## **Supporting Information for:**

Electrochemistry, Chemical Reactivity, and Timeresolved IR Spectroscopy of Donor-Acceptor Systems [(Q<sup>x</sup>)Pt(pap<sup>y</sup>)] (Q = substituted *o*-Quinone or *o*-Iminoquinone, pap = Phenylazopyridine)

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	<b>[1]</b> BF <sub>4</sub>	<b>[2]</b> PF <sub>6</sub>
Chemical formula	$C_{31}H_{34}BF_4N_4OPt$	C57H55Cl2F6NOP3Pt
$M_{ m r}$	760.52	1242.92
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	Cc	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	42.720(9)	13.037(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	5.940(1)	14.066(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	24.200(5)	15.397(3)
α (°)	90	78.583(7)
$\beta$ (°)	114.00(3)	82.987(9)
γ (°)	90	70.899(7)
$V(Å^3)$	5610.0(2)	2610.1(7)
Ζ	8	2
$D_{\rm calc}  ({\rm g/cm}^3)$	1.801	1.581
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	5.063	2.945
Crystal size (mm)	0.40 x 0.10 x 0.05	0.35 x 0.23 x 0.19
ΜοΚα	0.71073	0.71073
F(000)	3000	1246
meas./ indep. refl.	22637/ 8236	164155 / 15978
obsvd. $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	7698	14942
refl.		
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0324	0.0295
$\mathbb{R}[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$	0.0283	0.0183
wR $(F^2)$	0.0780	0.0451
S	1.173	1.070
$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$	2.544, -0.918	1.409, -0.800

**Table S1**. Crystallographic data for  $[1]BF_4$  and  $[2]PF_6$ .

	$1^{a}$	<b>[1]</b> BF <sub>4</sub>	[ <b>2</b> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	<b>3</b> <sup>b</sup>
Pt - O1/Pt - O2	1.964(3)	1.976(5)	2.051(1)	1.994(4)/1.966(5)
Pt - N1	1.978(3)	1.890(9)	2.088(1)	-
01 - C1	1.329(4)	1.227(9)	1.315(2)	1.360(7)
N1 - C2/O2 - C2	1.386(5)	1.31(1)	1.355(2)	1.353(7)
C1 - C2	1.422(5)	1.40(1)	1.439(2)	1.416(8)
C2 - C3	1.407(5)	1.34(2)	1.423(2)	1.379(9)
C3 - C4	1.379(5)	1.35(1)	1.370(2)	1.395(8)
C4 - C5	1.408(5)	1.40(1)	1.433(2)	1.396(9)
C5 - C6	1.388(5)	1.30(1)	1.383(2)	1.385(9)
C6 - C1	1.403(5)	1.42(1)	1.430(2)	1.405(9)
Pt - N2 / Pt - P1	1.962(3)	1.859(6)	2.2584(5)	1.983(5)
Pt - N4 / Pt - P2	1.964(3)	1.989(7)	2.2675(5)	1.966(5)
N2 - N3	1.321(4)	1.25(1)	-	1.307(7)
N3 - C21	1.362(5)	1.36(1)	_	1.390(8)

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°)

<sup>*a*</sup>From reference S1. <sup>*b*</sup>From reference S2.

	$1^{a}$		<b>[1]</b> BF <sub>4</sub>		<b>[2]</b> PF <sub>6</sub>
N1 – Pt – N2	108.1 (1)	01 – Pt – N2	96.1(3)	01 – Pt – N1	79.14(5)
N2 - Pt - N4	77.6(1)	01 – Pt – N1	82.0(3)	N1 – Pt – P2	97.17(4)
N4 – Pt – O1	93.7(2)	N1 – Pt – N4	102.6(3)	P2 – Pt – P1	94.79(2)
N1 – Pt – O1	80.9(1)	N4 - Pt - N2	79.6(3)	P1 – Pt – O1	88.71(3)

<sup>*a*</sup>From reference S1.



Figure S1. Normalized absorption spectra of 3 in various solvents.



Figure S2. Normalized absorption spectra of 1 in various solvents.



**Figure S3.** EPR spectrum of the reaction product between  $1^{++}$  and PPh<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 295 K recorded immediately after mixing stoichiometric amounts of the two reactants (bottom) together with simulation (top). g = 1.998,  $a(^{195}Pt) = 32$  G,  $a(^{14}N) = 7.6$  G,  $a(^{1}H) = 4.6$  G,  $a(^{31}P) = 7$  G.



Figure S4. Cyclic voltammogram of 1 in  $CH_2Cl_2 / 0.1$  M  $Bu_4NPF_6$  at -40 °C in the presence of various amounts of  $CH_2Cl_2$ .

	$\lambda$ [nm] (ε [10 <sup>3</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> · cm <sup>-1</sup> ])
[1] <sup>0</sup>	241 (17.6); 326 (12.1); 392 (5.4); 457 (4.6); 679 sh; 897 (20.9)
<b>[1]</b> <sup>+</sup>	238 (22.5); 305 (11.9); 338 sh; 415 (10.5); 535 (9.4); 1114 (3.8)
$[2]^{0}$	229 (83.8); 340 (12.3); 400 sh
<b>[2]</b> <sup>+</sup>	229 (85.9); 265 sh; 334 (18.5); 421 (5.8); 469 (6.7); 908 (2.0)
$[2]^{2+}$	227 (83.8); 270 sh; 369 sh; 593 (1.8)
$[3]^{0,b}$	319(8.4), 390(9.3), 477 (2.1), 650 (1.7), 970(9.5)

**Table S3**. UV-vis-NIR data of the complexes in their various redox forms<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> From OTTLE spectroelectrochemistry in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>. <sup>*b*</sup> From ref. 7b.



**Figure S5**. Simulated IR spectrum of the singlet ground state of 1b in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The corresponding band assignment is given in Table S4.

Table S4 Band	assignments	corresponding to	Figure S	5 and inset
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Mode	Frequency	T^^2	assignments
165	1463	140	All tButyl + phenyl
			bending modes.
			Mainly * and 3

166	1466	225	Same, all involved equally
168	1478	180	Mainly 1 and 3
171	1548	88	Mainly 4, strong amplitude, coupled to 3
173	1582	66	Mainly 4, coupled to 2
177	1607	24	Mainly 2 and 3, coupled to 4
178	1609	27	Mainly 3, coupled to 1 and 2



**Figure S6**. Simulated IR spectrum of the triplet ground state of 1b in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The corresponding band assignment is given in Table S5.

Mode	Frequency	T^^2	Assignments
151	1409	155	Mainly 4, affecting
			O, N and *
152	1422	219	As above, different
			bending modes
161	1452	42	Mostly * and **
162	1453	26	Mostly ** and 1
169	1477	158	Mostly 1, 2 and 3
170	1479	246	As above

**Table S5**. Band assignments corresponding to Figure S6 and inset.

171	1531	126	Mostly 4
172	1535	86	Mostly 3
173	1579	72	Mostly 4
176	1595	115	Mostly 3, coupled
			to 2
177	1599	61	Mostly 1, coupled
			to 3



**Figure S7**. Simulated IR spectrum of the singlet ground state of **3** in  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The corresponding band assignment is given in Table S6.

Mode	Frequency	T^^2	Assignments
135	1451	18	All bending modes,
			mainly 1 and **
136	1453	10	Mainly 3, * and **
			with some 1
137	1455	17	Mostly *
143	1482	323	Mainly 1 and 2,
			some 3 and **
145	1541	113	Mainly 2 and 3
146	1546	38	Mainly 2 and 3
147	1586	107	Mainly 3
150	1608	22	Mainly 2, some 1

**Table S6**. Band assignments corresponding to Figure S7 and inset.



**Figure S8**. Simulated IR spectrum of the triplet ground state of **3** in  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The corresponding band assignment is given in Table S7.

Mode	Frequency	T^^2	Assignments
127	1409	139	Mainly 3, affecting
			**, * and O
142	1473	291	Mainly 2 and 1
144	1487	222	As above, 1 more
			than 2
146	1534	95	Mainly 2
147	1574	267	Mostly 3
149	1594	141	Mostly 2

 Table S7. Band assignments corresponding to Figure S8 and inset.



**Figure S9.** Early-time TRIR spectra following 400 nm excitation for **1b** (left) and **3** (right). The 0.3 - 2 ps traces show large signals in the 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> region associated with vibrationally excited water molecules that are hydrogen-bonded to the compounds. It should be noted that compounds **1b** and **3** are expected to have strong affinity to water, through H-bonding to one (<sup>0,N</sup>Q) or two (<sup>0,O</sup>Q) oxygen atoms. This leads to water molecules being associated in a "supermolecule" if even traces of moisture are present. This susceptibility to water can give rise to early-time effects in the TRIR spectra as some of the excitation energy is rapidly distributed to H-bonded water molecules which give strong signals in the fingerprint IR region investigated, and which decay with lifetimes of 0.5 - 1 ps as vibrationally excited water molecules cool down. Such an interpretation is further supported by the fact that these early-time effects have not been observed in our experiments using the same set-up and related Pt(II) compounds but without O-donor atoms – such as Pt(II) diimine acetylides<sup>S3</sup> – and is more pronounced for **3** than for **1b**.

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## Optimized structure (BP86) of **1** in the singlet state:

С	3.452208	4.910924	6.480684
С	2.042023	5.144147	6.460672
С	1.308189	5.151585	5.229976
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С	5.735564	4.547174	7.588849
Η	6.252374	4.513689	8.568080
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Η	5.882346	3.562143	7.103914
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Η	4.206835	3.747298	9.696586
Η	3.746487	2.772366	8.266022
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С	4.155681	6.255461	8.504875
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Η	3.909748	4.671092	0.506750
Η	2.791035	5.767856	1.363234
Η	2.512890	3.997327	1.390433
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Η	5.864251	5.669936	1.666072
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Optimized structure (BP86) of **1** in the triplet state:

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Optimized structure (BP86) of  $\mathbf{1}^+$  in the dublet state:

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## Optimized structure (BP86) of **1**<sup>-</sup> in the dublet state:

С	3.453062	4.885893	6.470308
С	2.048264	5.133356	6.444427
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