for species postulated to be present in several important metal-catalyzed reactions.¹ Investigation on the ways in which metal–carbon and carbon–carbon bonds are made and broken in these soluble complexes can provide useful information about similar processes that occur in homogeneous catalytic reactions and on metal surfaces. Vinylidene-bridged complexes are a type of C₂-bridged compounds which are attracting considerable interest.² Recent reports demonstrate interesting chemistry at μ -alkenylidene ligands,^{2bc,3} and furthermore, surface-bound vinylidene ligands have been proposed to play a key role in hydrocarbon chain growth in the heterogeneously catalyzed Fischer–Tropsch process (“McCandlish mechanism”).^{3f–h,4}

Methods for preparing this type of compound are generally based on (a) addition of an electrophile to a bridging acetylide,^{2de,5} (b) metal coordination of adequate metal–ligand fragments to a terminal vinylidene ligand,⁶ or (c) generation of a vinylidene fragment from *gem*-dihalo olefins in the presence of a potential or actual binuclear system.^{3bc,7} Another route to such species involves the isomerization of terminal alkynes.^{2c,8} This last process (acetylene to vinylidene tautomerism), thoroughly investigated on mononuclear metal systems,^{2ab,9} has been much less studied on binuclear species and is not well understood. Theoretical calcula-

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tions by Silvestre and Hoffman¹⁰ showed that a concerted 1,2-hydrogen shift, accepted in related reactions mediated by a single metal center, was energetically unlikely on a binuclear system, although this transformation *via* an acetylide–hydride intermediate appeared to be plausible. Although strong support for such a mechanism comes from Lukehart's systematic synthesis of bridging vinylidene complexes by the addition of a Pt–H bond across the carbon–carbon triple bond of several metal alkynyl compounds,¹¹ experimental evidence for such acetylide–hydride intermediates has been sparse.^{8h}

In this paper, we report the synthesis and characterization of a new vinylidene-bridged dinuclear platinum complex [(OC)(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ -C=CHPh)Pt(PPh₃)₂], **1**, which has been obtained by direct reaction between the alkynyl–hydride mononuclear complex *trans*-[Pt(C \equiv CPh)H(PPh₃)₂] and *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)(THF)] (THF = tetrahydrofuran). Furthermore, some aspects of its remarkable reactivity are also included. Particularly interesting are the reactions of **1** with PPh₃ and thiophenol under mild conditions. The Lewis base triphenylphosphine induces an unprecedented reductive coupling of the CO ligand and the vinylidene bridging group yielding the first μ - η^1 : η^3 benzylideneketene dinuclear platinum complex [(PPh₃)(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ -CHPhC=CO)Pt(PPh₃)₂], **2**. By contrast, PhSH adds to the carbon–carbon double bond of the :C=CHPh group of **1** to give the dinuclear platinum complex [(PPh₃)₂Pt(PhSCCH₂Ph)Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)], **3**, which contains a μ - η^2 (C,S): η^1 (C) (benzylthiophenoxy)methylene bridging ligand. These reactions add to a growing body of evidence suggesting that μ -alkenylidenes in dinuclear and polynuclear complexes are versatile reactive ligands for which a rich chemistry can be anticipated.^{2b}

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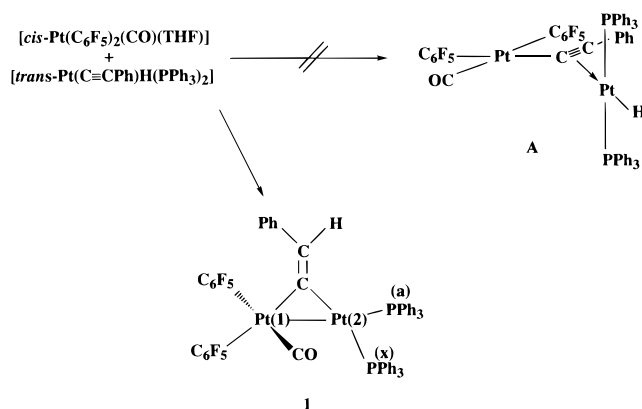
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Scheme 1



Results and Discussion

In previous studies¹² involving the monocarbonyl complex *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)(THF)] (THF = tetrahydrofuran), we have discovered its unusual reactivity toward terminal alkynyl compounds L_nMC \equiv CR, which results in the formation of mono μ - η^2 -acetylide-bridged dinuclear zwitterionic derivatives of the type [(CO)(C₆F₅)₂Pt⁻(μ - η^2 -C \equiv CR)M⁺L_n]¹² through an unexpected alkynylation of the monocarbonyl fragment "*cis*-Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)", probably brought about by the enhanced acidity of the platinum center, due to the electron-withdrawing nature of the C₆F₅ groups and the good π -acceptor properties of the CO ligand. As an extension on the study of the reactivity of this monocarbonyl complex *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)(THF)], we have carried out its reaction with *trans*-[PtH(C \equiv CPh)(PPh₃)₂], which does not produce the expected μ - η^2 -acetylide hydride zwitterionic complex (**A**, Scheme 1) but the phenylethenylidene-bridged dinuclear [(OC)(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ -C=CHPh)Pt(PPh₃)₂], **1**.

Thus, when the phenylacetylide–hydride complex, *trans*-[Pt(C \equiv CPh)H(PPh₃)₂], is treated with 1 equiv of *cis*-[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)(THF)] in CH₂Cl₂, at room temperature for 15 h, the diplatinum complex [(OC)(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ -C=CHPh)Pt(PPh₃)₂], **1**, is isolated in 55% yield as an air-stable microcrystalline orange product. Analytical and mass spectral data are in accord with this formulation. Spectroscopic data (NMR and IR) are consistent with a "T-frame" structure (C₁ symmetry, shown in Scheme 1), similar to those reported by Lukehart *et al.* for several neutral and cationic diplatinum complexes containing analogous phenylethenylidene bridging ligands,^{11,13} with the main coordination planes of the two platinum atoms having an orthogonal relative orientation. The IR spectrum shows the ν (CO) band at 2083 cm⁻¹, thus confirming the presence of a terminal carbonyl ligand. Moreover, the presence of two absorptions at 807 and 795 cm⁻¹, due to the IR-active vibrations of the X-sensitive mode of the C₆F₅ groups,^{12,14} and the presence of four absorptions at 542, 522, 513, and 508 cm⁻¹, due to the PPh₃ ligands,¹⁵ suggests a mutually

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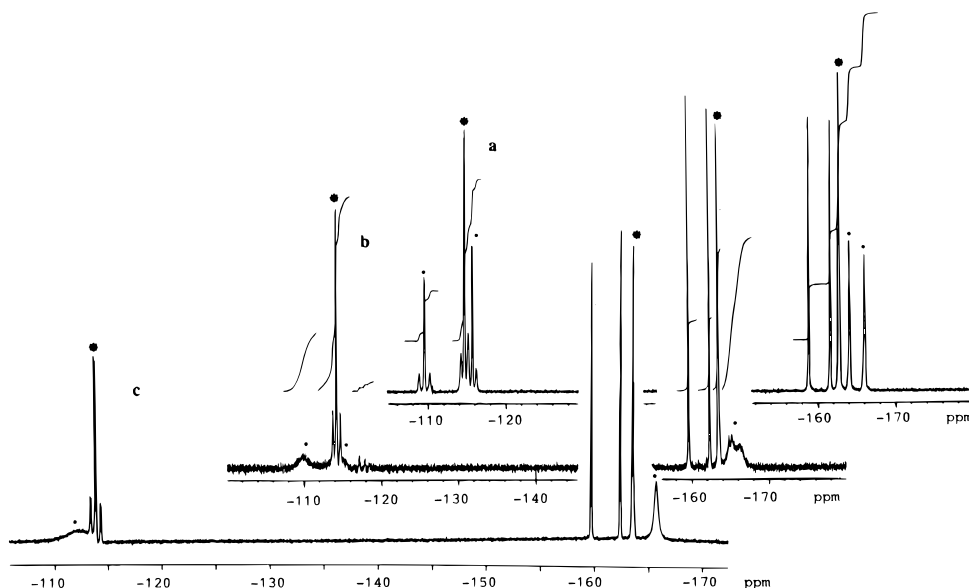


Figure 1. ^{19}F NMR spectra of complex $[(\text{OC})(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$, **1**, in CDCl_3 at different temperatures: (a) -50°C ; (b) 20°C ; (c) 50°C .

cis disposition for these ligands. The ^1H and ^{31}P NMR spectra of complex **1** can be readily interpreted on the basis of previous analysis of the NMR spectra for the analogous cationic $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{PEt}_3)_4][\text{BF}_4]$ and neutral $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{PEt}_3)_3\text{X}]$ and $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{PEt}_3)_3\text{X}_2]$ diplatinum complexes reported by Lukehart.^{11,13,16} For complex **1**, the alkenylidene proton resonance appears as a doublet of doublets centered at 5.75 ppm due to $^4J(\text{P}-\text{H})$ coupling to the two PPh_3 ligands coordinated to Pt(2) (see Scheme 1). On the basis of previous observations, the value of the two $^4J(\text{P}-\text{H})$ coupling constants (26.3 and 8.3 Hz, respectively) suggest^{11b,13} that complex **1** is isolated as the isomer shown in Scheme 1. The ^{31}P NMR spectrum shows two doublets with a $^2J(\text{P}_\text{A}-\text{P}_\text{X})$ of 14 Hz, which is consistent with the presence of two inequivalent PPh_3 ligands. The resonance at 31.17 ppm with a normal¹⁷ $^1J(\text{Pt}(2)-\text{P}_\text{X})$ of 2593 Hz ($^2J(\text{Pt}(1)-\text{P}_\text{X})$ not resolved) is assigned to the PPh_3 ligand in a nearly *cis* disposition to Pt(1). The signal at 35.95 ppm, assigned to the PPh_3 ligand nearly *trans* to Pt(1), shows two well-resolved Pt satellites: $^1J(\text{Pt}(2)-\text{P}_\text{A}) = 5534$ Hz and $^2J(\text{Pt}(1)-\text{P}_\text{A}) = 344$ Hz, respectively. These unusually large coupling constants compare well with those reported for the neutral $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{PEt}_3)_3\text{X}]$, $[\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{PEt}_3)_3\text{X}_2]$,^{13,16} and $[\text{X}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-CO})\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{X}]$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$,^{18a} Br ^{18b}) diplatinum complexes, all of which have been described as containing a platinum-platinum bond with some degree of mixed-valence character. A Pt(1)→Pt(2) formal Lewis acid-base interaction has also been proposed to rationalize the presence of a Pt-Pt bond in these types of compounds.^{11,13,16} In addition, simulation of the ^{31}P NMR experimental spectrum using these assignments gives good agreement with the experimental spectrum.

The ^{19}F NMR spectral data are also informative. For the proposed structure, the two C_6F_5 groups are inequivalent and, in addition, the low symmetry makes the *o*-fluorine atoms (and the *m*-fluorine atoms as well), within each C_6F_5 ligand, inequivalent. Thus, for a static structure, the ^{19}F NMR spectrum should show a complex pattern with four *o*-, two *p*-, and four *m*-fluorine resonances, *i.e.* five different signals for each C_6F_5 group. The ^{19}F NMR spectra registered in CDCl_3 at different temperatures (-50 , 20 , and 50°C) are shown in Figure 1. As can be observed, the inequivalence of the two C_6F_5 ligands can be easily inferred from the presence of two different triplets due to *p*-fluorine resonances. At low temperature (-50°C) the spectrum shows the expected two *o*- and two *m*-fluorine signals for a rigid conformation of one of the two C_6F_5 groups. The only two (one *o*-F and one *m*-F) sharp resonances observed for the other C_6F_5 ligand clearly suggest the existence of a dynamic process. When the temperature is increased, the four resonances (two *o*-F and two *m*-F) of the former C_6F_5 group broaden and, finally, collapse (the *o*-signals practically disappear into the baseline) to only two at 50°C . The observed spectrum at 50°C can tentatively be explained by assuming the rotation of C_6F_5 rings around the Pt-C_{ipso}(C_6F_5) bonds. Moreover, the different aspects of the signals for each one of the C_6F_5 rings (sharp and broad) in the *o*-F and *m*-F regions suggest that the energy barrier for this process is different in each ring. As a consequence, at low temperature (-50°C) this process seems to be stopped for only one of the C_6F_5 rings. A similar behavior has been previously found in other complexes containing the "*cis*-Pt(C_6F_5)₂(CO)" fragment.^{12a} Unfortunately, the ^{13}C NMR spectrum is not informative since only a complex pattern of carbon resonances in the aromatic region is observed.

The formation of **1** from *cis*-[Pt(C_6F_5)₂(CO)(THF)] and *trans*-[Pt(C≡CPh)H(PPh₃)₂] could involve an initial alkynylation of the "*cis*-Pt(C_6F_5)₂(CO)" fragment and simultaneous stabilization of the resulting unit by formation of a μ -acetylide hydride intermediate species of the type *cis,trans*-[(OC)(C_6F_5)₂Pt(μ - η^1 : η^2 -C≡CPh)PtH-(PPh₃)₂] (**A**, Scheme 1) (as observed in the reaction

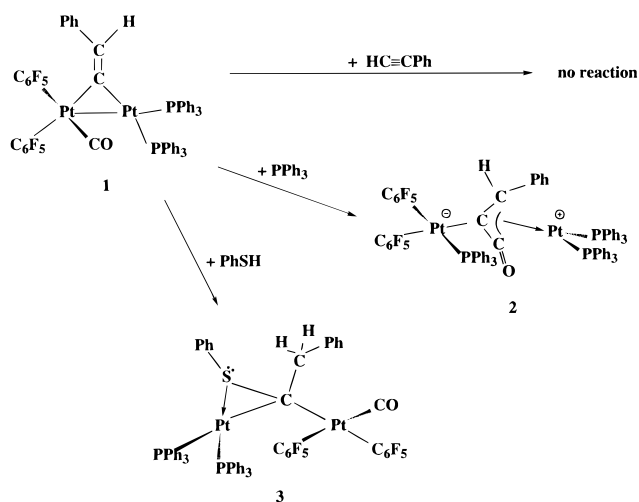
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Scheme 2



between cis -[Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)(THF)] and platinum bis-(alkynyl) complexes¹²) followed by isomerization to the cis,cis isomer and cis 1,2 addition of the Pt–H bond across the C–C triple bond, the last steps being similar to those proposed for the formation of the first example of this type of complex, [(PhC≡C)(PEt₃)₂Pt(μ-C=CHPh)-Pt(PEt₃)₂][BF₄].^{11a}

Since one of the main interests in this type of dinuclear compound containing μ -hydrocarbyl ligands is justified principally by their possible chemical behavior at the bridging ligand, we decided to examine the chemical reactivity of **1**, in an attempt to induce (a) simple carbonyl–phosphine exchange, (b) carbon–carbon coupling at the μ -vinylidene ligand, and (c) addition to the carbon–carbon double bond. Complex **1** was treated separately with triphenylphosphine, phenylacetylene, and thiophenol. While no reaction was detected between **1** and phenylacetylene (room temperature, excess), compound **1** did react with PPh₃ or PhSH to give the new products **2** and **3** (Scheme 2), respectively.

Reaction with PPh₃. When an orange solution of **1** in CH₂Cl₂ was treated with PPh₃ (molar ratio 1:1), the color of the solution gradually turned yellow. Partial evaporation and addition of ethanol afforded yellow crystals of a compound, **2** (41% yield), which according to the elemental analysis corresponds apparently to an 1:1 adduct of the starting complex, **1**, and PPh₃. The IR spectrum revealed the presence of a new strong and broad absorption at 1885 cm⁻¹. The possibility that this was due to a carbonyl which had linked to the vinylidene ligand led us to carry out an X-ray diffraction study, which established that this was actually the case. The structure of **2** is presented in Figure 2a, with the atom-numbering scheme. Figure 2b provides a schematic view showing the central expanded unsaturated hydrocarbon fragment. Crystallographic data are collected in Table 1, and selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2.

The most interesting feature of this molecule is the presence of the new benzylideneketene bridging ligand μ -CHPhCCO, formed by a formal reductive coupling between the bridging vinylidene and the CO ligand. This new bridging ligand is connecting two separated platinum moieties "Pt(1)(C₆F₅)₂(PPh₃)" and "Pt(2)(PPh₃)₂" via the three carbon atoms C(9), C(1), and C(2). Pt(1),

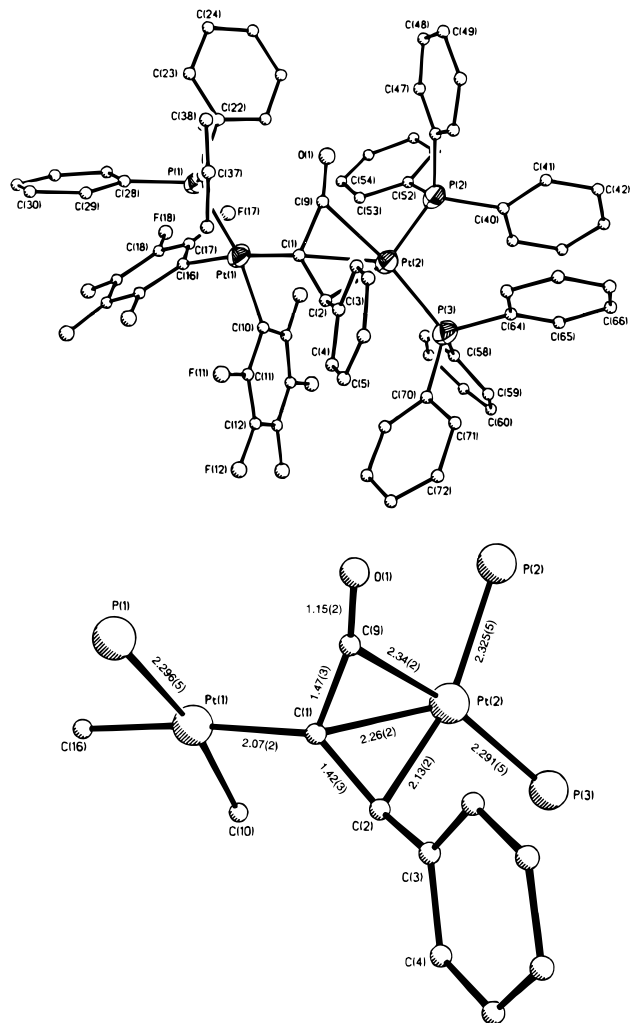


Figure 2. (a) Top: View of the structure of complex cis,cis -[(PPh₃)(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ-η¹:η³-CHPhCCO)Pt(PPh₃)₂], **2**, with the atom-numbering scheme. (b) Bottom: Schematic view of the central core of complex **2** with bond lengths in Å.

practically coplanar with the C(9)–C(1)–C(2) fragment [deviation 0.136(1) Å], is only σ bonded to the central carbon atom C(1). The Pt(1)–C(1) distance [2.07(2) Å] is identical, within the experimental error, to the other two Pt(1)–C(C₆F₅) [Pt(1)–C(10) 2.08(2) Å and Pt(1)–C(16) 2.05(2) Å] bond distances. Pt(2) is unsymmetrically η^3 -bonded to the three carbon atoms of the hydrocarbon fragment, the Pt(2)–C(2) bond length [2.13(2) Å] being shorter than the Pt(2)–C(1) [2.26(2) Å] and Pt(2)–C(9) [2.34(2) Å] distances. The C–C distances and the angle at C(1) [C(2)–C(1)–C(9) 115(2)°] are similar to those formed in η^3 -allyl–Pt systems.¹⁹ In addition, the C(9)–O(1) bond length [1.15(2) Å] and the C(1)–C(9)–O(1) angle [162(2)°] are similar to those reported for μ^2,η^1 -ketenyl complexes.²⁰ All these data suggest that the ligand is bonded to Pt(2) in a η^3 -allylic form (see Scheme 2). The oxygen atom is practically coplanar with the central fragment C(9)–C(1)–C(2) [deviation 0.28(1) Å], and the C_{ipso} carbon atom of the phenyl group C(3) deviates 0.88(2) Å. The two Pt(2)–P(PPh₃) distances are different [Pt(2)–P(2) 2.325(5) Å and Pt(2)–P(3) 2.291(5) Å], thus reflecting the asym-

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Table 1. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement Parameters for Complexes 2^{1/2}(*n*-hexane) and 3

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empirical formula	C ₇₈ H ₅₈ F ₁₀ OP ₃ Pt ₂	C ₆₃ H ₄₃ F ₁₀ OP ₂ Pt ₂ S
fw	1684.33	1490.15
temp	293(2) K	293(2) K
wavelength	1.541 84 Å	0.710 73 Å
crys system	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 1	<i>Cc</i>
unit cell dimens	<i>a</i> = 12.668(3) Å <i>b</i> = 14.201(3) Å <i>c</i> = 20.704(4) Å α = 110.13(2)° β = 90.00(2)° γ = 94.59(2)°	<i>a</i> = 15.946(5) Å <i>b</i> = 24.719(6) Å <i>c</i> = 16.039(3) Å α = 90° β = 93.01(2)° γ = 90°
V	3484.4(13) Å ³	6313(3) Å ³
Z	2	4
<i>D</i> (calcd)	1.605 Mg/m ³	1.568 Mg/m ³
abs coeff	8.654 mm ⁻¹	4.578 mm ⁻¹
<i>F</i> (000)	1650	2884
cryst size	0.14 × 0.35 × 0.36 mm	0.28 × 0.28 × 0.45 mm
θ range for data collcn	2.27–52.62°	1.52–25.43°
<i>hkl</i> ranges	–13 to 13, –14 to 13, 0 to 21	–19 to 19, 0 to 29, 0 to 19
reflcs collcd	8262	6183
indepdt reflcs	7981	6036
reflcs with $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$	5276	5120
refinement method	full-matrix l.s. on F^2	full-matrix l.s. on F^2
data/restraints/params	7981/9/804	6030/18/706
goodness-of-fit on F^2	0.994	1.027
R indices [$F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$] ^a	$R_1 = 0.0780$, $wR_2 = 0.1940$	$R_1 = 0.0409$, $wR_2 = 0.0878$
R indices (all data) ^a	$R_1 = 0.1137$, $wR_2 = 0.2134$	$R_1 = 0.0540$, $wR_2 = 0.1029$
weighting params g_1 , g_2	0.1415, 0.00	0.0486, 0.00
mean and max shift/esd , final cycle	0.003, 0.056	0.000, 0.001
largest diff peak and hole	2.089 and –2.563 e/Å ³	0.882 and –1.036 e/Å ³
absolute struct param		0.006(10)

^a $R_1 = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|)/\sum|F_o|$; $wR_2 = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2/\sum w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$. Goodness-of-fit = $[\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2/(N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{param}})]^{1/2}$. $w = [o^2(F_o) + (g_1P)^2 + g_2P^{-1}]^{-1}$; $P = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$.

Table 2. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for 2^{1/2}(*n*-hexane)

Pt(2)–C(1)	2.26(2)	Pt(2)–C(2)	2.13(2)
Pt(2)–C(9)	2.34(2)	Pt(2)–P(3)	2.291(5)
Pt(2)–P(2)	2.325(5)	Pt(1)–C(1)	2.07(2)
Pt(1)–C(10)	2.08(2)	Pt(1)–C(16)	2.05(2)
Pt(1)–P(1)	2.296(5)	C(1)–C(2)	1.42(3)
C(1)–C(9)	1.47(3)	C(2)–C(3)	1.40(3)
C(9)–O(1)	1.15(2)		
C(1)–Pt(2)–C(2)	37.7(7)	C(1)–Pt(2)–C(9)	37.2(7)
C(2)–Pt(2)–C(9)	65.7(6)	C(1)–Pt(2)–P(3)	133.1(5)
C(2)–Pt(2)–P(3)	97.8(5)	C(9)–Pt(2)–P(3)	158.5(4)
C(1)–Pt(2)–P(2)	125.1(5)	C(2)–Pt(2)–P(2)	160.0(5)
C(9)–Pt(2)–P(2)	94.3(4)	P(3)–Pt(2)–P(2)	101.3(2)
C(1)–Pt(1)–C(10)	91.1(8)	C(1)–Pt(1)–C(16)	174.3(8)
C(10)–Pt(1)–C(16)	83.5(8)	C(1)–Pt(1)–P(1)	93.3(6)
C(10)–Pt(1)–P(1)	169.2(6)	C(16)–Pt(1)–P(1)	91.7(6)
Pt(2)–C(1)–Pt(1)	124.8(9)	Pt(2)–C(1)–C(2)	66.1(11)
Pt(1)–C(1)–C(2)	130(2)	Pt(2)–C(1)–C(9)	74.7(10)
Pt(1)–C(1)–C(9)	115.8(13)	C(2)–C(1)–C(9)	115(2)
Pt(2)–C(2)–C(3)	115.5(14)	C(1)–C(2)–C(3)	128(2)
Pt(2)–C(9)–C(1)	68.1(10)	Pt(2)–C(9)–O(1)	130.0(13)
C(1)–C(9)–O(1)	162(2)		

metry of the central hydrocarbon skeleton. The relative disposition of the C(9)–C(1)–C(2) fragment is such that the dihedral angles with the Pt(2)P(2)P(3) moiety and the coordination plane of Pt(1) [Pt(1)–P(1)–C(16)–C(10)–C(1)] are 121(1) and 139(1)°, respectively. The dihedral angle formed by the Pt(2)P(2)P(3) unit and the coordination plane of Pt(1) is 77.6(3)°. The long Pt(1)–Pt(2) distance (3.836 Å) indicates the absence of metal–metal bond.

The resulting unsaturated bridging ligand in **2** is very unusual. To our knowledge, the most closely related compound is the heterodinuclear complex [(CO)₂CpMn–{ μ -C(CO)CHPh}Fe(CO)₃], formed by the treatment of [Mn Cp(CO)₂(C=CHPh)] with [Fe₂(CO)₉], which has

been formulated as containing a manganese–trimethylene–methane ligand bonded to an “Fe(CO)₃” group.²¹

The overall reaction between **1** and PPh₃ involves addition of PPh₃ ligand and insertion of CO into the μ -vinylidene ligand to produce a benzylideneketene ligand. The conversion of vinylidene to ketene is noteworthy in two additional respects. There are many examples of carbonylation (or insertion) of terminal carbene and carbyne ligands affording ketene and ketylenyl complexes, in many cases promoted by strongly nucleophilic phosphines.^{20,22} This well-known process has utility in organic synthesis²³ and has also been pointed out to be a key step of C–C bond formation in the hydrogenation of carbon monoxide to oxygenated compounds.^{23b,24} However, the insertion of CO into a carbene bridging ligand is a rare process and the cases reported involve carbonylation or insertion of CO into a μ -methylene (μ -CH₂) group.^{20,25} As far as we know, there is only one report in the literature of insertion of

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CO into a μ -vinylidene bridging ligand.²⁶ However, in this case, both the μ -CCH₂ derivative and the methyleneketene μ -CH₂CCO complex exist in solution as a mixture of two isomers in equilibrium.²⁶ On the other hand, ketene^{20,27} and vinylidene⁴ ligands have been suggested as potential intermediates in CO reduction processes; therefore, their interconversion is relevant. Although there are several reports²⁸ showing the conversion of a free ketene to a μ -vinylidene, observation of the reverse process has not been reported.²⁹

The NMR spectra of complex **2** in CDCl₃ are consistent with the structure found in the solid state. Thus, the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum displays four *o*-, two *p*-, and four *m*-fluorine resonances as expected for the five inequivalent fluorine atoms in each one of the two nonequivalent C₆F₅ rings. The ³¹P NMR spectrum exhibits only two resonances, but the intensity and pattern of the ¹⁹⁵Pt satellites of one of them indicates that two nonequivalent phosphorous nuclei have coincidental chemical shifts (δ 27.2 ppm, s, ¹J(Pt–P) = 3958 Hz, 1P; 15.1 ppm, s, broad, ¹J(Pt–P) = 2546 and 3960 Hz, 2P).

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** shows, in addition to several complex resonances in the 7.5–6.6 ppm range (see Experimental Section), two doublets at high field (δ 5.12 ppm, *J* = 7.3 Hz, ¹J(Pt–H) = 43.6 Hz; 5.58 ppm, *J* = 7.3 Hz) which can be assigned to the benzylic proton and to one *o*-phenyl proton of the CHPh fragment. The resonance of this *o*-phenyl proton appears at much higher field than that expected for a typical phenyl proton. This anomalous shielding could be attributed to the position of the *o*-proton just above the aromatic ring [C(70)–C(75)] of one of the phenyl groups of the PPh₃ ligands [distance H(4)–centroid of the ring = 2.842 Å].

Reaction with PhSH. A particularly interesting reaction of complex **1**, which is unprecedented for μ -vinylidene complexes, is the addition reaction observed with thiophenol. Complex **1** (0.1 mmol) is dissolved in neat PhSH (2 mL) to give immediately a pale yellow solution. Addition of *n*-hexane produces the precipitation of a yellow solid **3** (Scheme 2). Recrystallization from diethyl ether gives pale-yellow crystals of **3**, which were identified by elemental analysis as the 1:1 adduct. Similar results were obtained by treating **1** with 1 equiv of PhSH. A single-crystal diffraction analysis showed the presence of a (benzylthiophenoxy)methylene bridging ligand formed by the addition of PhSH to the carbon–carbon double bond of the μ -vinylidene ligand in **1**. Figure 3a shows a drawing of the molecular structure of **2**, and Figure 3b provides a schematic view of the central bridging ligand. Crystallographic data are collected in Table 1, and selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 3. Within the (benzylthiophenoxy)methylene ligand, the bond

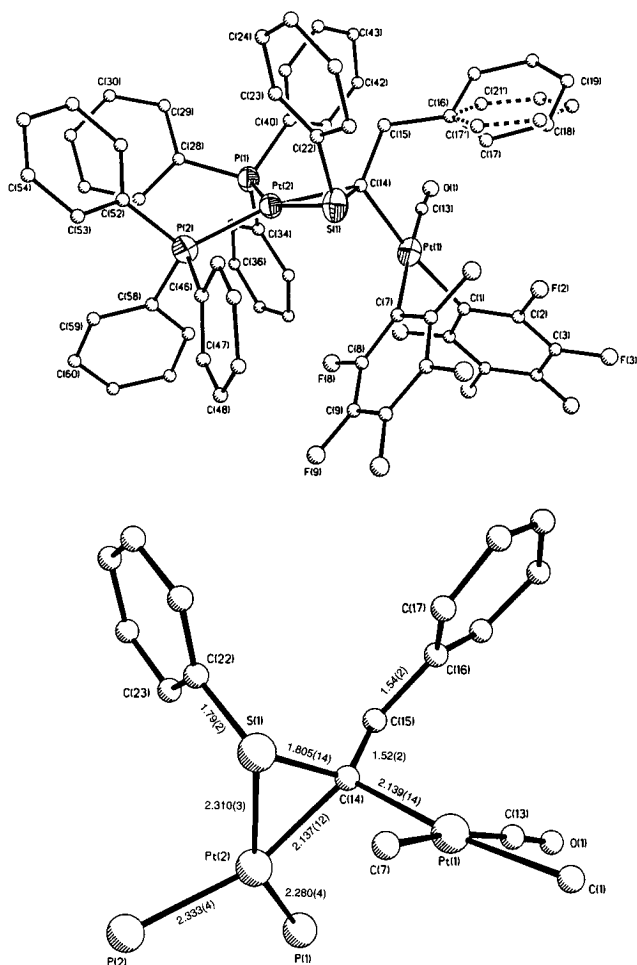


Figure 3. (a) Top: View of the structure of complex *cis,cis*-[(PPh₃)₂Pt{ μ - η^2 (C,S): η^1 (C)-C(SPh)(CH₂Ph)}Pt(C₆F₅)₂-(CO)]₂, **3**, with the atom-numbering scheme. (b) Bottom: Schematic view of the central core of complex **3** with bond lengths in Å.

Table 3. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for **3**

Pt(1)–C(1)	2.10(2)	Pt(1)–C(7)	2.07(2)
Pt(1)–C(13)	1.88(2)	Pt(1)–C(14)	2.139(14)
Pt(2)–S(1)	2.310(3)	Pt(2)–P(1)	2.280(4)
Pt(2)–P(2)	2.333(4)	Pt(2)–C(14)	2.137(12)
S(1)–C(14)	1.805(14)	S(1)–C(22)	1.79(2)
P(1)–C(28)	1.822(14)	P(1)–C(34)	1.799(13)
P(1)–C(40)	1.83(2)	P(2)–C(46)	1.86(2)
P(2)–C(52)	1.84(2)	P(2)–C(58)	1.841(13)
O(1)–C(13)	1.12(2)	C(14)–C(15)	1.52(2)
C(15)–C(16)	1.54(2)		
C(1)–Pt(1)–C(7)	87.5(6)	C(1)–Pt(1)–C(13)	84.8(7)
C(7)–Pt(1)–C(13)	171.3(7)	C(1)–Pt(1)–C(14)	173.0(6)
C(7)–Pt(1)–C(14)	95.8(6)	C(13)–Pt(1)–C(14)	92.3(7)
S(1)–Pt(2)–P(1)	151.14(13)	S(1)–Pt(2)–P(2)	101.78(13)
P(1)–Pt(2)–P(2)	106.45(13)	S(1)–Pt(2)–C(14)	47.7(4)
P(1)–Pt(2)–C(14)	104.7(4)	P(2)–Pt(2)–C(14)	148.8(4)
Pt(2)–S(1)–C(14)	61.1(4)	Pt(2)–S(1)–C(22)	104.9(6)
C(14)–S(1)–C(22)	109.6(8)	Pt(1)–C(13)–O(1)	174(2)
Pt(1)–C(14)–Pt(2)	110.3(6)	Pt(1)–C(14)–S(1)	110.9(7)
Pt(2)–C(14)–S(1)	71.2(5)	Pt(1)–C(14)–C(15)	113.8(9)
Pt(2)–C(14)–C(15)	123.0(9)	S(1)–C(14)–C(15)	120.9(11)
C(14)–C(15)–C(16)	115.8(13)		

lengths S–C [S(1)–C(14) 1.805(14) Å and S(1)–C(22) 1.79(2) Å] and the C(22)–S(1)–C(14) angle [109.6(8)°] are typical of sulfonium organic salts³⁰ and, moreover,

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the C(14)–C(15) bond length of 1.52(2) Å is as expected for a C–C single bond. This ligand connects the two original organometallic fragments “*cis*-Pt(1)(C₆F₅)₂(CO)” and “Pt(2)(PPh₃)₂” present in **1** (Pt(1)⋯Pt(2) = 4.11 Å), adopting a $\mu\text{-}\sigma(\text{C})\text{:}\eta^2(\text{C},\text{S})$ bonding mode. Thus, the alkylidene carbon, C(14), is bonded to both platinum atoms with identical bond lengths, within experimental error [Pt(1)–C(14) 2.139(14) Å; Pt(2)–C(14) 2.137(12) Å], and similar to those observed in binuclear hetero-platinum complexes containing μ -alkylidene ligands.³¹ The C(15) and the S(1) atoms of the respective benzyl and thiophenoxy groups complete a distorted tetrahedral coordination on the alkylidene C(14) atom within which the angles vary from 71.2(5)° [Pt(2)–C(14)–S(1)] to 123.0(9)° [Pt(2)–C(14)–C(15)]. In addition, the sulfur atom is also bonded to Pt(2) yielding a platinathiirane cycle with a Pt(2)–S(1) bond distance [2.310(3) Å] similar to those found in other compounds with Pt–S bonds.³²

It should be noted that both the alkylidene carbon atom C(14) and the sulfur atom S(1) are chiral centers and are of opposite configuration with both the *SR* and *RS* enantiomers present in the unit cell. The enantiomer drawn in Figure 4 has the *S* configuration about C(14) and *R* about S(1).

The Pt(2) atom completes its coordination sphere with two PPh₃ ligands. The shorter Pt(2)–P(1) distance [2.280(4) Å] is *trans* to the sulfur atom, and the longer Pt(2)–P(2) distance [2.333(4) Å] is *trans* to the alkylidene carbon atom C(14). These differences are comparable to those reported in complexes [Pt(PEt₃)₂(DHT-H)][PF₆],^{32a} {Pd(PPh₃)Cl[S(Me)CH₂]},^{33a} and {(PPh₃)₂-Pd[S(Me)CH₂]}[PF₆],^{33b} in which the M–P bond *trans* to the carbon atom is longer than the M–P bond *trans* to the sulfur atom, and have been interpreted in terms of a stronger *trans* influence for carbon than for sulfur atoms.³⁴ The angle S(1)–Pt(2)–C(14) [47.7(4)°], similar to those of other three-membered (M–S–C) metallacyclic complexes,^{33,35} is considerably smaller than the P(1)–Pt(2)–P(2) angle of 106.45(13)°, indicating a distorted square planar coordination for Pt(2). The dihedral angle between the S(1)–Pt(2)–C(14) and the Pt(2)–P(1)–P(2) planes is 10.8(3)°. However, the coordination around the platinum atom Pt(1) is less distorted and the dihedral angle between Pt(1)–C(1)–C(7) and Pt(1)–C(13)–C(14) planes is only 7.3(7)°. Finally, the dihedral angle formed by the best least-square planes around each platinum environment is 104.2(3)°.

In accord with the X-ray structure of complex **3**, the ¹H NMR spectrum shows, in addition to aromatic protons due to phenyl rings, an AB splitting pattern for the methylene protons of the benzyl group, which are nonequivalent (diastereotopic) due to the chirality of the quaternary carbon, C(14). One of the methylene signals

appears as a well-resolved doublet at 3.54 ppm ($J(\text{H}–\text{H}) = 17$ Hz) and clearly displays a large value of the ³ $J(\text{Pt}–\text{H})$ of approximately 70 Hz, and the other appears as a doublet of doublets centered at 2.82 ppm ($J(\text{H}–\text{H}) = 17$ Hz and ⁴ $J(\text{P}–\text{H}) = 5.4$ Hz) due, probably, to a large distance coupling with P(2). The ³¹P NMR spectrum exhibits the expected two signals. The peak at 19.7 ppm with the larger ¹ $J(\text{Pt}–\text{P}(1))$ coupling constant (5055 Hz) can be assigned to the PPh₃ ligand *trans* to the sulfur atom [P(1)], and the peak at 19.9 ppm with the smaller ¹ $J(\text{Pt}–\text{P}(2))$ coupling constant, to the PPh₃ ligand *trans* to the μ -alkylidene carbon atom C(14).

The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **3**, at room temperature, shows a similar pattern to that observed for the starting complex **1** at low temperature (–50 °C). It shows the expected five signals (2 *o*-F, *p*-F, and 2 *m*-F; see Experimental Section) for a rigid conformation of one of the two C₆F₅ ligands. In this complex, examination of Figure 3 suggests that the C₆F₅ group *cis* to the bridging ligand is the most crowded and, probably, the rotation of this ring around the Pt–C bond is hindered. The remaining three signals (2:1:2) can be assigned to the less crowded C₆F₅ group *cis* to the CO ligand, and the observed pattern could be explained by assuming the rotation of this ring around the Pt–C bond. By a lowering of the temperature to –50 °C, the *o*-F and *m*-F resonances of this C₆F₅ ring only broaden, but they do not split in the expected two *o*-F and two *m*-F signals.

This reaction merits further consideration. MO calculations predict that electrophilic addition on a diplatinum symmetrical μ -vinylidene complex is frontier-orbital-controlled, which should therefore undergo electrophilic C_β attack.¹⁰ In this respect, the formation of **3** from **1** and PhSH could be rationalized as a simple electrophilic addition to the C_β carbon atom of the vinylidene group in **1** and concomitant elimination of the formal Pt(1)→Pt(2) Lewis-base interaction by the coordination of the sulfur atom to Pt(2).

Conclusions

The present study extends knowledge on the chemistry of μ -vinylidene complexes. We have demonstrated that the synthesis of a new neutral vinylidene-bridged dinuclear platinum complex [(OC)(C₆F₅)₂Pt(μ -C=CHPh)-Pt(PPh₃)₂], **1**, is possible through a simple reaction between [*cis*-Pt(C₆F₅)₂(CO)(THF)] and the alkynyl-hydride mononuclear complex *trans*-[PtH(C≡CPh)(PPh₃)₂], supplementing those previously reported for Lukehart et al.¹¹ This complex provides the chance to study the influence of the nature of the ligands at the platinum centers on the reactivity of such complexes. It has been reported that the cationic [Pt₂(μ -C=CHPh)(C≡CPh)(PEt₃)₄](BF₄), **4**, reacts thermally or photochemically with halide or pseudohalide salts to form similar neutral compounds [Pt₂(μ -C=CHPh)(C≡CPh)(PEt₃)₂X], which further react with a protic acid and a second 1 equiv of nucleophile to give the neutral [Pt₂(μ -C=CHPh)(PEt₃)₃X₂] compounds by loss of phenylacetylene.¹³ Very interesting is the unusual C–C reaction coupling of **4** with PhC≡CPh, under photolysis, to form a cationic diplatinum μ - η^1 : η^3 -butadienediyl complex.^{3m} We have demonstrated that the simple μ -phenylethenylidene complex **1** shows some novel properties. Thus, reaction with PPh₃, under mild conditions, induces an unprecedented C–C coupling of the CO

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Complex 3. A single yellow crystal (approximate dimensions $0.28 \times 0.28 \times 0.28$ mm) was mounted on a four-circle Nicolet (Siemens) autodiffractometer. Graphite-monochromated Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) radiation was used. Unit cell constants were determined from 15 accurately centered reflections with $2\theta > 21^\circ$. The intensity data were collected by the ω scan technique at room temperature. Six check reflections were measured every 300 min, and no loss of intensity was observed. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied. Data reduction included an absorption correction (ψ scan method, 7 reflections, maximum and minimum transmission factors = 1.000 and 0.749, respectively). The positions of the platinum atoms were determined from the Patterson map. The remaining atoms were located in subsequent Fourier syntheses. One of the phenyl rings was found to be equally disordered over two positions, with the common C_{ipso} atom (C(16)). All non-hydrogen atoms, except those belonging to the disordered phenyl ring, were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were added at calculated positions through the use of a riding model in which the C–H distance was fixed at 0.96 Å with the common isotropic factor refining at $0.079(11)$ Å². The final R factors were $R_1 = 0.0409$ (for 5108 data with $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$) and $wR_2 = 0.1029$ (for all data). The highest peak on the final difference Fourier map was 0.882 e/Å³.

All the calculations were done on a Local Area VAX cluster (VAX/VMS V5.5) with the commercial package SHELXTL-PLUS³⁷ and the SHELXL-93 program.³⁸

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