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**Unusual Reactivities of N-Heterocyclic Carbenes upon  
Coordination to the Platinum(II)-Dimethyl Moiety**

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**General Considerations.** Unless stated otherwise all reactions were preformed in an MBraun drybox or under Schlenk techniques. Solvents were obtained from Sigma Aldrich and were dried and degassed as necessary utilizing conventional methods. (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> was obtained from Strem Chemicals and used as received. <sup>Me</sup>IMe,<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>Me</sup>IPr,<sup>[1]</sup> ICy,<sup>[2]</sup> IMes,<sup>[2]</sup> IPr<sup>[3]</sup> and I<sup>t</sup>Bu<sup>[4]</sup> were synthesized by literature methods. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were obtained on either a Burker 400 MHz or a Bruker 300 MHz NMR spectrometer. Spectra were referenced to benzene at  $\delta$  7.16 (<sup>13</sup>C,  $\delta$  128.0), toluene at  $\delta$  2.04, or THF-d<sub>8</sub> at  $\delta$  3.58 (<sup>13</sup>C,  $\delta$  67.6) ppm. Elemental Analyses were performed at the Universität Zürich, Organisch-chemisches Institut.

**Synthesis of *cis*-Pt(<sup>Me</sup>IMe)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (1).** Toluene (3 mL) was added to the solids (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) and <sup>Me</sup>IMe (75.2 mg, 0.6 mmol) in a reaction vial. The resulting solution was stirred for 20 minutes, and then the volatiles were removed in vacuo, yielding a white solid. The compound was washed with pentane (3 x 2 mL), affording 131 mg (92 %) of the desired complex. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pt (MW 473.53): C, 40.58; H, 6.39; N, 11.83. Found: C, 40.72; H, 6.16; N, 11.89. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 3.53 (s, 12H, N(1,3)-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.45 (s, 12H, C(4,5)-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.08 (s, 6H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 65.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 187.3 (s, N-C-N), 122.6 (s, C(4,5)), 34.1 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 47.2 Hz, N(1,3)-CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.06 (s, C(4,5)-CH<sub>3</sub>), -7.76 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 553.9 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Synthesis of *cis*-Pt(ICy)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (2).** Benzene (25mL) was added to the solids (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> (200 mg, 0.6 mmol) and ICy (365 mg, 1.2 mmol) in a reaction vial. The resulting solution was stirred for 1 hour, and then the volatiles were removed in vacuo, yielding a white solid. The compound was washed with pentane (3 x 5 mL), affording 414 mg (85 %) of the desired complex. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pt (MW 689.90): C, 55.71; H, 7.89; N, 8.12. Found: C, 56.28 ; H, 7.67 ; N, 8.13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz,  $\delta$ ): 6.50 (s, 4H, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 6.7 Hz. NCH=CHN), 5.37 (m, 4H, ICy-CH), 2.15

(m, 4H, *p*-ICy-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (m, 4H, *p*-ICy-CH<sub>2</sub>), ( 1.63 – 0.94 (m, 36H, *m/o*-ICy-CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.89 (s, 6H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 65.9 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 185.55 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CPt</sub> = 1700.56Hz, N-C-N), 116.29 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>CPt</sub> = 44.0 Hz, NHC=CHN), 52.58 (s, SIPr-NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 28.67 (s, SIPr-CH), 25.42 (s, SIPr-CH<sub>3</sub>) 24.81 (s, SIPr-CH<sub>3</sub>), -8.36 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CPt</sub> = 1104.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Synthesis of *cis*-Pt(<sup>Me</sup>IPr)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (3).** Toluene (10 mL) was added to the solids (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and <sup>Me</sup>IPr (108.2 mg, 0.60 mmol) in a reaction vial. The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h, and then the volatiles were removed in vacuo, yielding a light cream colored solid. The compound was washed with pentane (3 x 5 mL), affording 185.4 mg (89 %) of the desired complex. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pt (MW 585.34): C, 49.21; H, 7.92; N, 9.57. Found: C, 49.49; H, 7.88; N, 9.67. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (tol-d<sup>8</sup>, 400 MHz, δ): 6.36 (s, 4H, sept, *J* = 7.21 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.78 (s, 12H, s, C(4,5)-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (d, 12H, *J* = 7.13 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.02 (d, 12H, *J* = 7.26 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.00 (s, 6H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 65.6 Hz, Pt-CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (tol-d<sub>8</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 188.2 (s, N-C-N), 122.8 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 17.5 Hz C(4,5)), 51.3 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 52.8 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (s, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (s, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) 10.2 (s, C(4,5)-CH<sub>3</sub>), -7.75 (s, Pt-CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Synthesis of *cis*-Pt(IMes)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (4).**<sup>[5]</sup> Benzene (25mL) was added to the solids (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> (200 mg, 0.6 mmol) and IMes (365 mg, 1.2 mmol) in a Schenk flask. The resulting colourless solution was stirred for 10 minutes, and then the volatiles were removed in vacuo, yielding a white solid. The compound was washed with pentane (3 x 5 mL), affording 380 mg (76 %) of the desired complex. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene/Et<sub>2</sub>O solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pt (MW 833): C, 63.37; H, 6.53; N, 6.72. Found: C, 63.75 ; H, 6.72 ; N, 6.67 . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 6.68 (s, 4H, IMes-CH-Ar), 6.52 (s, 4H, IMes-CH-Ar), 6.13 (s, 4H, NCH=CHN), 2.38 (s, 12H, IMes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22 (s, 12H, IMes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.87 (s, IMes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.39 (s, 6H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 68.1 Hz , Me). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 193.1 (s,N-C-N), 139.2 (s, SIPr-C), 136.8 (s, SIPr-C), 136.3 (s, SIPr-C), 135.8 (s,

SIPr-C), 130.23 (s, SIPr-C) 129.3 (s, overlapping with C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, SIPr-C), 123.3 (s, SIPr-NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 21.6 (s, SIPr-CH), 20.4 (s, SIPr-CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.03 (s, Pt-CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Synthesis of Pt(IMes)(IMes')Me (5).**<sup>[5]</sup> Toluene (10 mL) was added to the solids (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> (50.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) and IMes (91.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) in a Schlenk flask. The sealed flask was removed from the glove box and attached to a Schlenk line under argon. The clear colorless solution was heated with stirring for 16 hr at 60 °C. The final color of the solution was light yellow. The solvent was removed in vacuo and washed with cold pentane (3 x 2 mL) followed by one wash with cold toluene (1 mL) to yield 46.2 mg (46 %) of an off white colored powder. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated benzene/Et<sub>2</sub>O solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pt (MW 817.96) C, 63.14; H, 6.16; N, 6.85. Found: C, 63.57; H, 6.34; N, 6.34. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.00 (s, Mes-CH); 6.76 (s, 1H, Mes-CH); 6.70 (s, 1H, Mes-CH); 6.64 (s, 1H, Mes-CH); 6.60 (s, 1H, Mes-CH); 6.57 (s, 2H, CH=CH) 6.55 (s, 1H, Mes-CH); 6.47 (s, 1H, Mes-CH); 6.15 (s, 1H, Mes-CH); 6.09 (d, 1H); 6.00 (d, 1H, J = 2.2 Hz); 2.59 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.40 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.25 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.23 (s, 6H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.22 (s, 2H, Pt-CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.15 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.97 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.92 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.83 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 1.39 (s, 3H, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>); 0.66 (s, 3H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 70.0 Hz, Pt-Me). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 193.7 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 887.7 Hz, N-C-N), 188.1 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 945.08 Hz, N-C-N) 138.89 (s, Mes-C), 138.72 (s, Mes-C), 138.33(s, Mes-C), 138.13 (s, Mes-C), 137.72 (s, Mes-C), 136.95 (s, Mes-C), 136.58 (s, Mes-C), 136.42 (s, Mes-C), 136.26 (s, Mes-C), 135.60 (s, Mes-C), 134.05 (s, Mes-C), 133.98 (s, Mes-C), 130.85 (s, Mes-C), 130.05 (s, Mes-C), 129.09 (s, Mes-C), 128.90 (s, Mes-C), 126.95 (s, Mes-C), 123.35 (s, NCH=CHN), 122.30 (s, NCH=CHN), 120.99 (s, NCH=CHN) 120.43 (s, NCH=CHN), 23.04 (s, Pt-CH<sub>2</sub>-Mes), 21.86 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.80 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.51 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.26 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.09 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.83 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.56 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.27 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.08 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.82 (s, Mes-CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.85 (s, Pt-Me).

**Synthesis of Pt(IPr)<sub>2</sub> (6).** Toluene (25mL) was added to the solids (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> (200 mg, 0.6 mmol) and IPr (466 mg, 1.2 mmol) in a Schlenk flask. The resulting yellow

solution was heated at 80 °C for 12 h, and then the volatiles were removed in vacuo, yielding a bright yellow solid. The compound was washed with pentane (3 x 5 mL), affording 390 mg (67 %) of the desired complex. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated Et<sub>2</sub>O solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>72</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pt (MW 972.28): C, 66.71; H, 7.96; N, 5.76. Found: C, 66.65; H, 8.09; N, 5.92. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.31 (m, 4H, *p*-Ar-H), 7.09 (d, 8H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *o*-Ar-H) 6.23 (s, 4H, C(4,5)-H), 2.94 (sept, 4H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.24 (d, 24H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.12 (d, 24H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 198.3 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CPt</sub> = 1880 Hz, N-C-N), 146.27 (s, IPr-C), 139.43 (s, IPr-C), 129.03 (s, overlapping with C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, IPr-C), 123.79 (s, IPr-C), 121.59 (s, NCH=CHN), 29.10 (s, IPr-CH), 25.47 (s, IPr-CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.41 (s, IPr-CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Synthesis of Pt(*n*I<sup>t</sup>Bu)(*a*I<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (7).** Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added to the solids (COD)PtMe<sub>2</sub> (200 mg, 0.6 mmol) and I<sup>t</sup>Bu (21.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) in a reaction vial. The resulting solution was stirred for 2 weeks or until an appearance of a white solid. The solution was decanted and the white precipitate was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 5 mL), affording 157 mg (51 % yield) of Pt(*n*I<sup>t</sup>Bu)(*a*I<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>. X-ray quality crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O solution at room temperature. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Pt (MW 585.74): C, 49.21; H, 7.92; N, 9.57. Found: C, 49.32 ; H, 7.66 ; N, 9.60. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 7.28 (d, 1H, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H</sub> = 2.2; Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 7.2 Hz, C(2)-H), 6.82 (d, 1H, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>H</sub> = 2.2; <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 17.1 Hz, C(4)=CH) 6.77 (s, 2H, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 6.1 Hz C(4,5)=CH), 1.97 (s, 18H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.10 (s, 3H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 67.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.89 (s, 3H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 67.5 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.87 (s, 9H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (THF-d<sub>8</sub>, 400 MHz, δ): 191.8 (s, N-C-N), 165.2 (s, Pt-C=C), 125.9 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 19.6 Hz, N-C(H)-N), 124.7 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 59.4 Hz, C(H)=C-Pt ), 117.4 (s, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 27.6 Hz, C(4,5)-nItBu), 59.1 (s, N-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (s, N-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 56.5 (s, N-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 32.3 (s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 31.1 (s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 30.3 (s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), -5.89 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 604.2 Hz Pt-CH<sub>3</sub>), -9.05 (s, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>Pt</sub> = 616.2 Hz, Pt-CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Crystallographic Structure Determinations.** Single-crystal x-ray diffraction data for *cis*-Pt(<sup>Me</sup>Ime)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (**1**) were measured using an Enraf-Nonius Kappa CCD 4-circle diffractometer. Data for the remaining complexes (**2–7**) were measured using a Bruker SMART 1K CCD 3-circle diffractometer. The crystals were cooled and maintained at the data collection temperature using a stream of cold N<sub>2</sub> gas. Integrated intensities were calculated from the raw detector data using the program SAINT<sup>[6]</sup>. Empirical corrections for crystal absorption were calculated using the program SADABS<sup>[6]</sup>, and the structures were solved and refined using SHELX97<sup>[7]</sup>. *cis*-Pt(ICy)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>, **2**, which crystallizes in the noncentrosymmetric space group, Cc, has a Flack<sup>[8]</sup> parameter of 0.021(5). For each complex, all hydrogen atoms were located in difference Fourier maps. However, independent refinement yielded unrealistic geometries of some of the hydrogen atoms due to the influence of the highly absorbing Pt atom. Therefore, hydrogen positions were constrained to idealized geometry using a model in which the hydrogen atoms ride on the atoms to which they are attached. However, for the (IMes)(IMes\*)Pt(Me) complex, **5**, the hydrogen parameters on C42 were refined, since the constrained geometry may be inappropriate because of the C42-Pt1 interaction. To improve the initial convergence, ‘rigid bond’ restraints<sup>[9]</sup> on the anisotropic thermal displacement parameters were included in the refinements of complexes **2–7** with weighting factors of 0.007 Å<sup>2</sup>. Refinement of the thermal displacement parameters of the N3 atom of complex **5** yielded values corresponding to a non-positive definite tensor. To correct this result, isotropic restraints on the thermal parameters on N3 were imposed with a weighting factor of 0.005 Å<sup>2</sup>.

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths and angles for complexes **1–7**

Complex	Pt–NHC	Pt–NHC	Pt–C	Pt–C
<b>1</b>	2.013(4)	2.027(5)	2.090(6)	2.117(5)
<b>2</b>	2.032(3)	2.065(3)	2.099(3)	2.107(3)
<b>3</b>	2.040(2)	2.053(2)	2.093(2)	2.095(2)
<b>4</b>	2.043(3)	2.044(3)	2.091(3)	2.093(3)
<b>5</b>	2.027(4)	2.053(4) <sup>[a]</sup>	2.105(4) <sup>[a]</sup>	2.096(4)
<b>6</b>	1.968(6)	1.985(6)	---	---
<b>7</b>	2.058(4)	2.074(4) <sup>[b]</sup>	2.079(4)	2.101(4)

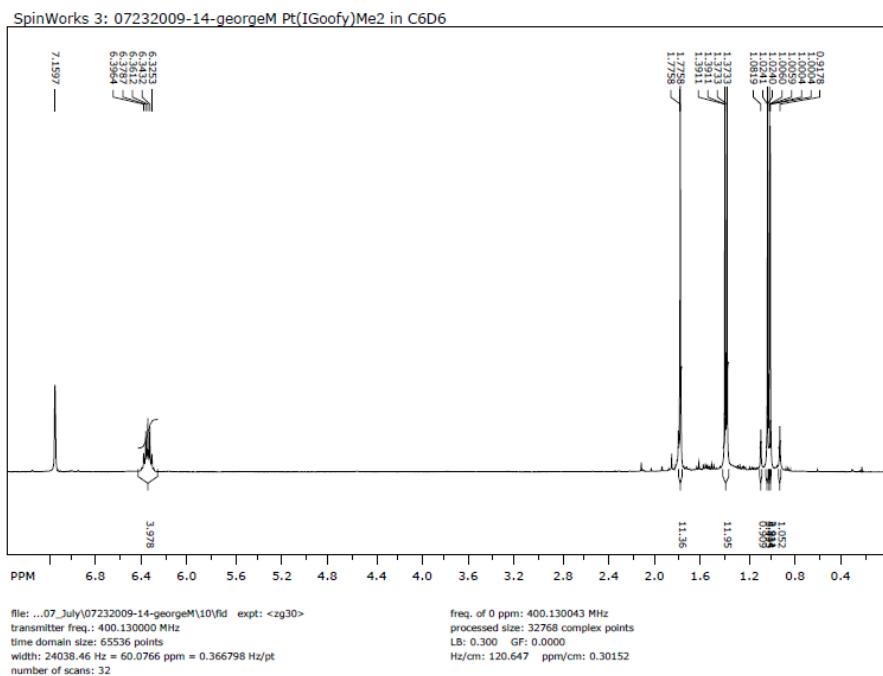
  

Complex	NHC–Pt–NHC	NHC–Pt–C ( <i>cis</i> )	C–Pt–C
<b>1</b>	92.8(2)	90.5(2), 91.2(2)	85.6(2)
<b>2</b>	94.0(1)	88.6(1), 93.3(1)	84.4(1)
<b>3</b>	96.7(1)	88.5(1), 90.6(1)	84.5(1)
<b>4</b>	113.0(1)	82.4(1), 83.6(1)	81.1(1)
<b>5</b>	108.4(2)	87.3(2), 79.8(2) <sup>[a]</sup>	84.3(2) <sup>[a]</sup>
<b>6</b>	178.3(2)	---	---
<b>7</b>	104.3(2)	84.9(2), 83.9(2) <sup>[b]</sup>	87.0(2)

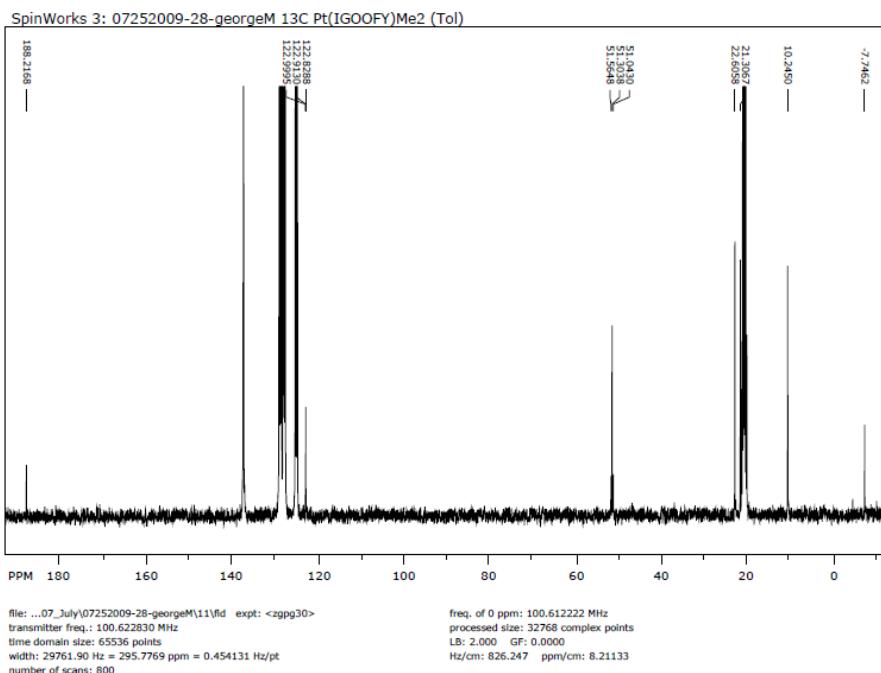
<sup>[a]</sup> Bond lengths and angles of cyclometallated IMes. <sup>[b]</sup> Bond lengths and angles of abnormally bound  $\text{I}^{\text{t}}\text{Bu}$ .



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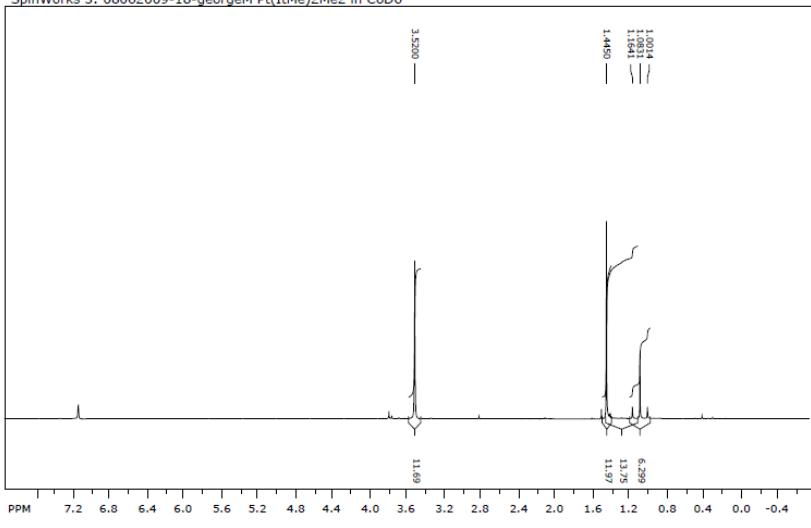


## <sup>13</sup>C NMR



**cis-Pt(<sup>Me</sup>IMe)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>(1)**  
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**

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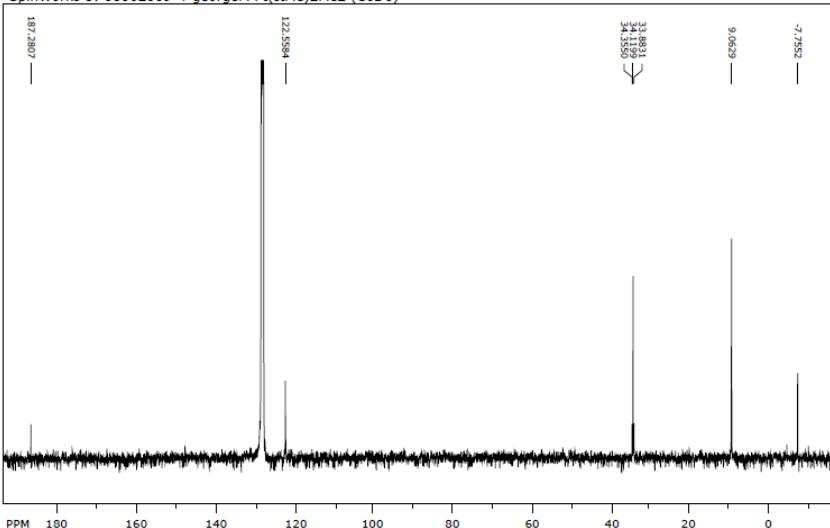


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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR**

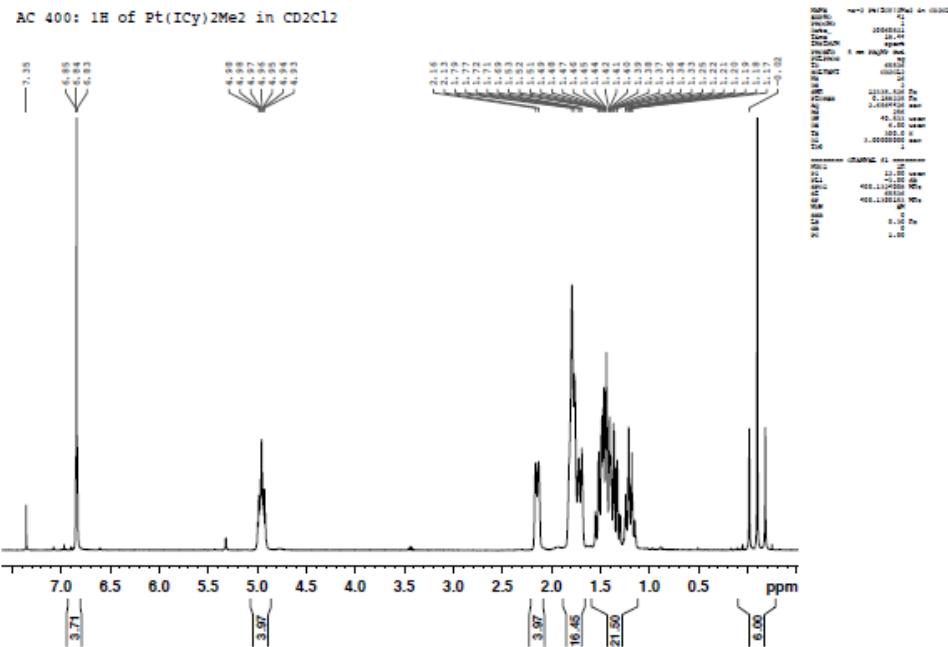
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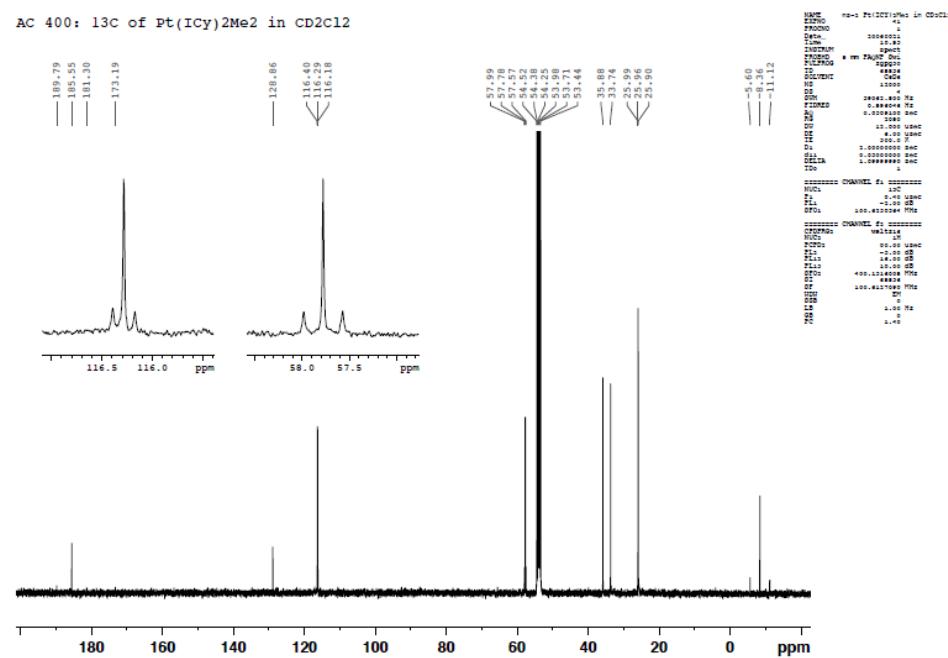
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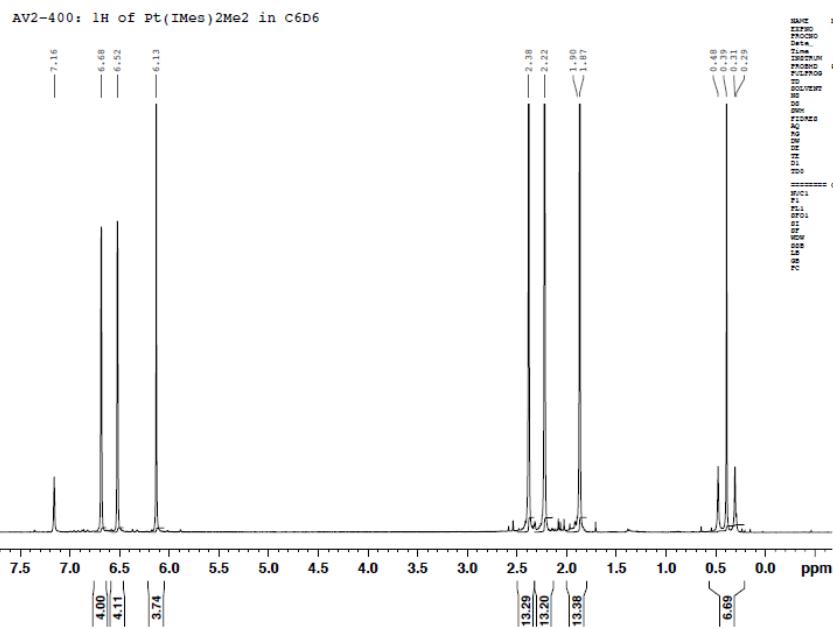
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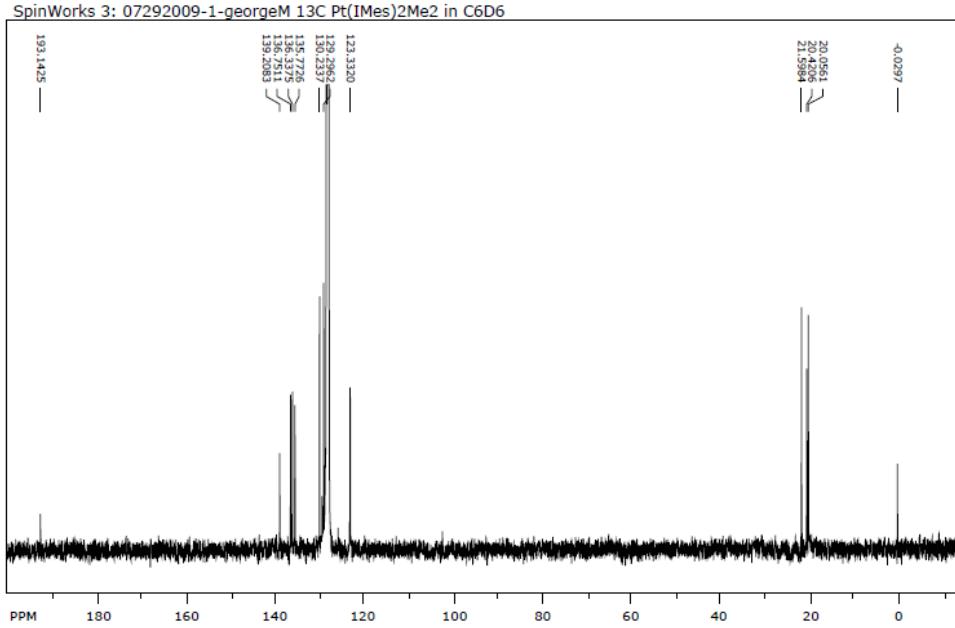
<sup>13</sup>C NMR



**cis-Pt(IMes)<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (4)**  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR



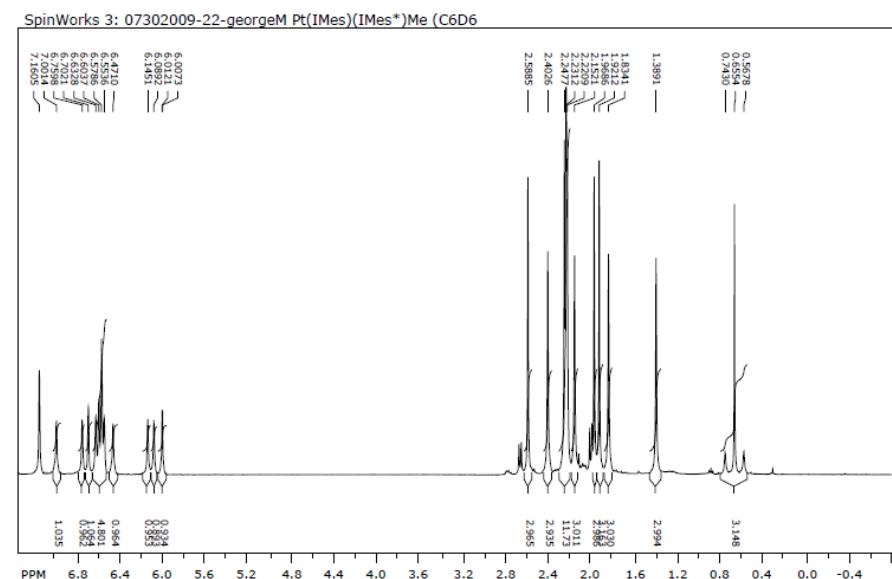
<sup>13</sup>C NMR



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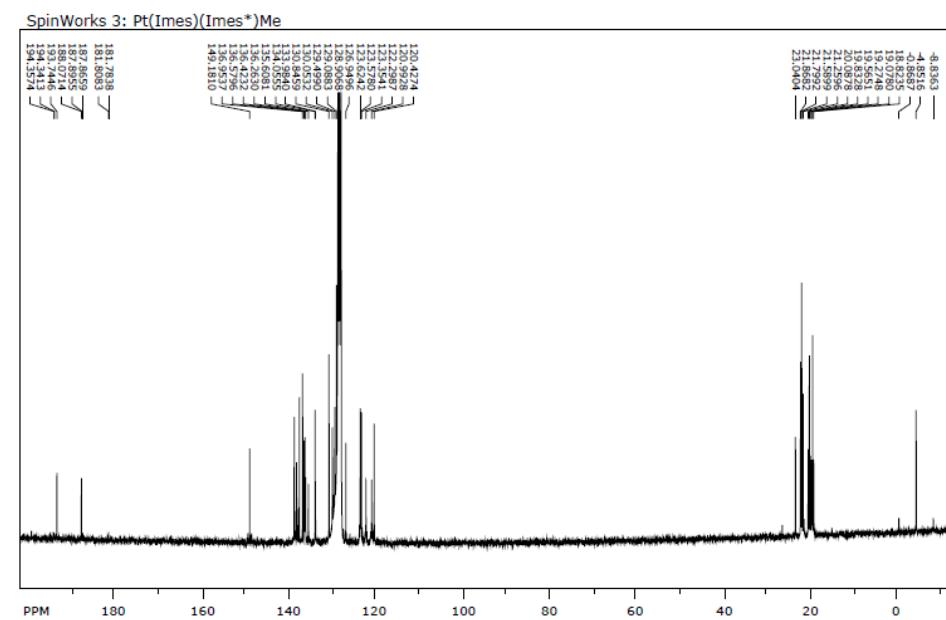
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number of scans: 32

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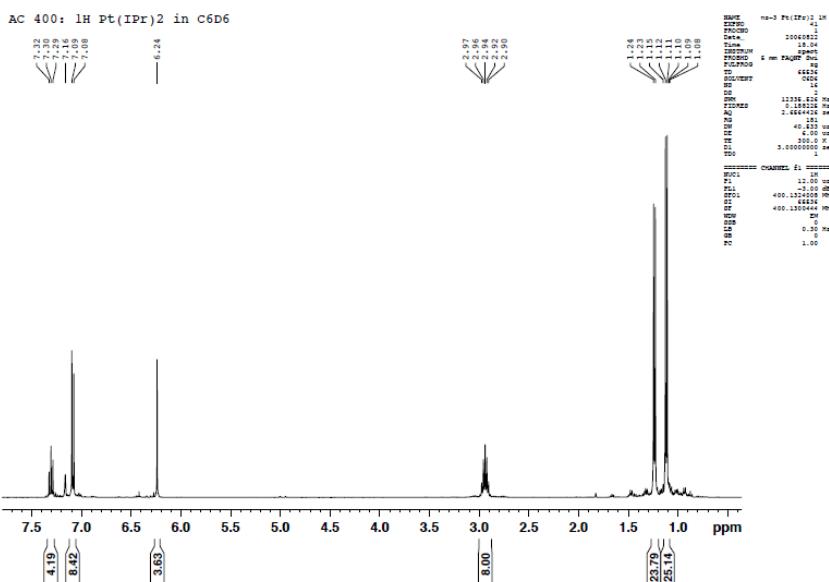
<sup>13</sup>C NMR



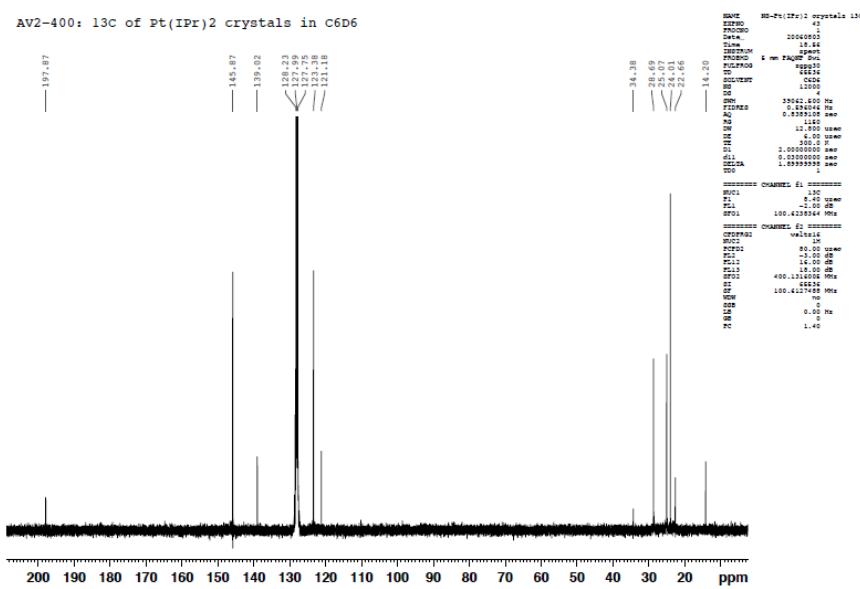
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time domain size: 65536 points
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number of scans: 18432
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Hz/cm: 647.434 ppm/cm: 8.57814

**Pt(IPr)<sub>2</sub> (6)**  
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**

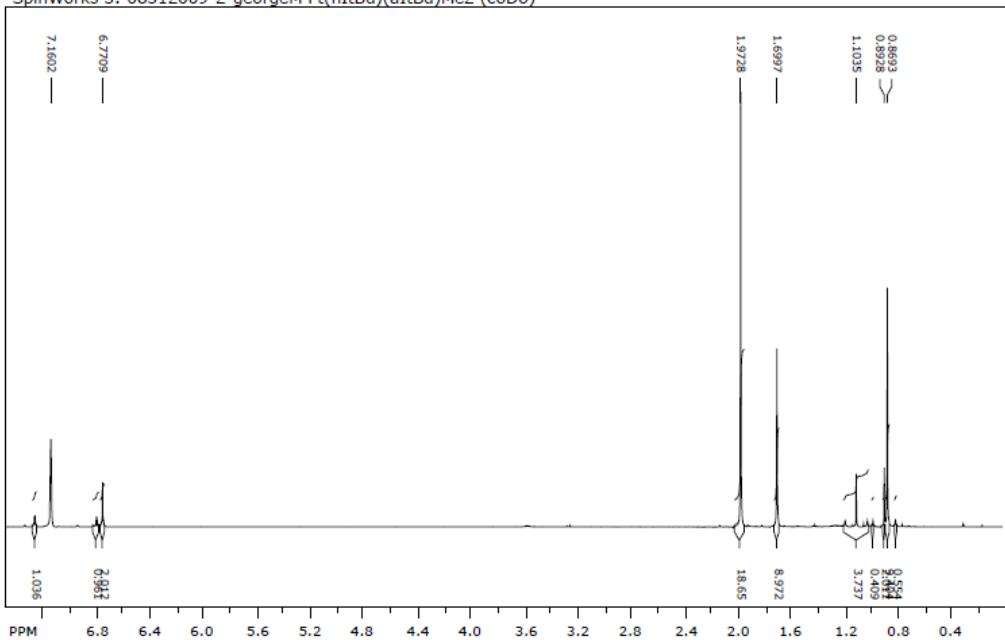


**<sup>13</sup>C NMR**



**Pt(*n*I<sup>t</sup>Bu)(*al*I<sup>t</sup>Bu)Me<sub>2</sub> (7)**  
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**

SpinWorks 3: 08312009-2-georgeM Pt(nItBu)(alItBu)Me2 (c6D6)

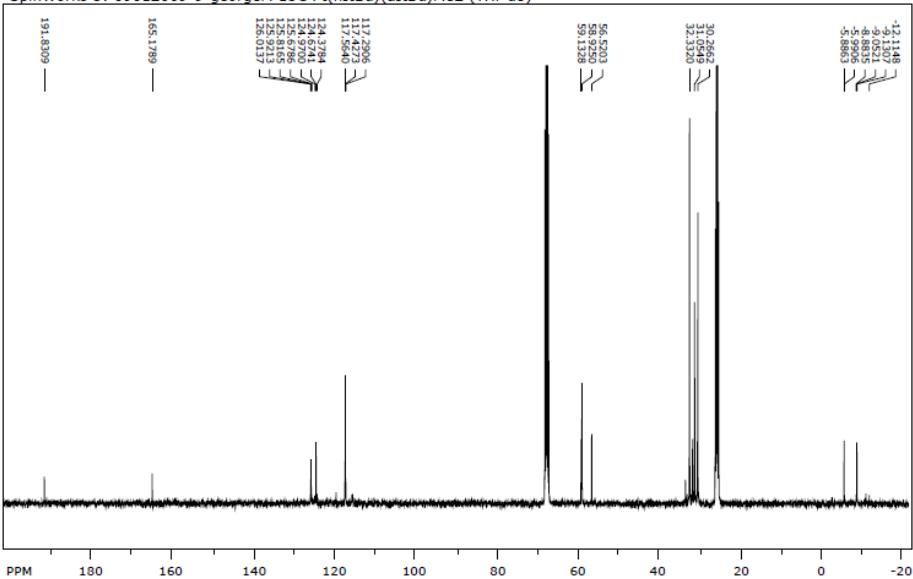


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time domain size: 65536 points  
width: 24038.46 Hz = 60.0766 ppm = 0.366798 Hz/pt  
number of scans: 32

freq. of 0 ppm: 400.130043 MHz  
processed size: 32768 complex points  
LB: 0.300 GF: 0.0000  
Hz/cm: 119.973 ppm/cm: 0.29983

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR**

SpinWorks 3: 09012009-9-georgeM <sup>13</sup>C Pt(nItBu)(alItBu)Me2 (THF-d8)



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time domain size: 65536 points  
width: 29761.90 Hz = 295.7769 ppm = 0.454131 Hz/pt  
number of scans: 800

freq. of 0 ppm: 100.612648 MHz  
processed size: 32768 complex points  
LB: 2.000 GF: 0.0000  
Hz/cm: 900.763 ppm/cm: 8.95188

## Burried volume of $^{\text{Me}}\text{I}^i\text{Pr}$ ligand:

SambVca@MoLNaC

**SambVca @ MoLNaC Results page**

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Buried Volume in Salerno  
<http://www.molnacl.unisa.it/GM-tools/SambVca>  
L. Cavallo et al. email: lcavalle@unisa.it

Molecule from input :

Molecule from input :  
`./temp/cfc0a9b5d4c5c4e16f5302ce5366fa247.c3d1`

Number of atoms : 33  
Atom that is coordinated : 1  
Atoms that define the axis : 2  
ID of these atoms : 32 33  
Radius of sphere (Angs) : 3.500  
Diameter of sphere (Angs) : 2.000  
Mesh step (Angs) : 0.050  
H atoms included in the V\_bur calculation

**Cartesian coordinates from input :**

C	3.48700	7.74700
I	2.65400	9.86200
C	3.50900	9.95900
C	3.57800	

**Coordinates scaled to put the metal at the origin**

H	-0.15721	2.00173
C	0.22081	
C	-0.99021	4.11673
C	0.49981	0.34979
C	0.42081	4.21373
C	0.44481	-2.63821
C	0.67319	2.14373
C	1.82681	-3.26121
C	2.26479	2.49873
C	0.19581	2.91379
C	0.57281	2.61173
C	0.88219	3.05179
C	-2.00121	3.22273
C	0.54381	1.18279
C	0.43281	-3.85721
C	0.46419	3.54473
H	-4.31621	2.03973
H	0.75819	-3.04821
H	1.57119	2.65273
H	-2.63721	1.98273
H	2.50881	-4.09421
H	1.87381	1.79573
H	-3.45321	3.25773
H	1.99781	2.81479
H	1.90681	3.52773
H	1.50481	3.86679
H	2.47779	1.96873
H	2.19281	

**Results : Volumes in Angs<sup>3</sup>**

Results :	Volumes in Angs <sup>3</sup>		
N of voxels examined :		1436277	
Volume of voxel :		0.1258e-03	
V Free	V Buried	V Total	V Exact
129.415	50.119	179.535	179.594
%V_Free	%V_Bur	%Tot/Bx	
72.7084	27.7916	99.967	

The %V\_Bur of your molecule is: 27.9

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## Buried volume of ICy ligand:

SambVca@MolNaC

**SambVca @ MolNaC**  
**Results page**

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 Buried Volume in Salerno  
<http://www.molnacl.unisa.it/CM-tools/SambVca>  
 Lu Cavalli et al. email: luvicavalli@unisa.it

**Molecule from input :**  
 Molecule from input :  
`,/temp/cfcauN5edt6ce416f5302ce5346fa27.c3d`

Number of atoms : 41  
 Atom that is metal : 1  
 Atom that is part of the side chain : 2  
 ID of these atoms : 40 41  
 Radius of sphere (Angs) : 3.500  
 Dist. between atoms (Angs) : 3.500  
 Max. step (Angs) : 0.050  
 B atoms omitted in the V<sub>bur</sub> calculation

**Cartesian coordinates from input :**  
 Cartesian coordinates from input :  
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 C 14.67000 5.69500 -8.69300  
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 C 12.20600 5.02500 -18.12400  
 C 13.90300 5.21500 -18.94800  
 C 14.36800 5.21500 -16.99500`

**Results : Volumes in Angs<sup>3</sup>**

	V <sub>Free</sub>	V <sub>Buried</sub>	V <sub>Total</sub>	V <sub>Exact</sub>
132.608	46.924	179.335	179.354	
75.062	15.139	59.967		

The %V<sub>Bur</sub> of your molecule is: 26.1

**Atoms and radius in the parameter file**  
 Atoms and radius in the parameter file  
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 O 1.28  
 N 1.18  
 S 1.35  
 P 1.15  
 Cl 1.10`

**Coordinates scaled to put the metal at the origin**  
 Coordinates scaled to put the metal at the origin  
`O 0.3110 1.05500 -0.37759 -  
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 O 0.23390 2.93400 1.08461 -  
 O 0.76610 3.62850 2.40161 -  
 O 0.26510 3.62850 4.22061 -  
 O 1.14590 5.43598 5.47251 -  
 O 2.09890 5.52398 2.01761 -  
 O 1.63590 5.12558 -0.43539 -  
 O 0.92110 2.64120 -5.31039 -  
 O 2.34910 1.36058 -4.65039 -  
 O 0.61510 1.81158 -5.65939 -`

## Buried volume of IMes ligand:

SambVca@MolNaC



## Buried volume of IPr ligand:



## Burried volume of *n*I<sup>t</sup>Bu ligand:

SambVca@MoLNaC

**SambVca @ MoLNaC**  
Results page

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**Molecule from input :**  
Molecule from input :  
./temp/cfc0a9b5d4c5c4e16f5302ce5366fa247.c3d1  
Number of atoms : 33  
Atom that is coordinated : 1  
Atoms that define the axis : 2  
ID of these atoms : 32 33  
Radius of sphere (Angs) : 3.500  
Distance of sphere (Angs) : 2.000  
Mesh step (Angs) : 0.050  
H atoms included in the V\_bur calculation

**Cartesian coordinates from input :**  
Cartesian coordinates from Input :  
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C -2.77600 7.36900 15.49300  
C -3.29100 8.63400 15.95100  
C -3.32000

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H	1.29
C2	1.99
C3	1.99
C	1.99
N2	1.61
N3	1.91
N	1.81
O	0.76
P	1.72
B	2.11
C1	2.03

**Coordinates scaled to put the metal at the origin**

Coordinates scaled to put the metal at the origin
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C 0.99697 -0.78165 4.06330 -
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C 1.09697 1.76935 3.17030 -
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C 0.08957 3.-3.97565 1.54630 -
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C 2.17797

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H	2.59797	-4.85165	1.11030
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H	2.24297	-4.28665	3.19730
H	0.16203	-5.06365	1.83730
H	0.49403	-3.75665	2.23730
H	1.32803	0.04735	2.98330
N	0.71297	-1.99765	2.25330
N	0.65997	0.00000	0.00000
XX	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

**Results : Volumes in Angs<sup>3</sup>**

Results : Volumes in Angs <sup>3</sup>
N of voxels examined : 1436277
Volume of voxel : 0.125E-03
V Free 62.988 V Buried 66.449 V Total 179.535 V Exact 179.594
% V Free 37.012 % V Buried 99.967 % Tot/Ex 99.967

The %V\_Bur of your molecule is: 37.0

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## Burried volume of <sup>Me</sup>IMe:

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 Buried Volume in Salerno  
<http://www.molnac.unisa.it/OM-tools/SambVca>  
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**Molecule from input :**  
 Molecule from input :  
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 Number of atoms : 21  
 Atom that is coordinated : 1  
 Atoms that define the axis : 2  
 ID of the atom : 2 21  
 Radius of sphere (Angs) : 3.500  
 Distance from sphere (Angs) : 1.100  
 Mesh step (Angs) : 0.050  
 H atoms included in the V\_bur calculation

**Cartesian coordinates from input :**  
 Cartesian coordinates from input :  
 C 5.27200 1.96000  
 C 4.31300 6.16600 4.07200  
 C 4.39000 4.83200 4.20200  
 C 4.17100

**Coordinates scaled to put the metal at the origin**

Coordinates scaled to put the metal at the origin  
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 C 0.03403 -0.20181 4.32801 -  
 C 0.18497 2.67719 2.23501  
 C 0.28903 2.20619 5.22301  
 C 0.14303 -1.07981 5.53501 -  
 C 0.31297 -2.11188 2.71901 -  
 C 0.49697 3.25919 2.49501 -  
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 H 0.30703 2.73219 5.06101  
 H 0.95403 2.79019 5.16901 -  
 H 1.13503 3.06819 2.54101  
 H 0.58519 1.25801  
 H 0.18803 1.80219 6.11501  
 H 0.53697 2.67381 3.08301  
 H 0.22503 2.39280 3.11601 -  
 H 0.120497 1.46681 5.54901 -  
 H 0.36603 -1.78481 5.50101  
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 H 0.22503 -2.67381 3.08301  
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 XX 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000

**Results : Volumes in Angs<sup>3</sup>**  
 Results : Volumes in Angs<sup>3</sup>  
 N of voxels examined : 1436277  
 Volume of voxel : 0.1286e-03  
 V\_Free V\_Buried V\_Total V\_Exact  
 135.833 45.702 179.535 179.594  
 %V\_Free %V\_Bur %Tot/Ex

**SambVca@MolNnaC**

74.544	25.456	99.967
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The %V\_Bur of your molecule is: 25.5

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## Burried volume of $\alpha\text{I}^{\text{t}}\text{Bu}$ ligand:



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**Table S2.** Summary of crystallographic data for complexes **1-7**

Complex	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Chemical Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Pt	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>54</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Pt + CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>46</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Pt	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>54</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Pt	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>50</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Pt	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>72</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Pt	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>46</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Pt
Formula Weight (M)	473.44	774.81	585.74	834.00	817.96	972.25	585.74
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Unit-cell dimensions, V <sub>cell</sub>	a=14.8926(2) Å b=8.1788(1) Å c=16.1119(2) Å β=113.5403(8)° V= 1799.17(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	a=15.5185(7) Å b=12.9037(2) Å c=17.4636(8) Å β=105.354(1)° V= 3372.2(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	a=15.9482(6) Å b=9.6101(3) Å c=17.6283(6) Å β=105.619(1)° V= 2601.0(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	a=16.7156(10) Å b=13.1785(8) Å c=17.6422(10) Å β=99.411(1)° V= 3834.0(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	a=10.7787(5) Å b=20.0707(9) Å c=17.2875(8) Å β=91.064(1)° V= 3739.3(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	a=12.8035(7) Å b=26.9007(16) Å c=14.1517(8) Å β=92.184(1)° V= 4870.6(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	a=12.0260(9) Å b=14.6685(11) Å c=14.7642(10) Å β=91.103(1)° V= 2604.0(3) Å <sup>3</sup>
Temperature	160(1) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	173(2)
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	Cc	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
Formula units/unit cell (Z)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
N <sub>ref</sub> (measured)	50417	27974	41062	40209	53108	63794	31831
N <sub>ref</sub> (independent)	5253	10221	7606	11107	9017	10593	6239
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0753	0.0195	0.0336	0.0373	0.0706	0.0478	0.0706
2θ <sub>max</sub>	60.0	61.0	60.0	60.0	56.0	54.0	56.0
R <sub>F</sub> <sup>2</sup>	0.0439	0.0252	0.0223	0.0420	0.0548	0.0584	0.0584
R <sub>F</sub> <sup>2</sup> (I > 2σ <sub>I</sub> )	0.0375	0.0196	0.0187	0.0312	0.0422	0.0475	0.0325
CCDC no.	741809	741810	741808	741811	741812	741813	756172