

## Synthesis and Properties of [Pt(4-CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-py)<sub>2</sub>(mnt)]; comparison of pyridyl and bipyridyl-based dyes for Solar Cells.

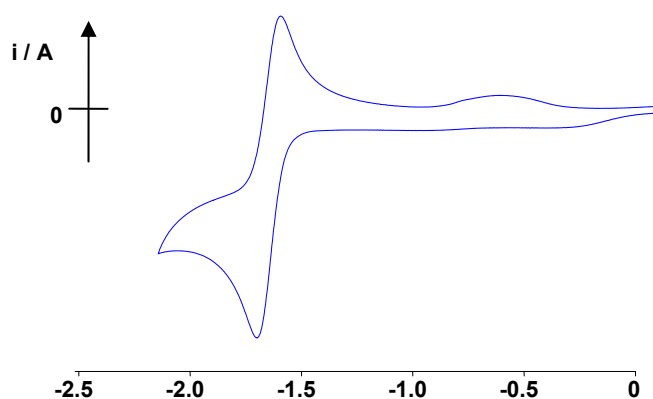
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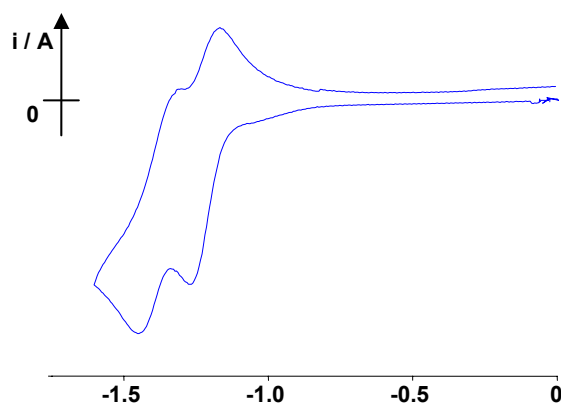
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### Supplementary Information



**Figure S1** Cyclic Voltammetry of 4-CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-py in 0.1M TBABF<sub>4</sub> / DMF at 298 K. Scan rate 0.2 V s<sup>-1</sup>. (All electrochemical measurements taken versus Ag/AgCl (saturated KCl) reference electrode against which the ferrocenium/ferrocene couple was measured to be +0.55 V)



**Figure S2** Cyclic Voltammetry of [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(4-CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-py)<sub>2</sub>] in 0.1M TBABF<sub>4</sub> / DMF at 298 K. Scan rate 0.8 V s<sup>-1</sup>.

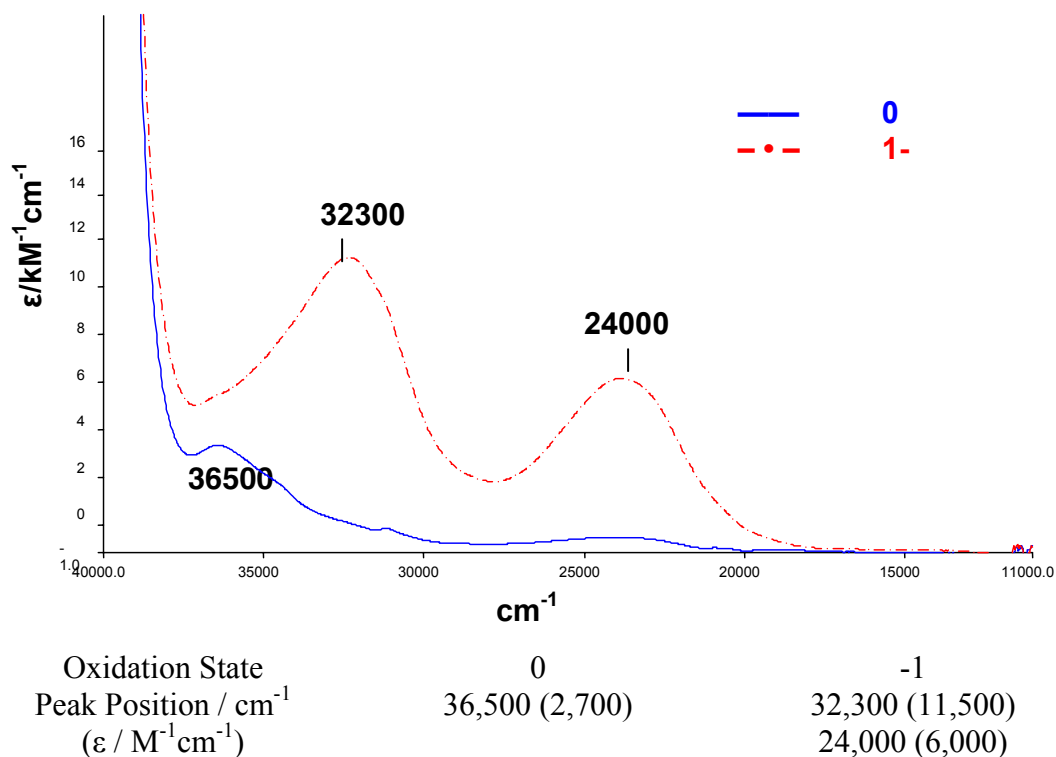
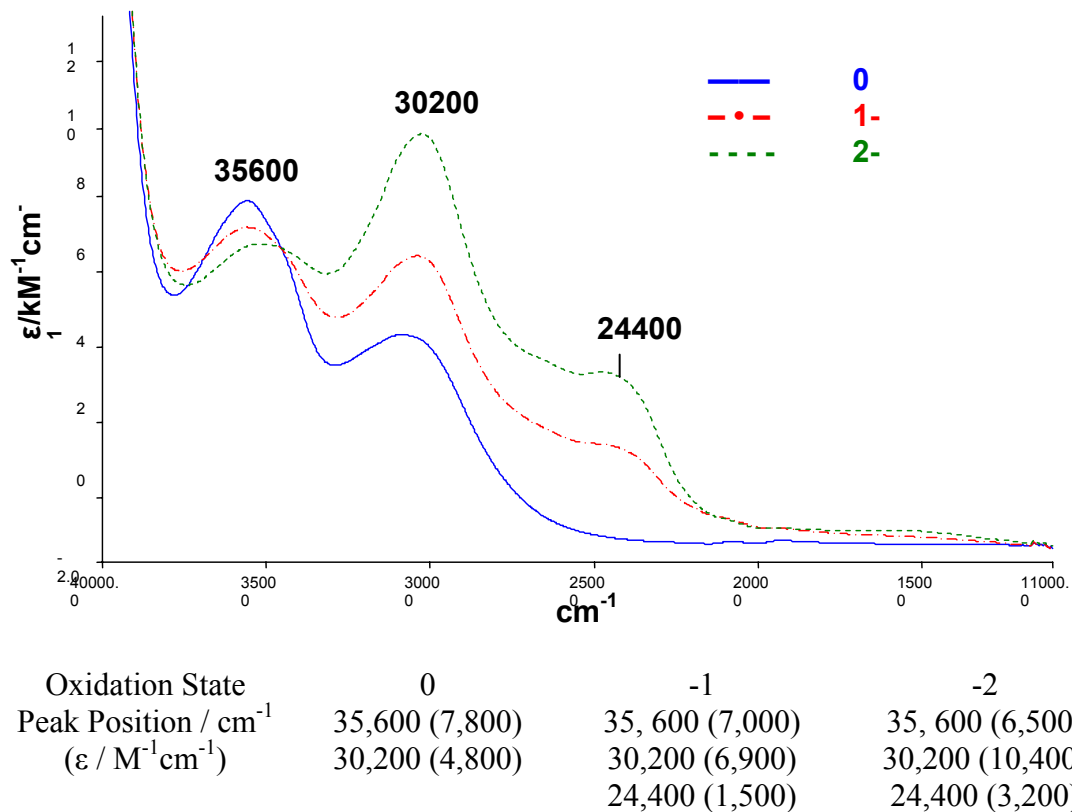
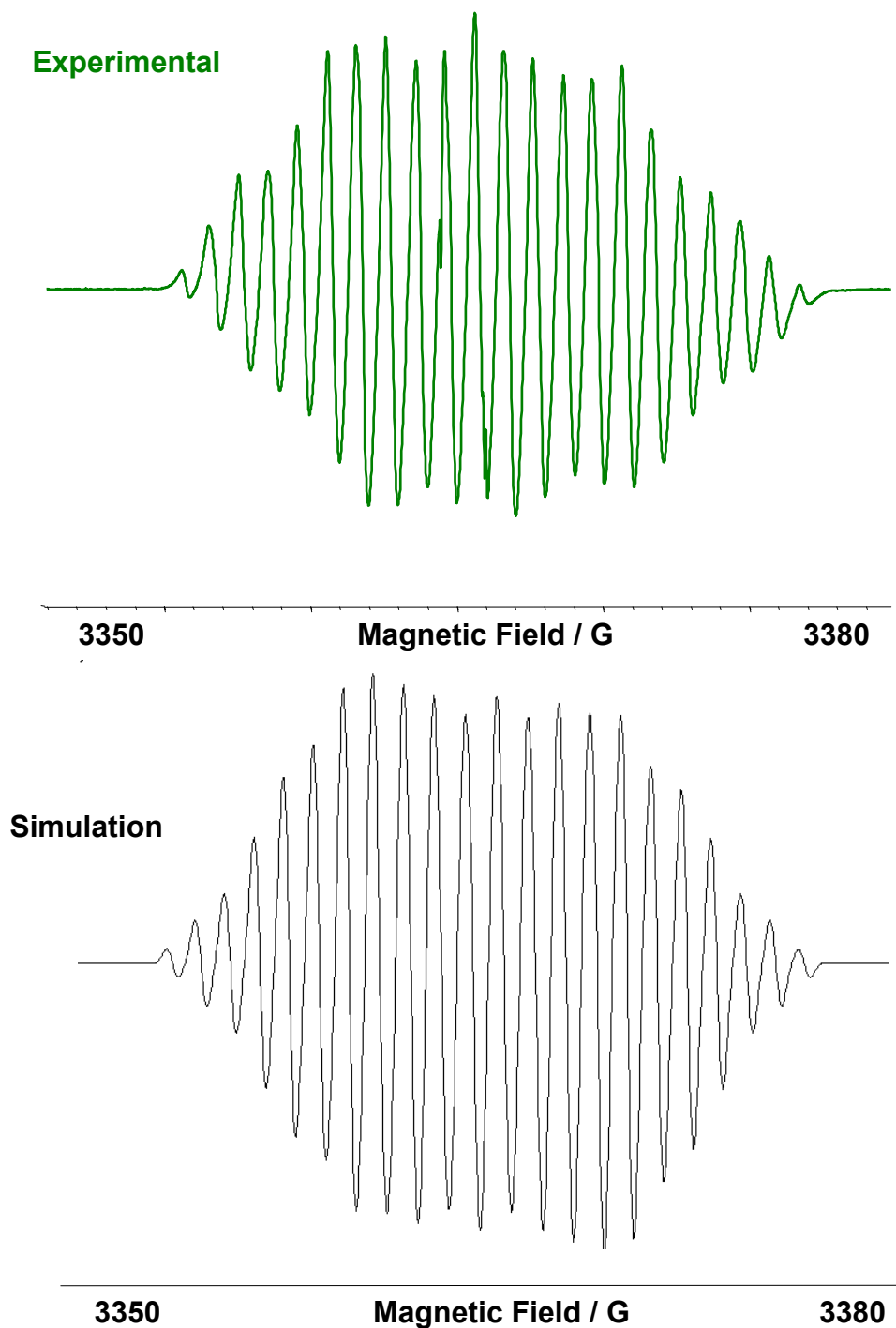


Figure S3 and Table S1 OTTL of 4-CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-py in 0.1 M TBABF<sub>4</sub> / DMF at 233 K,  $E_{\text{gen}} = -2.28 \text{ V (1-)}$



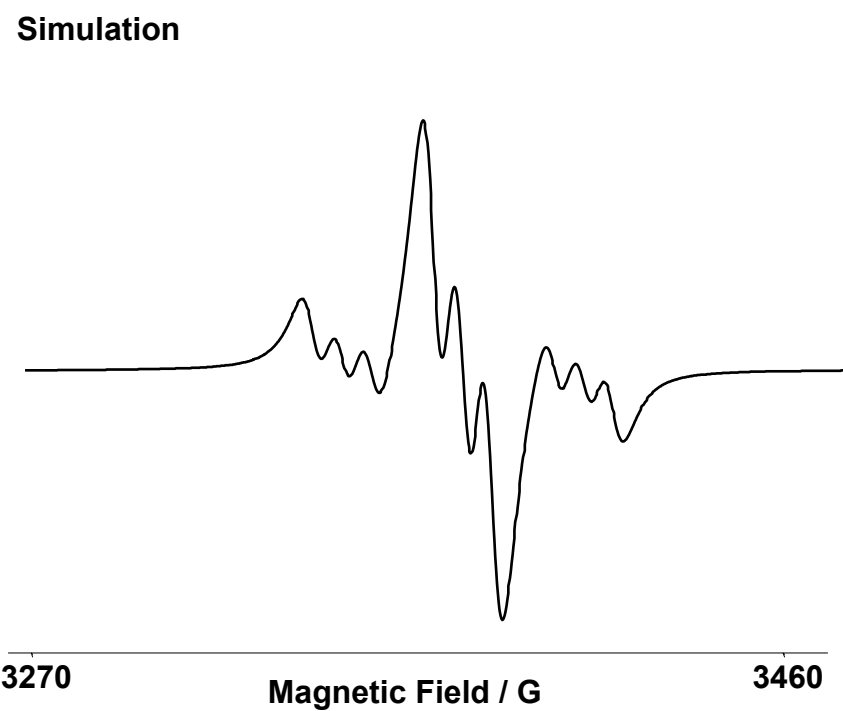
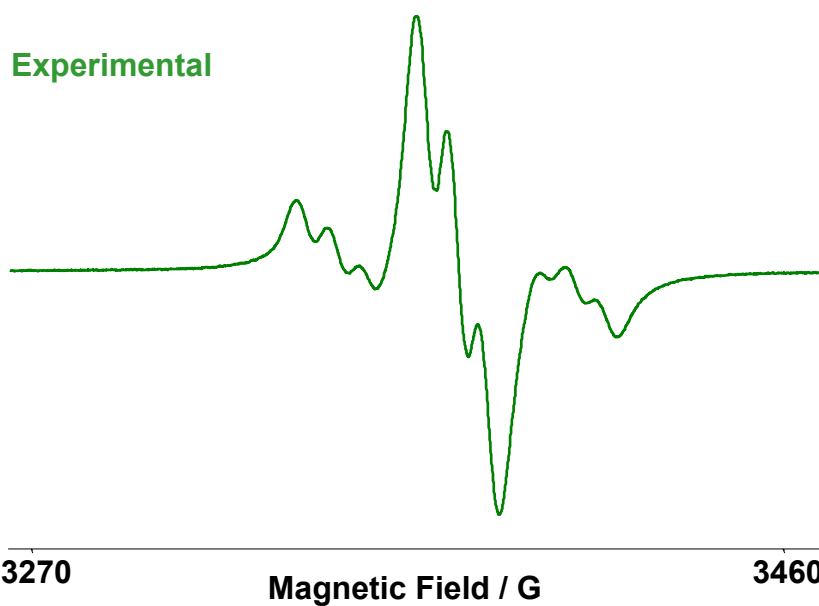
**Figure S4 and Table S2** OTTLE of  $[\text{PtCl}_2(4\text{-CO}_2\text{CH}_3\text{-py})_2]$  in 0.1 M TBABF<sub>4</sub> / DMF at 233 K.  $E_{\text{gen}} = -1.3$  V (1-) and  $-1.6$  V (2-)



**Figure S5** EPR Spectrum and Simulation of  $[4\text{-CO}_2\text{CH}_3\text{-py}]^-$  in 0.1 M TBABF<sub>4</sub> / DMF at 233 K,  $E_{\text{gen}} = -1.8$  V.

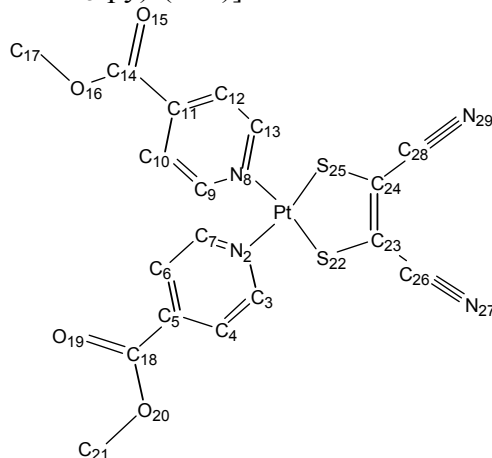
Parameter	[4-CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> -py] <sup>-</sup>
3H	1.050 G
2H	0.850 G
2H	2.985 G
1N	5.090 G
g	2.0028
Δ	0.35 G

**Table S3** EPR Simulation Parameters for [4-CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-py]<sup>-</sup>



**Figure S6** EPR Spectrum and Simulation of  $[\text{PtCl}_2(4\text{-CO}_2\text{CH}_3\text{-py})_2]^{2-}$  in 0.1 M TBABF<sub>4</sub> / DMF at 233 K,  $E_{\text{gen}} = -1.8$  V.

**Table S4** Energies and Percentage contributions for each atom (see atom numbering scheme below) in the HOMO, LUMO and LUMO+1 isosurfaces from DFT Calculations for  $[\text{Pt}(4\text{-CO}_2\text{CH}_3\text{-py})_2(\text{mnt})]$ .



Atom	HOMO / %	LUMO / %	LUMO+1 / %
Energy	-5.2525 eV	-3.2289 eV	-3.0136 eV
1 Pt	14.44	3.19	3.62
2 N	0.06	22.59	0.00
3 C	0.44	7.37	0.05
4 C	0.25	7.06	0.06
5 C	0.03	22.84	0.00
6 C	0.26	7.34	0.04
7 C	0.51	7.06	0.05
8 N	0.02	0.94	22.64
9 C	0.60	0.40	6.74
10 C	0.00	0.26	7.09
11 C	0.75	0.06	22.44
12 C	0.09	0.02	7.86
13 C	0.51	0.01	6.53
14 C	0.05	0.00	7.52
15 O	0.17	0.00	9.39
16 O	0.06	0.00	3.73
17 C	0.00	0.00	0.07
18 C	0.00	6.89	0.00
19 O	0.00	8.93	0.00
20 O	0.00	3.56	0.00
21 C	0.00	0.07	0.00
22 S	27.80	0.05	0.77
23 C	9.68	0.06	0.01
24 C	9.89	0.19	0.31
25 S	27.33	0.53	0.45
26 C	0.05	0.02	0.00
27 N	3.43	0.01	0.00
28 C	0.05	0.02	0.01

29	N	3.49	0.00	0.08
30	H	0.01	0.00	0.01
31	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	H	0.01	0.00	0.00
34	H	0.00	0.03	0.00
35	H	0.00	0.02	0.00
36	H	0.00	0.01	0.00
37	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
38	H	0.00	0.00	0.26
39	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
40	H	0.00	0.00	0.26
41	H	0.00	0.24	0.00
42	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	H	0.00	0.24	0.00

**Table S5** TD-DFT Calculations for [Pt(4-CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>-py)<sub>2</sub> (mnt)] **3b**. Selected transitions, with oscillator strength greater than 0.1, have been included.

Excited State	Energy / cm <sup>-1</sup>		<i>f</i>	Composition
	Calculated (nm)	Observed		
4	26311 (380)	25700	0.10	HOMO-LUMO+2 76%
14	33922 (295)	31600	0.27	HOMO-1 – LUMO+2 86%
18	36763 (272)	36300	0.17	HOMO-3 – LUMO 77%
22	39208 (255)		0.14	HOMO-3– LUMO+1 65%