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Phosphorescent Pt(II) Complexes Bearing Cyclometalated Difluorophenylpyridinate and Diphosphine Building Blocks

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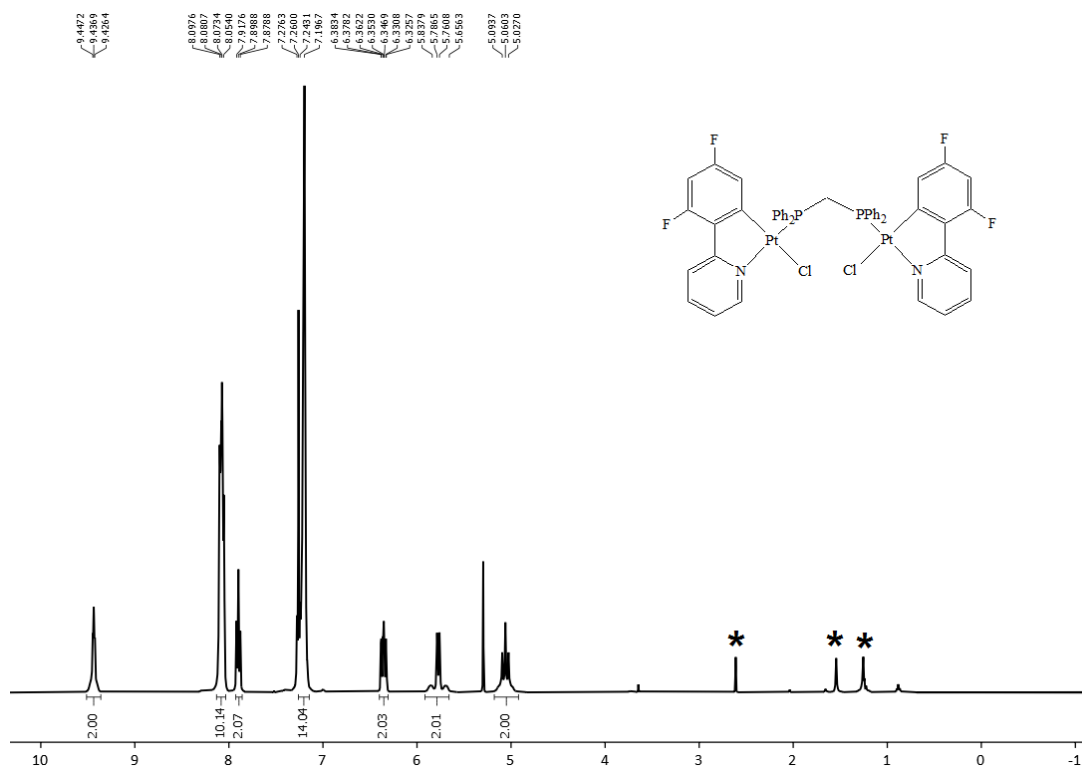


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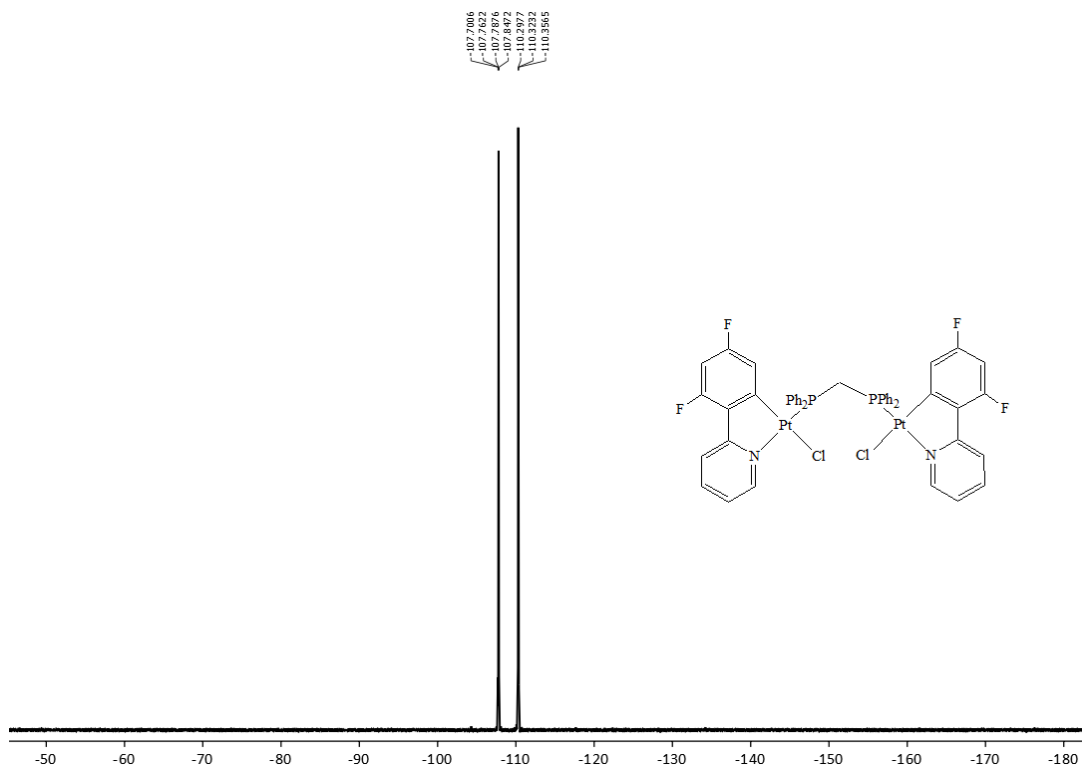


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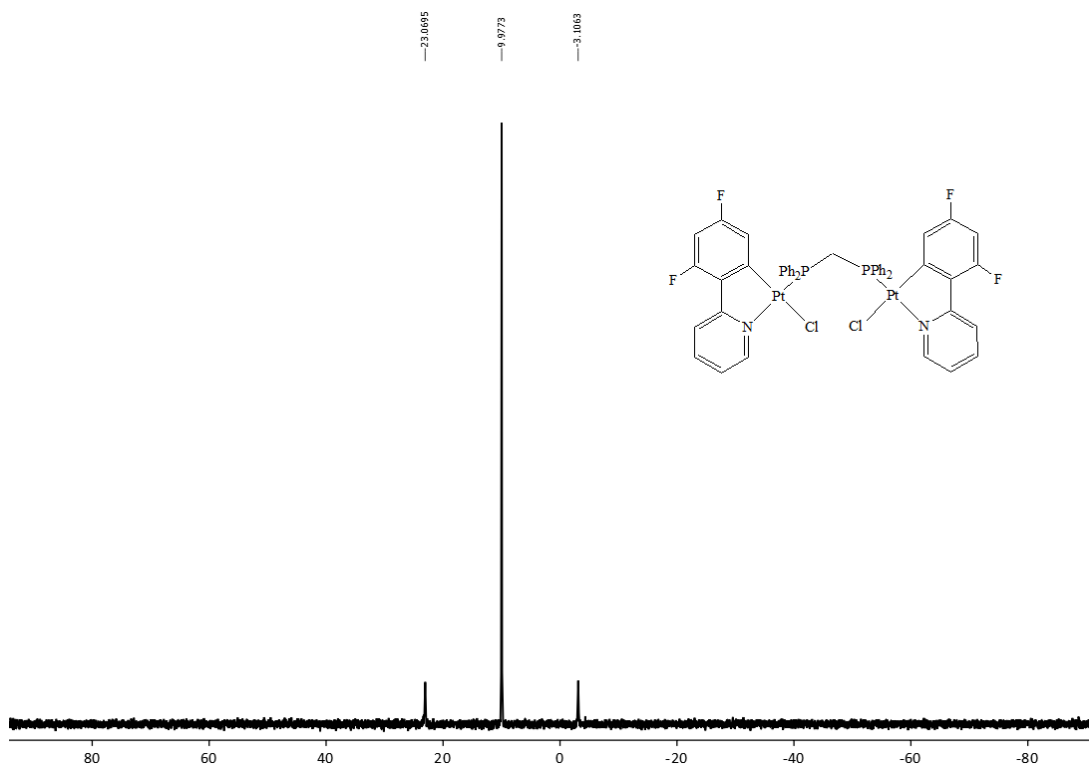


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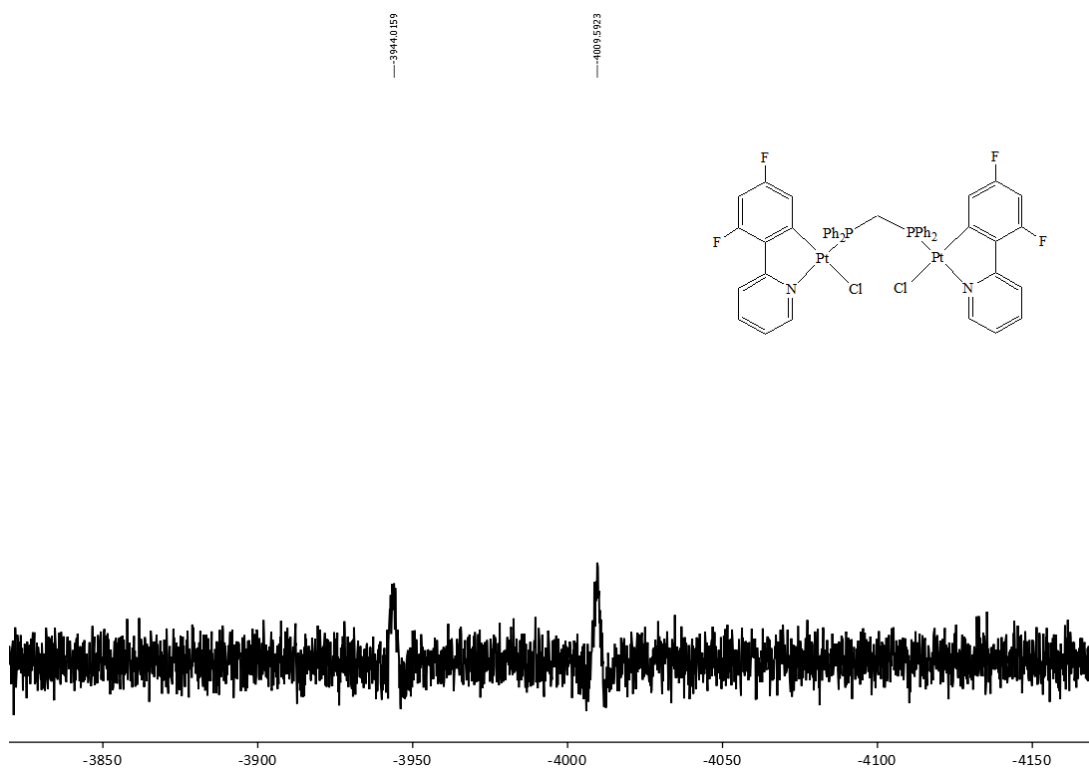


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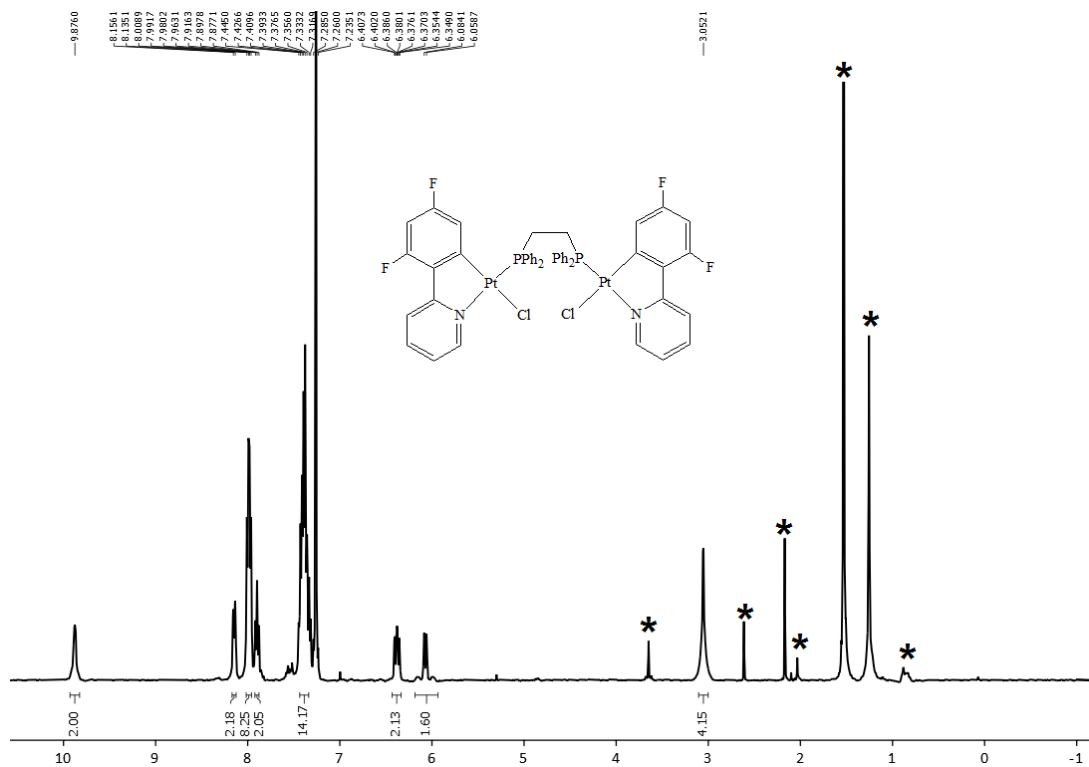


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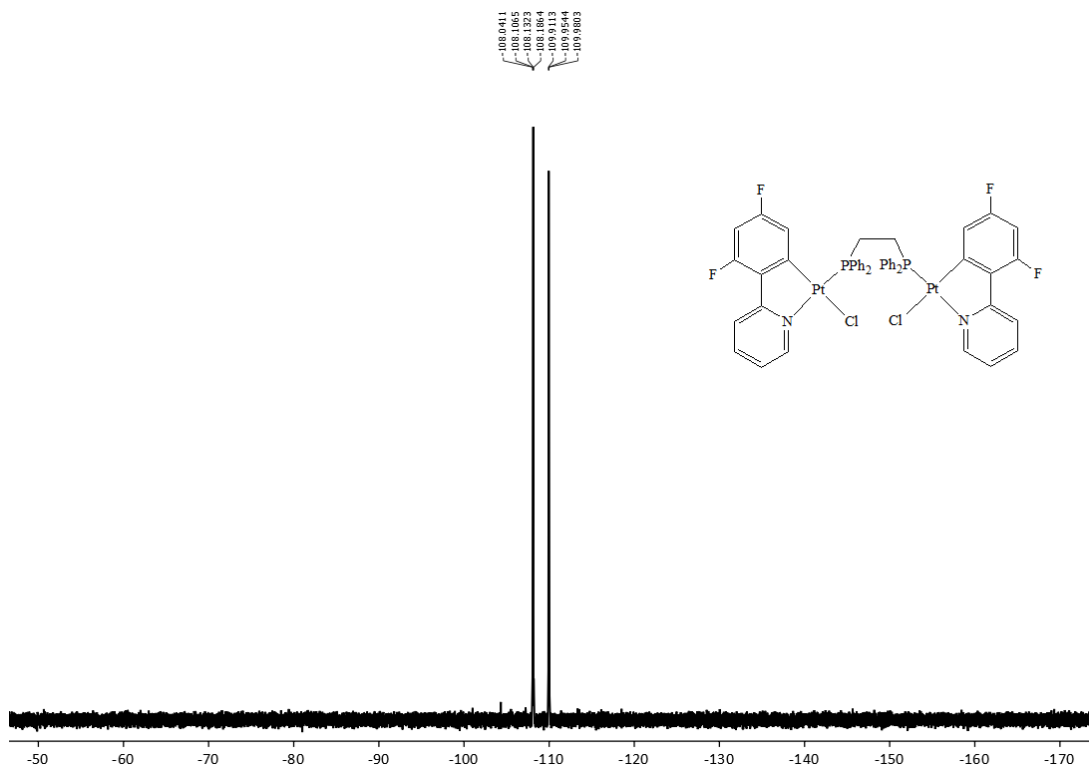


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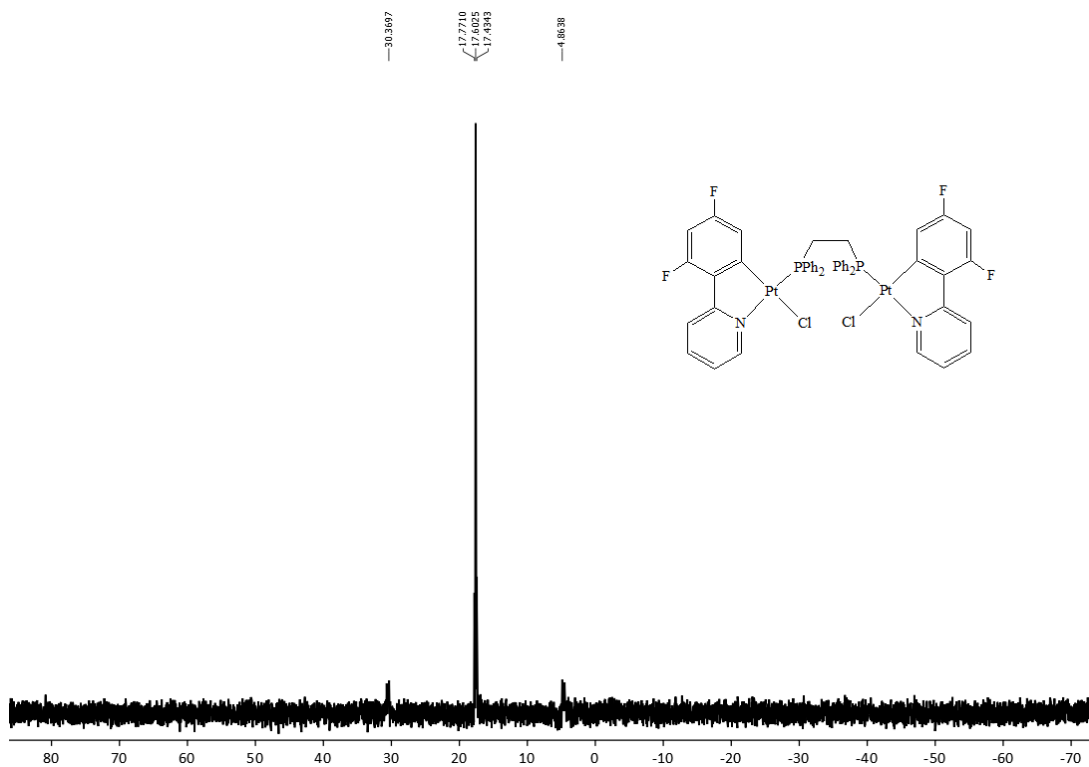


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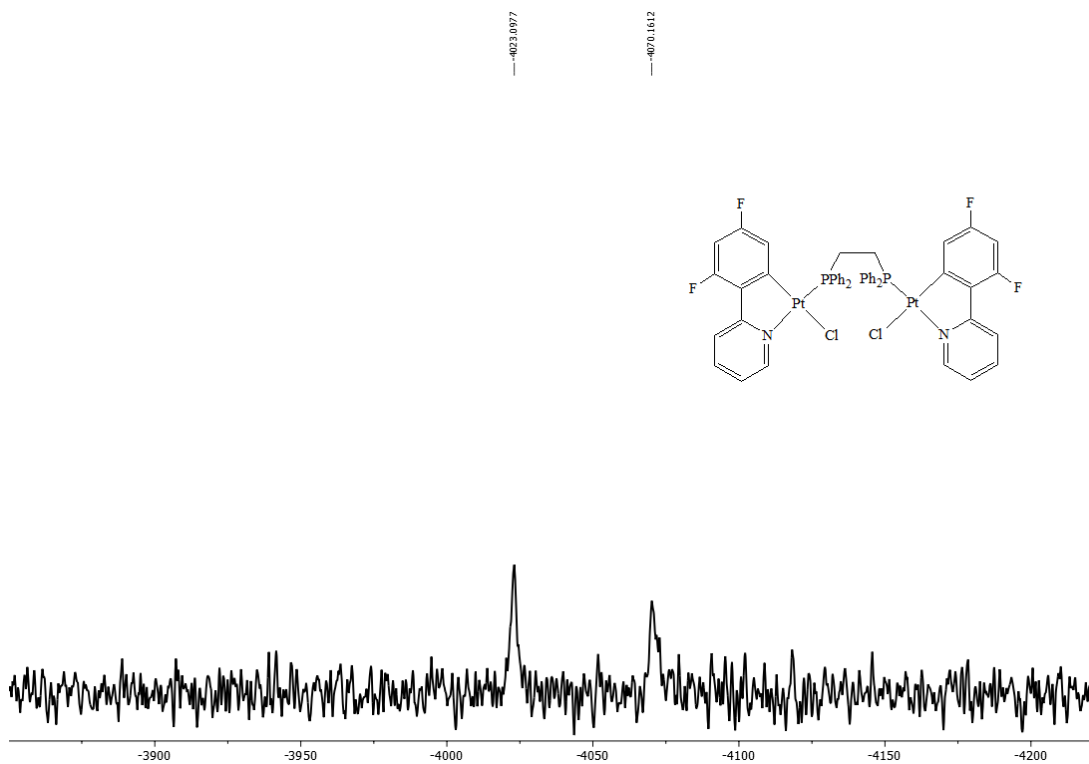


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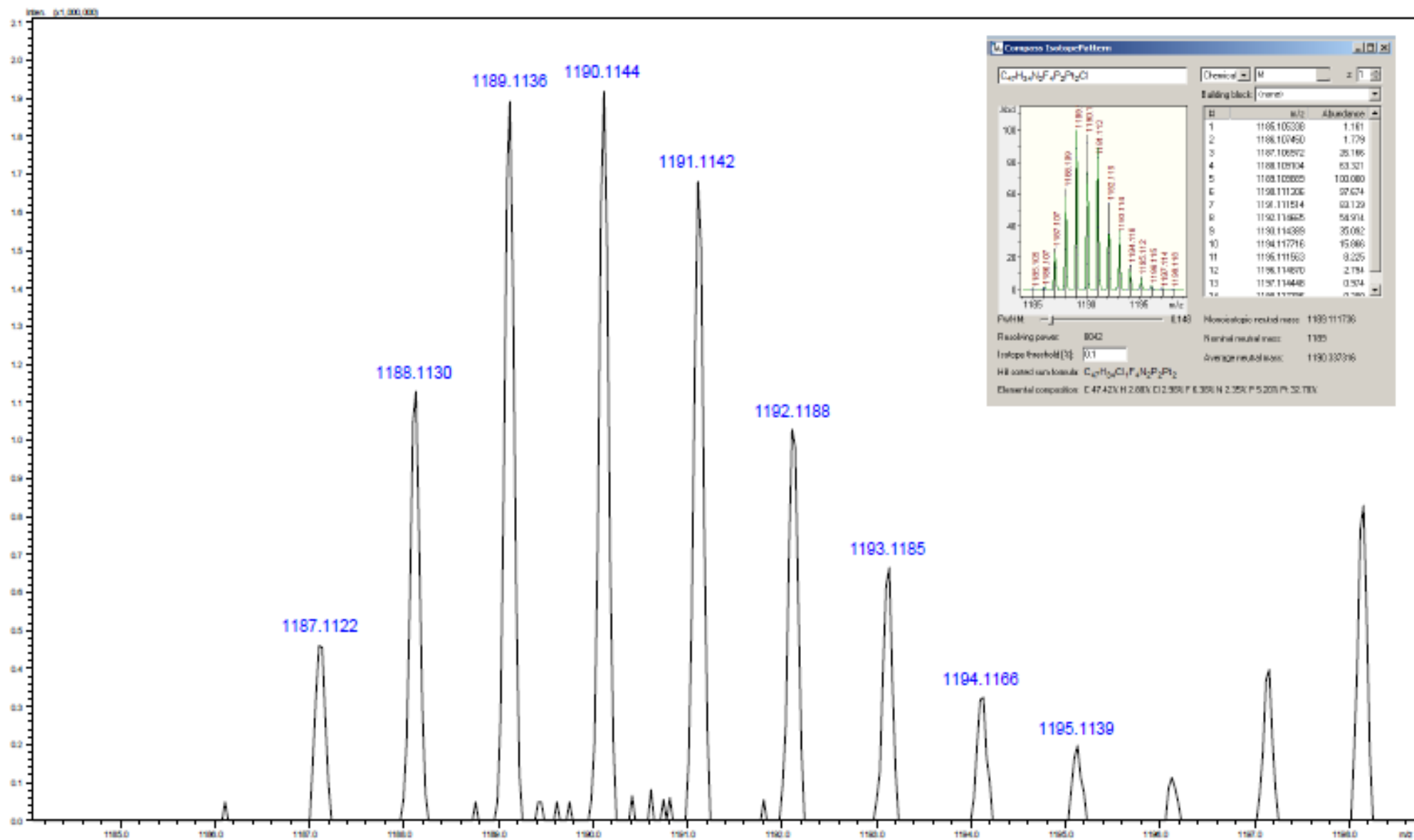


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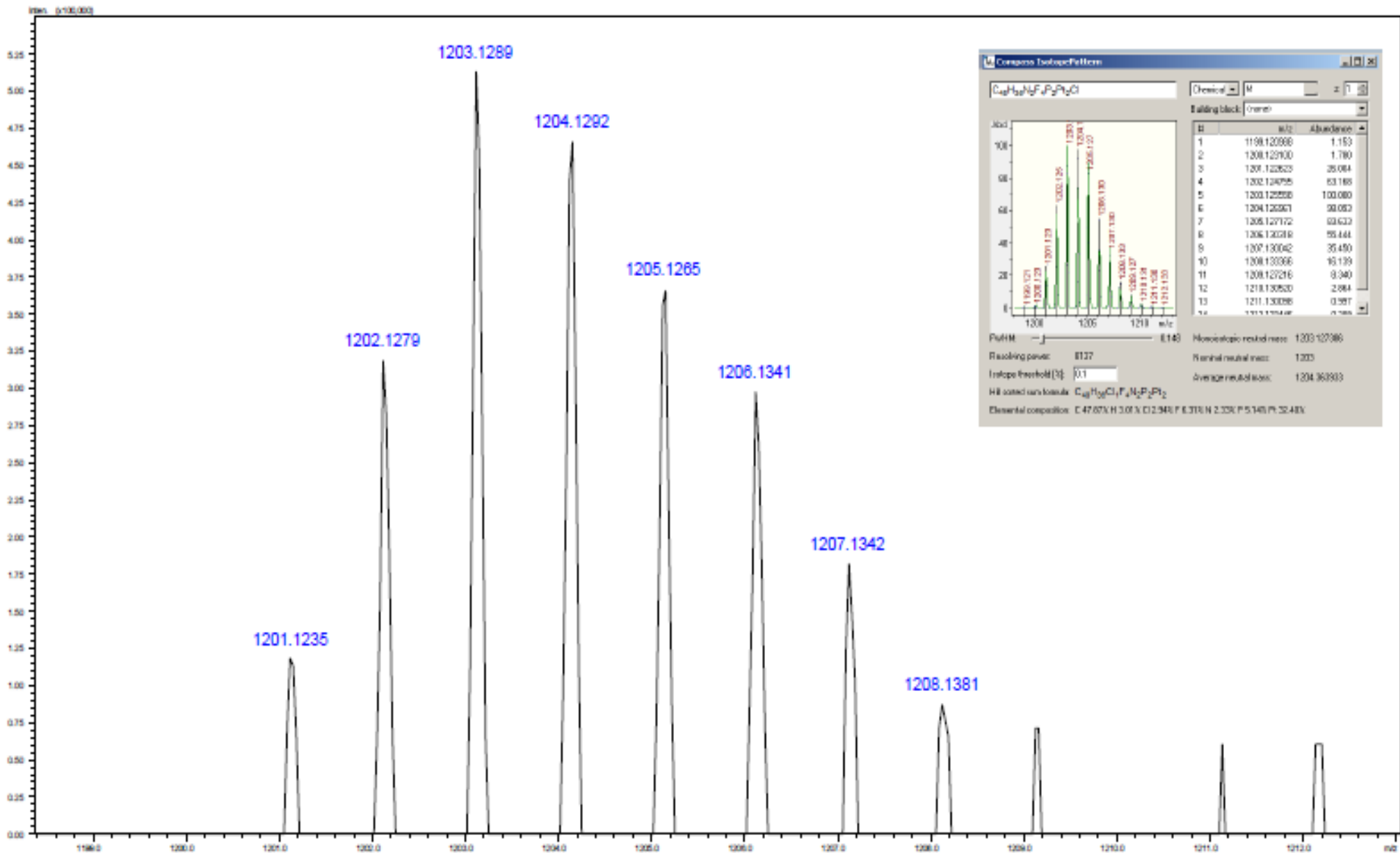


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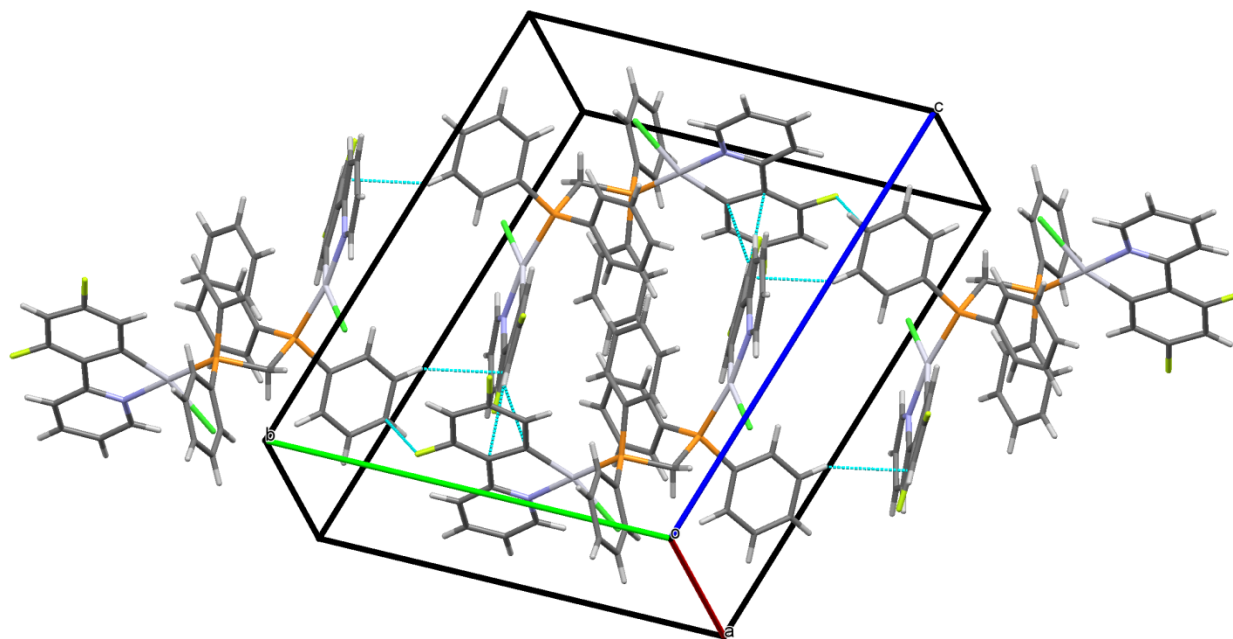


Figure S11. Crystal packing of the complex **3a**.

Table S1. Bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$] for the crystal structure of **3a**.

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Pt1-N1	2.081(4)
Pt1-C7	2.006(5)
Pt2-Cl2	2.3941(12)
Pt2-P2	2.2471(13)
Pt2-N2	2.077(4)
Pt2-C43	2.003(5)
P1-Pt1-Cl1	89.08(5)
N1-Pt1-Cl1	90.46(13)
N1-Pt1-P1	179.03(12)
C7-Pt1-Cl1	163.98(14)
C7-Pt1-P1	99.70(15)
C7-Pt1-N1	80.6(2)
P2-Pt2-Cl2	89.43(4)
N2-Pt2-Cl2	92.87(12)
N2-Pt2-P2	170.38(12)
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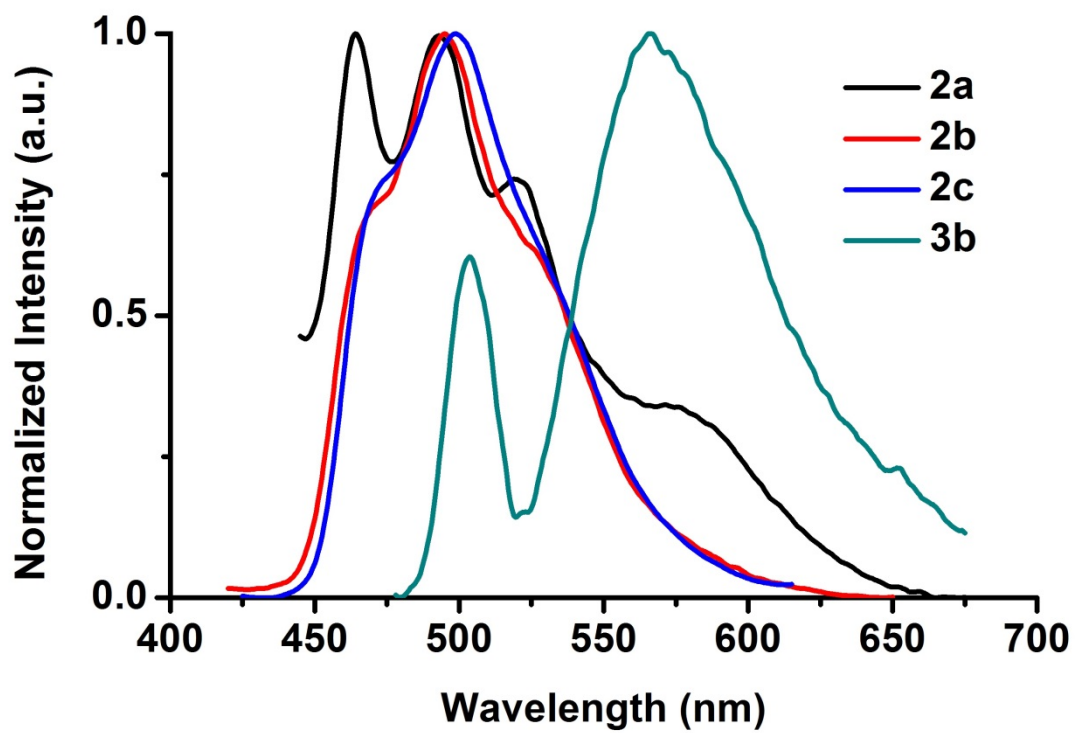


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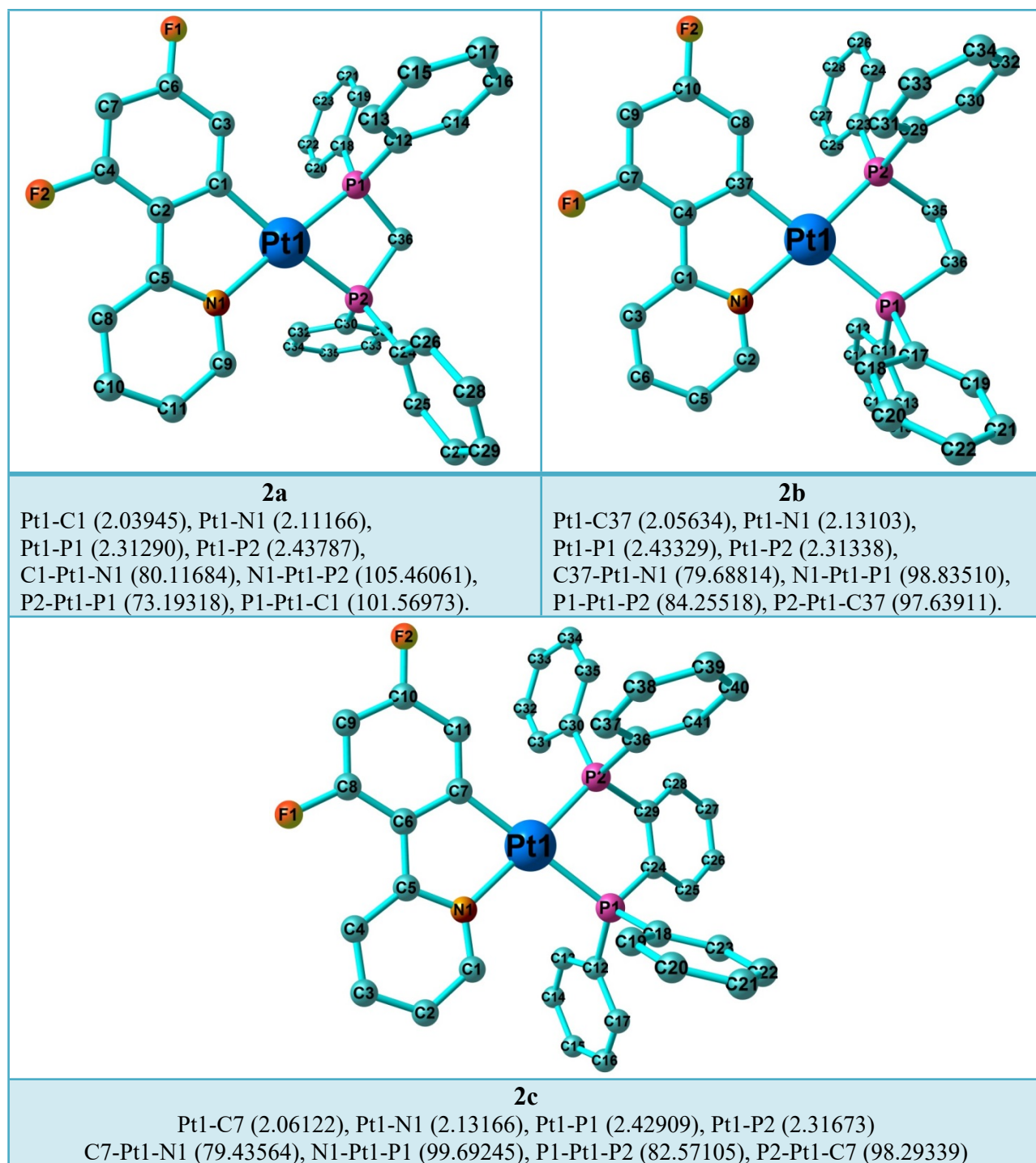


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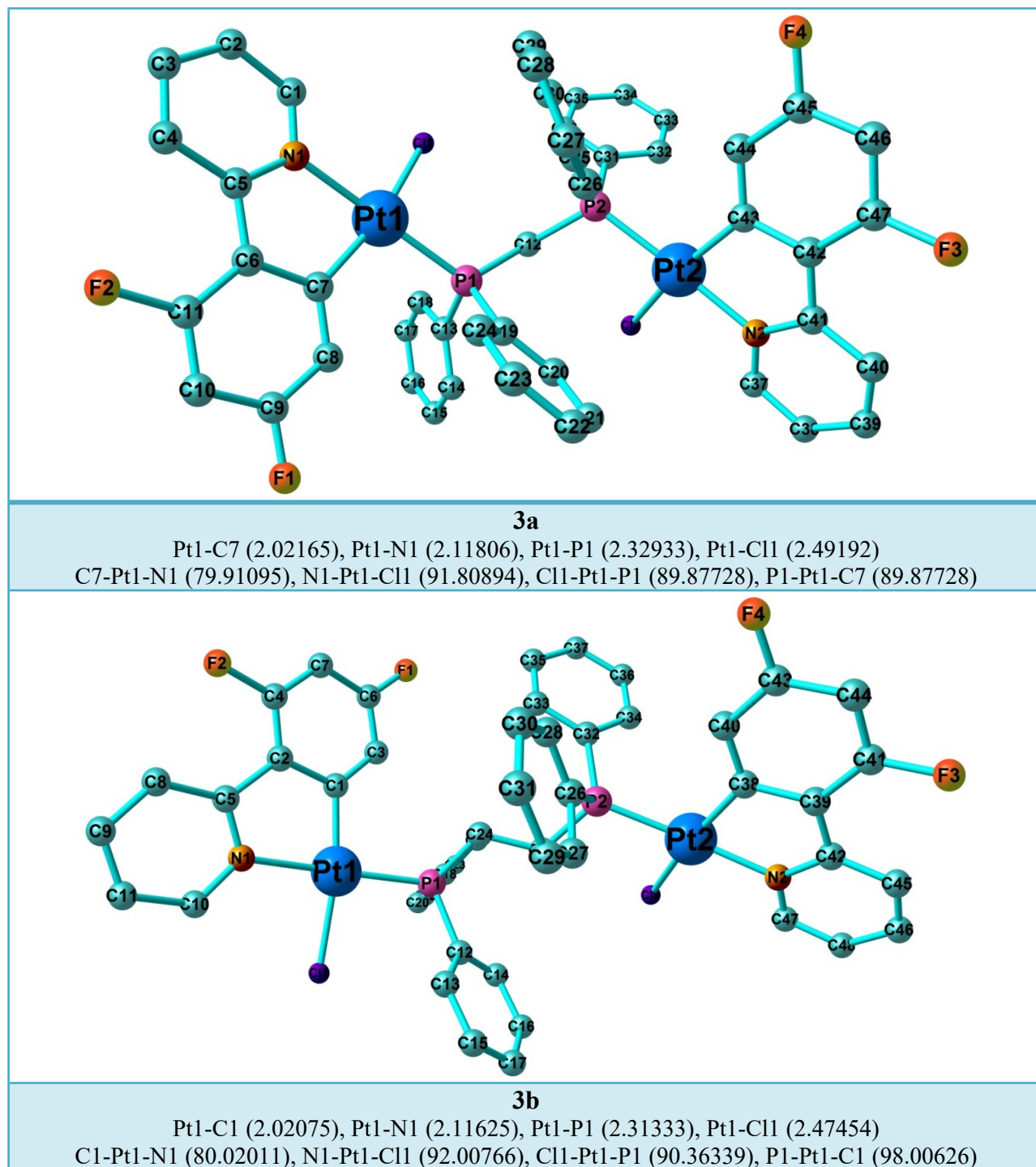


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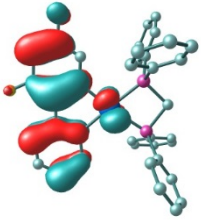
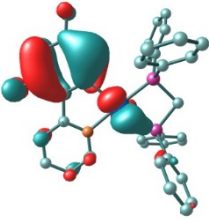
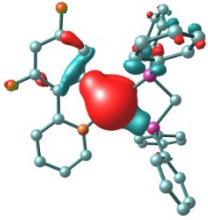
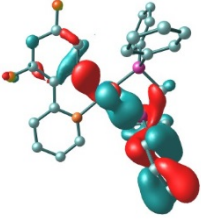
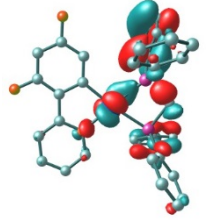
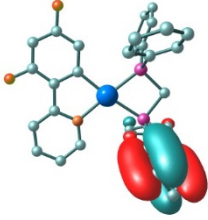
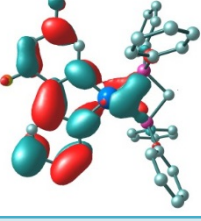
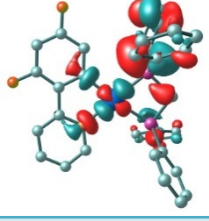
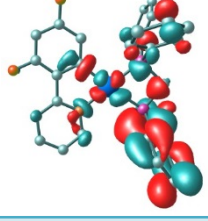
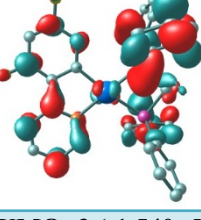
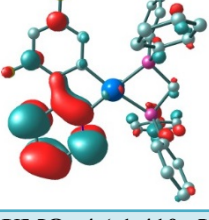
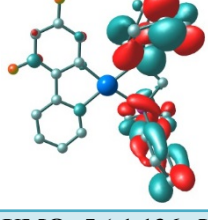
		
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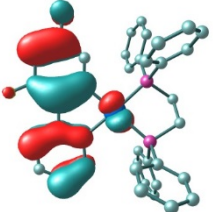
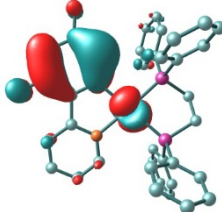
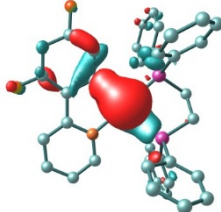
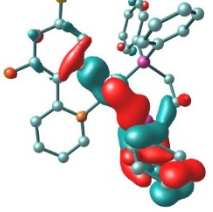
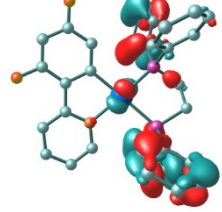
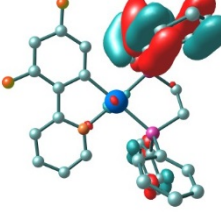
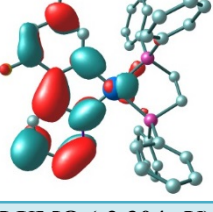
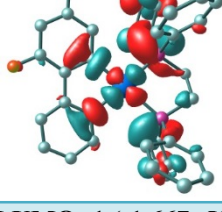
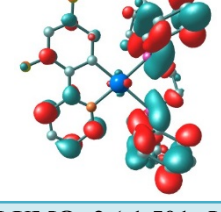
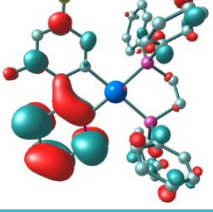
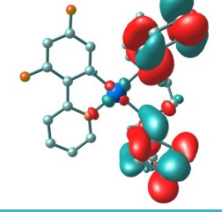
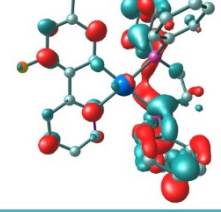
		
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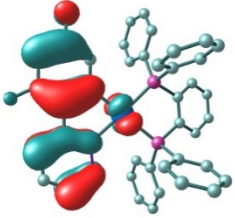
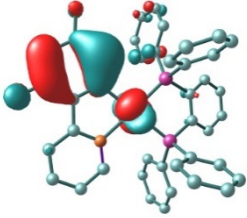
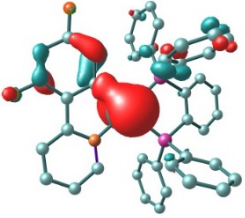
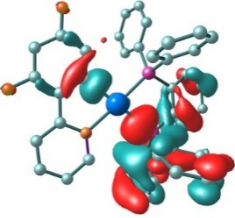
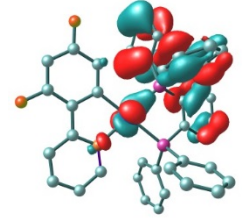
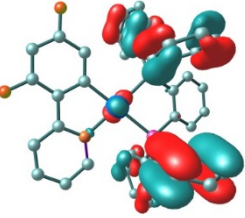
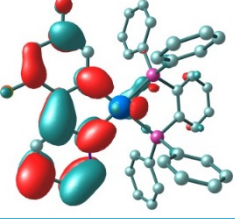
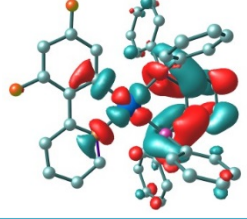
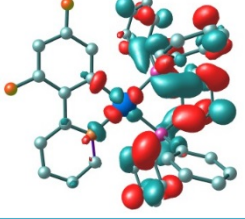
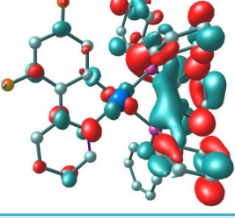
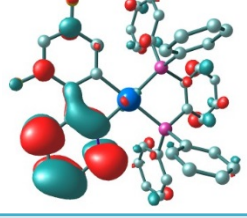
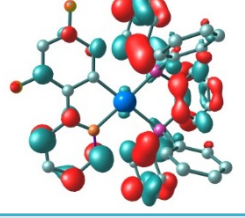
		
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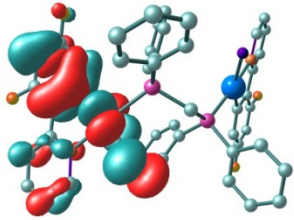
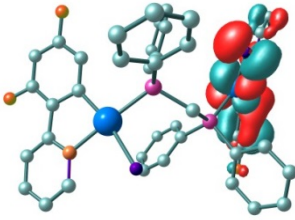
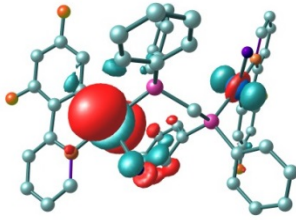
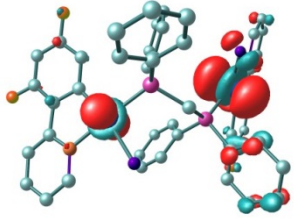
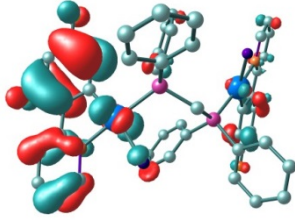
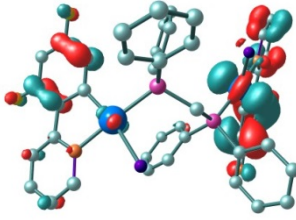
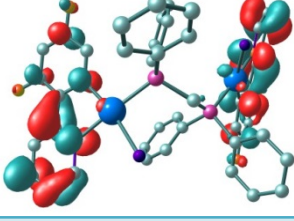
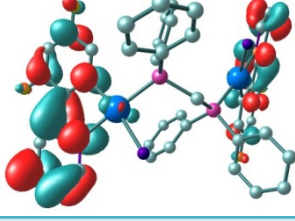
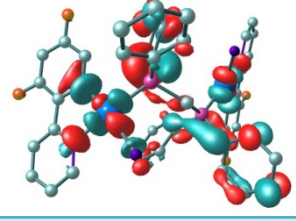
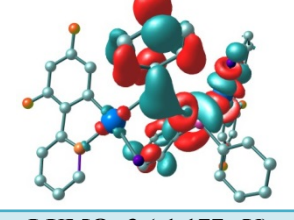
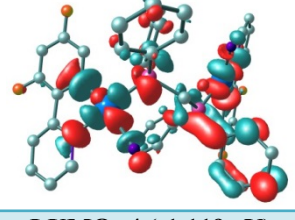
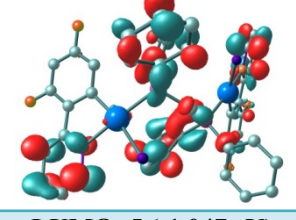
		
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Figure S18. Molecular orbital plots for the optimized structure of **3a** in CH₂Cl₂ solution with the energy levels and compositions.

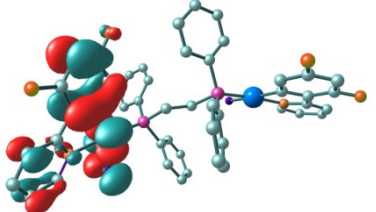
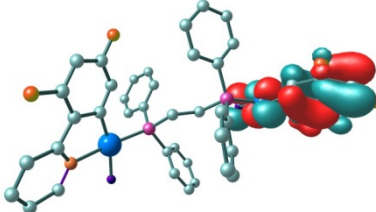
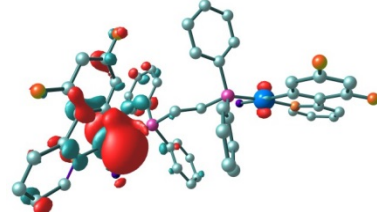
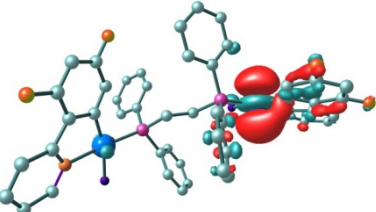
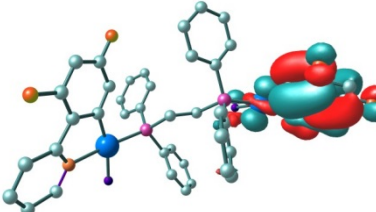
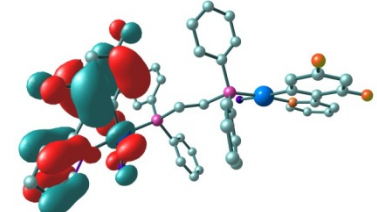
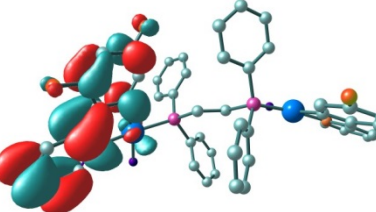
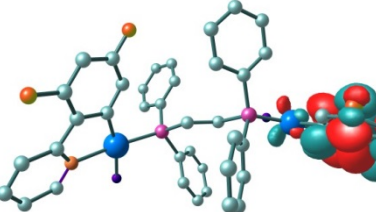
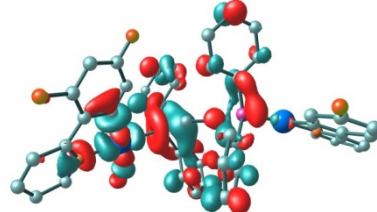
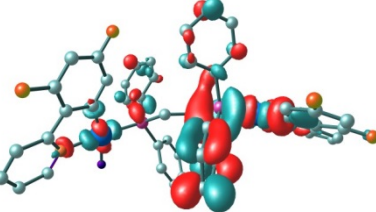
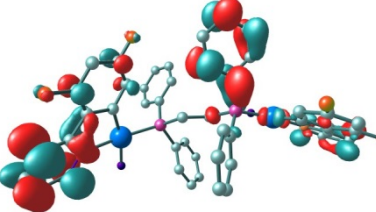
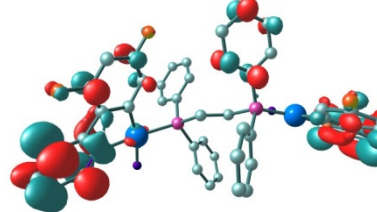
		
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Figure S19. Molecular orbital plots for the optimized structure of **3b** in CH₂Cl₂ solution with the energy levels and compositions.

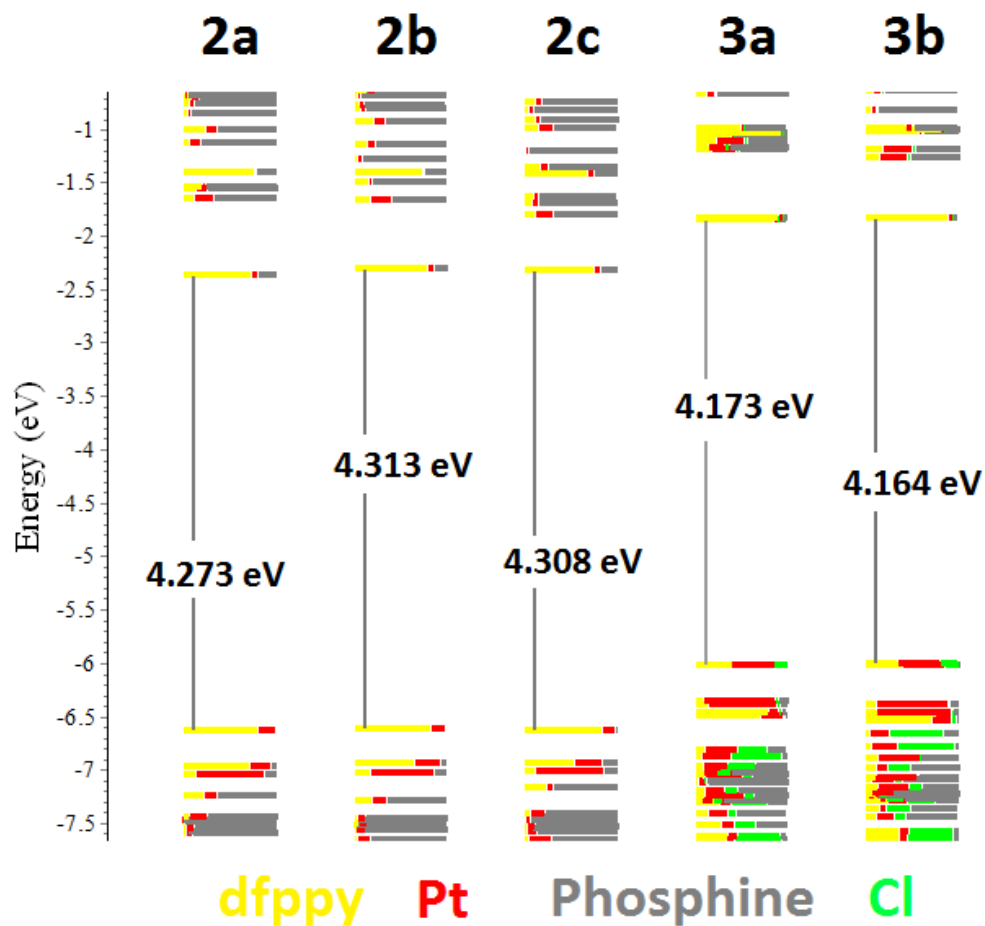


Figure S20. Comparative energy level diagram for the molecular orbitals of all the complexes.

Table S2. Wavelengths and the nature of transitions for **2a** where M = Pt, L = dfppy, L' = dppm.

Excited state	λ (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major Contrib.	Assignment
1	349.5	0.0499	HOMO→LUMO (90%)	ILCT/ML'CT
3	313.4	0.1306	H-1→LUMO (85%)	ILCT/ML'CT
7	280.4	0.0583	H-10→LUMO (11%) H-4→LUMO (56%) HOMO→L+4 (10%)	L'LCT/MLCT L'LCT/MLCT ILCT/ML'CT
10	270.6	0.1312	H-1→L+1 (12%) HOMO→L+3 (60%)	LL'CT/ML'CT LL'CT/ML'CT
11	268.7	0.0021	H-5→LUMO (68%) HOMO→L+4 (13%)	IL'CT ILCT/ML'CT
13	266.6	0.0384	H-6→LUMO (78%) HOMO→L+4 (13%)	L'LCT/ IL'CT ILCT/ML'CT
15	263.5	0.0916	H-10→LUMO (10%) H-9→LUMO (29%) HOMO→L+4 (15%)	L'LCT/MLCT L'LCT/MLCT ILCT/ML'CT

Table S3. Wavelengths and the nature of transitions for **2b** where M = Pt, L = dfppy, L' = dppe.

Excited state	λ (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major Contrib.	Assignment
1	343.9	0.0598	HOMO→LUMO (89%)	ILCT/ML'CT
3	311.8	0.1296	H-2→LUMO (11%) H-1→LUMO (76%)	MLCT ILCT/ML'CT
9	268.6	0.0907	HOMO→L+2 (78%)	LL'CT/ML'CT
12	264.8	0.0959	H-6→LUMO (20%) H-5→LUMO (40%) HOMO→L+3 (29%)	L'LCT L'LCT ILCT/ML'CT
13	263.3	0.0931	H-9→LUMO (12%) H-8→LUMO (14%) H-5→LUMO (31%) HOMO→L+3 (17%)	L'LCT L'LCT L'LCT ILCT/ML'CT

Table S4. Wavelengths and the nature of transitions for **2c** where M = Pt, L = dfppy, L' = dppb.

Excited state	λ (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major Contrib.	Assignment
1	342.3	0.0701	HOMO→LUMO (89%)	ILCT/ML'CT
3	311.7	0.1229	H-2→LUMO (13%) H-1→LUMO (71%)	MLCT ILCT/ML'CT
9	276.8	0.0463	H-4→LUMO (14%) HOMO→L+3 (57%)	L'LCT LL'CT
10	276.0	0.0607	H-4→LUMO (22%) HOMO→L+2 (10%) HOMO→L+3 (26%) HOMO→L+4 (14%)	L'LCT LL'CT LL'CT ILCT/ML'CT
15	265.9	0.0901	H-6→LUMO (44%) H-3→L+1 (18%) HOMO→L+4 (16%)	L'LCT IL'CT ILCT/ML'CT
17	263.6	0.1084	H-7→LUMO (27%) HOMO→L+4 (33%)	L'LCT ILCT/ML'CT
25	256.5	0.0943	H-3→L+2 (42%) H-3→L+3 (16%)	IL'CT IL'CT
27	253.5	0.0971	H-3→L+2 (24%) H-3→L+3 (32%) H-2→L+4 (13%)	IL'CT IL'CT MLCT

Table S5. Wavelengths and the nature of transitions for **3a** where M = Pt, L = dfppy, L' = dppm and X = Cl.

Excited state	λ (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major Contrib.	Assignment
1	363.6	0.0752	H-1→LUMO (57%) H-1→L+1 (26%)	ILCT/MLCT/XLCT ILCT/MLCT/XLCT
2	363.0	0.0288	HOMO→LUMO (36%) HOMO→L+1 (49%)	ILCT/MLCT/XLCT ILCT/MLCT/XLCT
11	307.9	0.121	H-4→LUMO (31%) H-4→L+1 (38%)	ILCT/MLCT ILCT/MLCT
12	307.3	0.1374	H-5→LUMO (42%) H-5→L+1 (18%)	ILCT/MLCT ILCT/MLCT
20	287.0	0.0752	H-1→L+5 (11%) H-1→L+6 (18%)	ILCT/ML'CT ILCT/MLCT
27	280.9	0.1247	H-8→LUMO (10%)	L'LCT/MLCT
28	278.6	0.0911	H-11→LUMO (10%) H-11→L+1 (13%)	L'LCT/MLCT L'LCT/MLCT

Table S6. Wavelengths and the nature of transitions for **3b** where M = Pt, L = dfppy, L' = dppe and X = Cl.

Excited state	λ (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major Contrib.	Assignment
1	364.2	0.0547	HOMO \rightarrow LUMO (94%)	ILCT/MLCT/XLCT
2	361.0	0.0571	H-1 \rightarrow L+1 (95%)	ILCT/MLCT/XLCT
11	305.8	0.0993	H-4 \rightarrow L+1 (68%)	ILCT/MLCT
12	305.2	0.116	H-6 \rightarrow LUMO (21%) H-5 \rightarrow LUMO (57%)	MLCT/XLCT L'LCT/MLCT
21	283.8	0.1904	H-8 \rightarrow LUMO (42%) HOMO \rightarrow L+4 (10%) HOMO \rightarrow L+5 (10%)	L'LCT/XLCT ILCT/ML'CT ILCT/ML'CT
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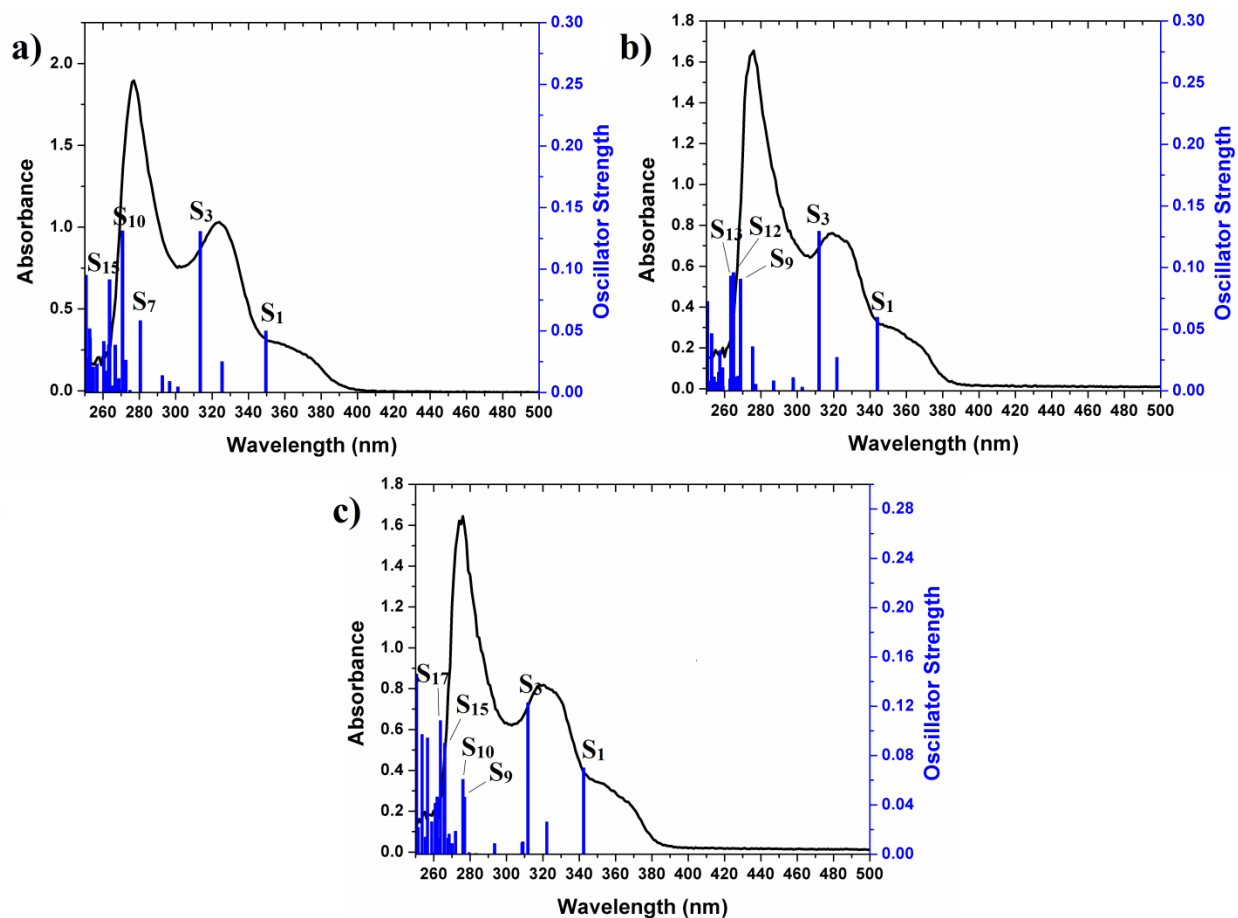


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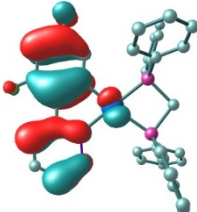
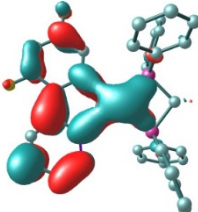
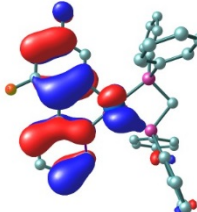
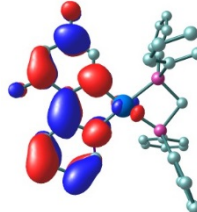
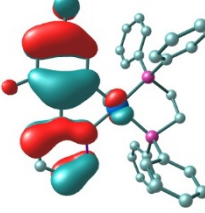
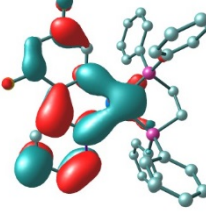
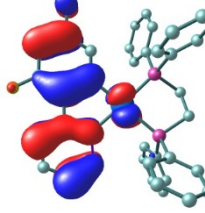
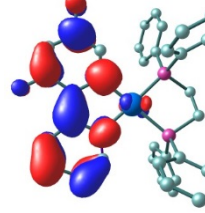
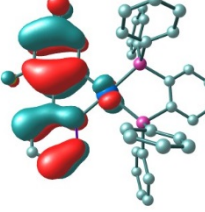
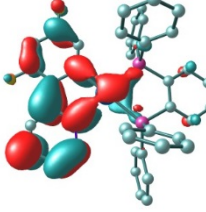
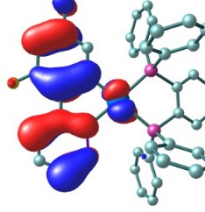
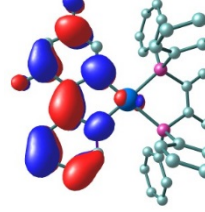
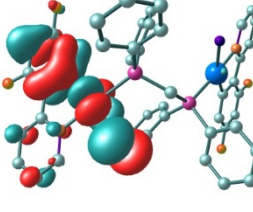
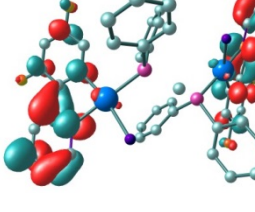
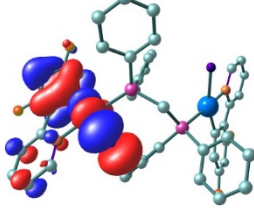
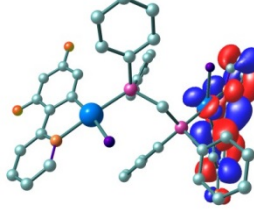
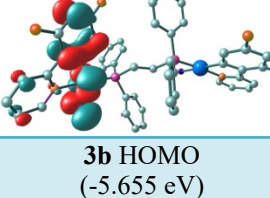
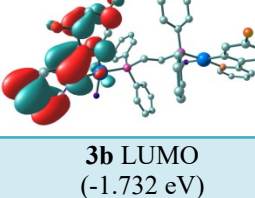
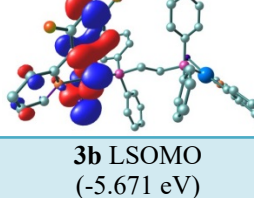
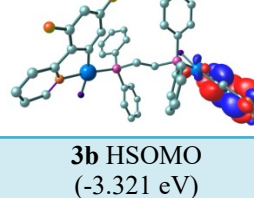
			
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Figure S22. Frontier molecular orbital plots of **2a–c** and **3a–b** in S_0 and T_1 states (gas phase).

Table S7. Crystallographic and structure refinement data for **3a**.

3a	CCDC 2213060
Empirical formula	C ₄₇ H ₃₄ Cl ₂ F ₄ N ₂ P ₂ Pt ₂
Formula weight	1225.78
Temperature/K	110.0
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	9.2890(3)
b/Å	13.9047(5)
c/Å	17.0859(6)
α/°	107.9010(10)
β/°	90.2110(10)
γ/°	105.9130(10)
Volume/Å ³	2010.17(12)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	2.025
μ/mm ¹	7.222
F(000)	1172.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.4 × 0.2 × 0.1
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	2.516 to 57.416
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23
Reflections collected	84820
Independent reflections	10362 [R _{int} = 0.0885, R _{sigma} = 0.0540]
Data/restraints/parameters	10362/0/532
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.908
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0334, wR ₂ = 0.0730
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0534, wR ₂ = 0.0835
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.48/-1.85

Experimental Section

General procedures and materials

^1H NMR (400 MHz), $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (376 MHz), $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz) and $^{195}\text{Pt}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (86 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz instrument at 295 K. All chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to their corresponding external standards (SiMe_4 for ^1H , CFCl_3 for $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$, 85% H_3PO_4 for $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$, Na_2PtCl_6 for $^{195}\text{Pt}\{^1\text{H}\}$) and the coupling constants (J) have been expressed in Hz. The instrument for HR ESI-Mass measurement was a Shimadzu IT-TOF with an electrospray ionization source, which is part of the Arkansas Statewide Mass Spectrometry Facility. UV-Vis spectra were performed using a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 25 spectrophotometer. Photoluminescence spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer LS45 fluorescence spectrometer at room and low temperatures. The luminescence lifetime values were determined in the phosphorimeter mode. Luminescence quantum yield values (Φ) were evaluated using an integrated sphere method. The 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)pyridine (dfppy), bis(diphenylphosphino)methane (dppm), 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane (dppe) and 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)benzene (dppbz) and all the other chemicals were purchased from commercial resources. All the reactions were carried out under Argon atmosphere and in the common solvents and all the solvents were purified and dried according to standard procedures.¹

X-ray Crystallography

Single crystals of **3a** were obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-hexane into its CH_2Cl_2 solution at room temperature. A suitable crystal was selected for structural analysis and intensity data for **3a** were collected using a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 110.0 K during data collection. Using Olex2,² the structure was solved with the ShelXT³ structure

solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL⁴ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. The crystallographic data and refinement parameters are summarized in Table S7.

Computational Details

Density functional calculations were performed with the program suite Gaussian 09⁵ using the B3LYP level of theory.⁶⁻⁸ The LANL2DZ basis set was chosen to describe Pt^{9, 10} and the 6-31G(d) basis set was chosen for other atoms. The geometries of complexes were fully optimized by employing the density functional theory without imposing any symmetry constraints. In order to ensure the optimized geometries, frequency calculations were performed employing analytical second derivatives. Time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculations were carried out at the same level of theory and basis sets. Solvent effects have been considered by the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (CPCM)^{11, 12}. The calculations for the electronic absorption spectra by time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) were performed at the same level of theory.

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