

Supporting Information

Electron-Deficient Pt₂M₂Pt₂ Hexanuclear Metal Strings (M = Pt, Pd) Supported by Triphosphine Ligands

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Table S1. Results of DFT Calculations on $[\text{Pt}_2\text{M}_2\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-dpmp})_2(\text{XylNC})_2](\text{PF}_6)_4$ (M = Pt (**7**), Pd (**8**)) and $[\text{Pt}_2\text{M}_2\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-H})(\mu\text{-dpmp})_2(\text{XylNC})_2](\text{PF}_6)_3$ (M = Pt (**2**), Pd (**3**)) and Their Model Complexes **M7**, **M8**, and **M2**.^a

Compound	M2 ^b	2 ^b	3 ^b	M7 ^c	M8 ^c	7 ^c	8 ^c
Methods ^a	opt ^d	sp ^e	sp ^e	opt ^d	opt ^d	sp ^e	sp ^e
M _{cen}	Pt	Pt	Pd	Pt	Pd	Pt	Pd
Structural Parameters							
av. Pt _{out} -Pt _{inn} , Å	2.798	2.7156	2.7136	2.790	2.769	2.701	2.687
av. Pt _{inn} -M _{cen} , Å	2.858	2.7370	2.7562	2.979	3.023	2.800	2.787
M _{cen} -M _{cen} , Å	3.526	3.3093	3.2514	3.042	3.138	2.823	2.834
av. M _{cen} -H _b , Å	1.763	1.655	1.626	-	-	-	-
av. Pt _{out} -C, Å	2.036	1.968	1.953	2.010	2.004	1.953	1.922
M _{cen} -H _b -M _{cen} , °	178.92	180.00	180.00	-	-	-	-
Natural Charge							
Pt _{out}	-0.47	-0.36	-0.35	-0.32	-0.32	-0.22	-0.20
Pt _{inn}	-0.44	-0.47	-0.48	-0.31	-0.32	-0.46	-0.47
M _{cen}	-0.42	-0.40	-0.25	-0.40	-0.19	-0.57	-0.40
H _b	-0.11	-0.24	-0.25	-	-	-	-
C	+0.35	+0.25	+0.24	+0.35	+0.35	+0.26	+0.25
	<u>C</u> NMe	<u>C</u> NXyl	<u>C</u> NXyl	<u>C</u> NMe	<u>C</u> NMe	<u>C</u> NXyl	<u>C</u> NXyl
Wiberg Bond Indices							
av. Pt _{out} -Pt _{inn}	0.424	0.387	0.376	0.538	0.548	0.467	0.465
av. Pt _{inn} -M _{cen}	0.416	0.343	0.290	0.308	0.275	0.281	0.248
M _{cen} -M _{cen}	0.084	0.112	0.100	0.202	0.144	0.223	0.159
av. M _{cen} -H _b	0.365	0.261	0.240	-	-	-	-
av. Pt _{out} -C	0.781	0.617	0.627	0.778	0.786	0.584	0.624

^a DFT calculations were carried out by *Gaussian03* program package with B3LYP functionals and LANL2DZ basis set. ^b See ref. 10b. ^c This work. ^d Optimization of the structures. ^e Single point SCF calculations on the structure determined by X-ray crystallography.

Table S2. Crystallographic Data of Complexes **7**·3CH₂Cl₂ and **8**·5CH₂Cl₂

Compound	7 ·3CH ₂ Cl ₂	8 ·5CH ₂ Cl ₂
formula	C ₁₄₉ H ₁₄₀ N ₂ Cl ₆ - F ₂₄ P ₁₆ Pt ₆	C ₁₅₁ H ₁₄₄ N ₂ Cl ₁₀ - F ₂₄ P ₁₆ Pt ₄ Pd ₂
formula wt	4293.56	4286.04
cryst. syst	orthorhombic	orthorhombic
space group	C222 ₁	C222 ₁
<i>a</i> , Å	26.364(7)	26.4070(9)
<i>b</i> , Å	40.635(11)	40.5880(13)
<i>c</i> , Å	41.437(10)	41.3526(13)
α , deg	90	90
β , deg	90	90
γ , deg	90	90
<i>V</i> , Å ³	44391(20)	44322(2)
<i>Z</i>	8	8
temp, °C	-120	-120
<i>D</i> _{calcd} , g cm ⁻³	1.285	1.285
μ , mm ⁻¹ (Mo K α)	3.995	2.956
2 θ range, deg	6–55	6–55
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.081	0.058
no. of reflns collected	211560	209415
no. of unique reflns	50423	50468
no. of obsd reflns (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	36375	42759
no. of variables	1837	1866
<i>R</i> 1 ^{<i>a</i>}	0.073	0.089
<i>wR</i> 2 ^{<i>b</i>}	0.222	0.249
<i>GOF</i>	1.021	1.075

^{*a*} $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ (for obsd. refs with *I* > 2 σ (*I*)). ^{*b*} $wR2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ (for all refs).

Table S3. Crystallographic Data of Complexes **14a**·6CH₂Cl₂, **15**·3.5CH₂Cl₂, and **16**·3CH₂Cl₂

Compound	14a ·6CH ₂ Cl ₂	15 ·3.5CH ₂ Cl ₂	16 ·3CH ₂ Cl ₂
formula	C ₁₂₂ H ₁₁₄ Cl ₁₂ - F ₁₂ P ₁₂ Pt ₃	C _{94.5} H ₈₉ NCl ₈ - F ₁₂ P ₉ Pt ₃ Au	C ₉₄ H ₈₈ NCl ₇ - F ₁₂ P ₉ Pt ₂ PdAu
formula wt	3190.61	2811.35	2680.20
cryst. syst	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c
<i>a</i> , Å	13.203(4)	16.4325(11)	16.2983(17)
<i>b</i> , Å	13.902(5)	23.6825(15)	23.534(2)
<i>c</i> , Å	18.468(6)	27.6089(19)	27.456(3)
α , deg	85.707(9)		
β , deg	69.334(6)	96.145(3)	96.399(5)
γ , deg	85.233(9)		
<i>V</i> , Å ³	3156.9(17)	10682.6(12)	10465.5(18)
<i>Z</i>	1	4	4
temp, °C	-120	-120	-120
<i>D</i> _{calcd} , g cm ⁻³	1.678	1.748	1.701
μ , mm ⁻¹ (Mo K α)	3.773	5.673	4.606
2 θ range, deg	6–55	6–55	6–55
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.056	0.065	0.060
no. of reflns collected	29041	55985	57415
no. of unique reflns	13744	23620	23401
no. of obsd reflns (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>))	9891	14493	14666
no. of variables	737	1253	1208
<i>R</i> 1 ^{<i>a</i>}	0.085	0.081	0.097
<i>wR</i> 2 ^{<i>b</i>}	0.209	0.239	0.265
<i>GOF</i>	1.074	1.093	1.030

^{*a*} $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ (for obsd. refs with *I* > 2 σ (*I*)). ^{*b*} $wR2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ (for all refs).

Figure S1. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra (121 MHz) of (a) **7** (M = Pt) in acetone- d_6 and (b) **8** (M = Pd) in CD_2Cl_2 at room temperature and the assignments.

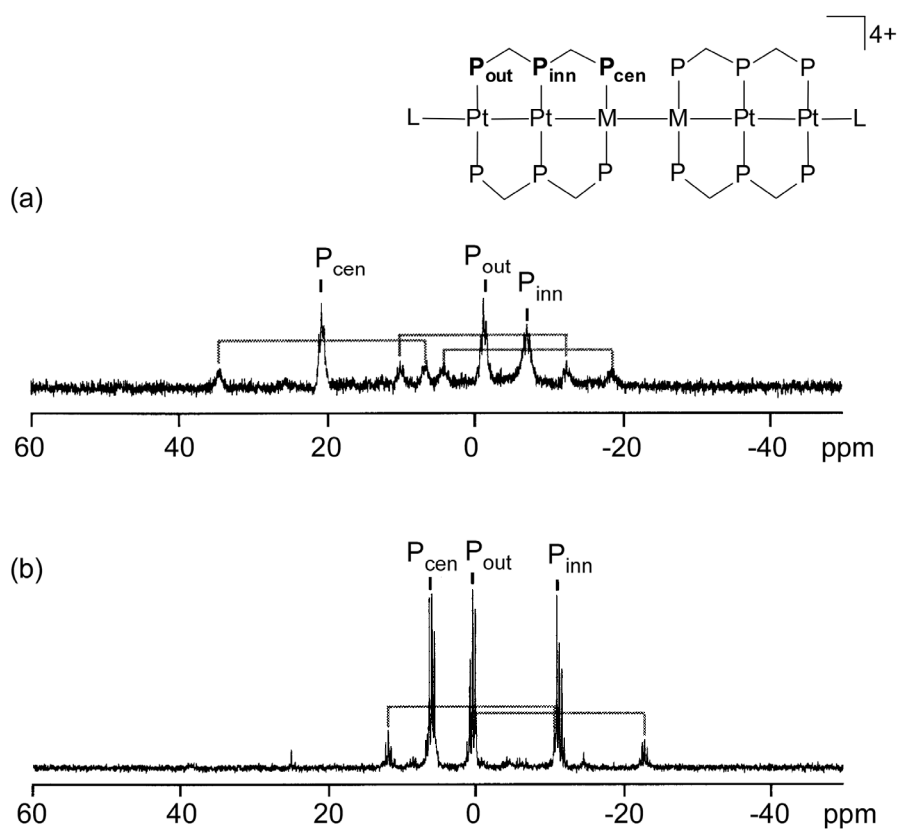


Figure S2. ESI mass spectra of (a) **7** (M = Pt) and (b) **8** (M = Pd) in acetone at room temperature and the observed and simulated spectra for $[\text{Pt}_2\text{M}(\text{dpmp})_2(\text{XylINC})]^{2+}$ at $m/z = 864.635$ (**7**) and 820.107 (**8**).

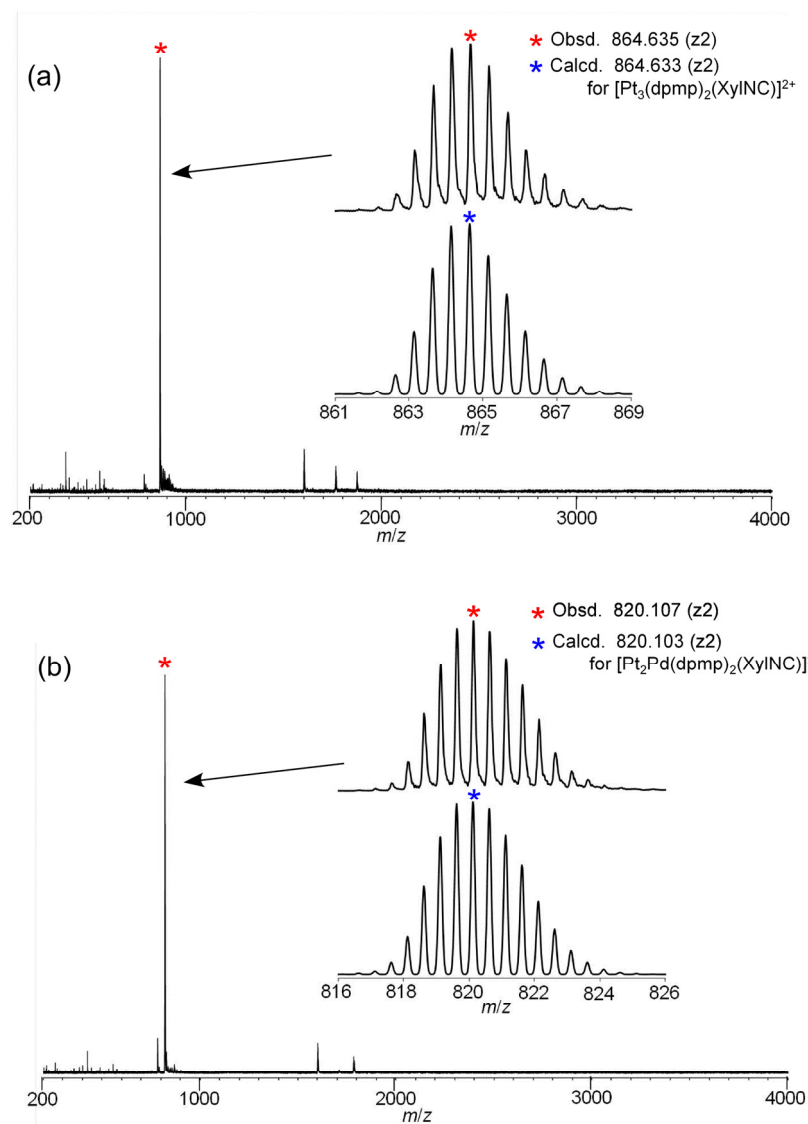


Figure S3. Perspective drawings for the cluster cation of (a) **8A** and (b) **8B** with atomic numbering schemes. The Pt, Pd, and P atoms are illustrated with thermal ellipsoids at 40% probability level. The hydrogen atoms are omitted and the C and N atoms are drawn with arbitrary spherical model for clarity. Pt (yellow), Pd (green), P (pink), N (blue), and C (gray).

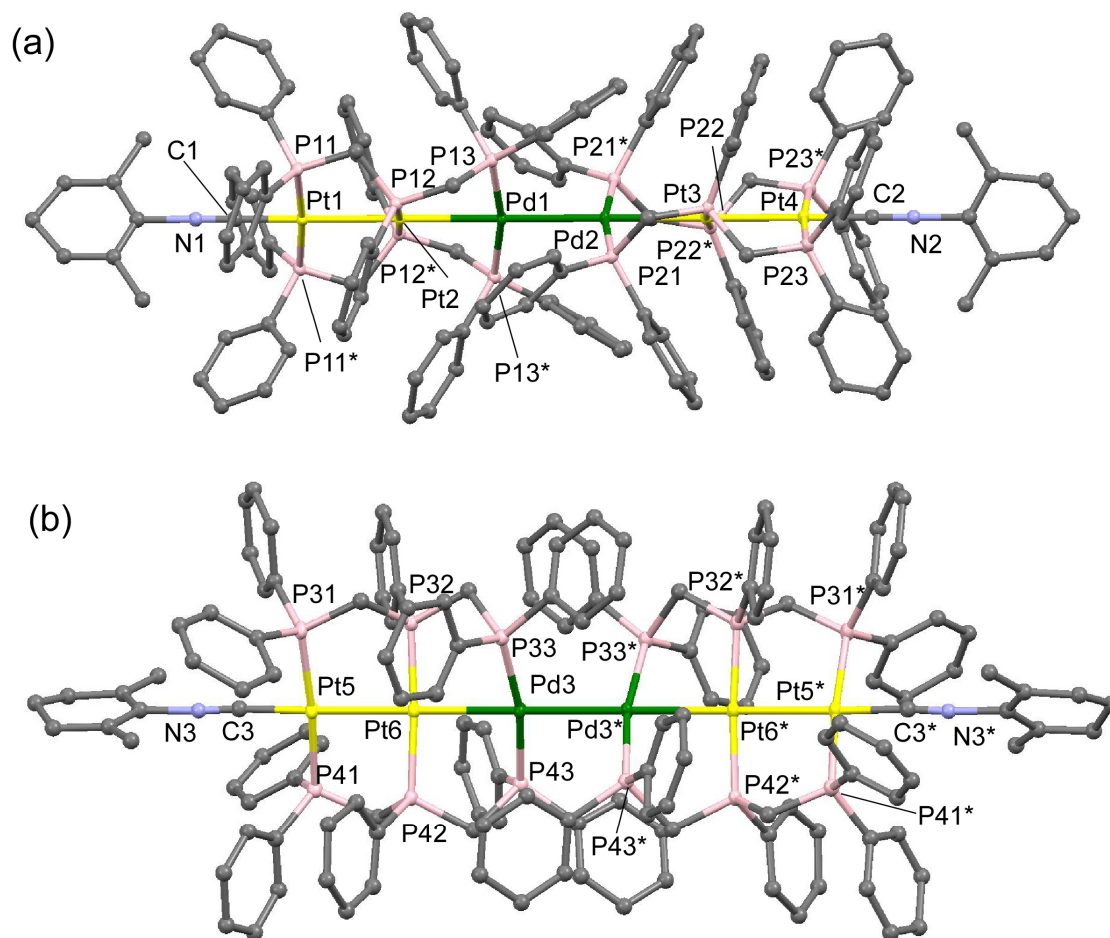


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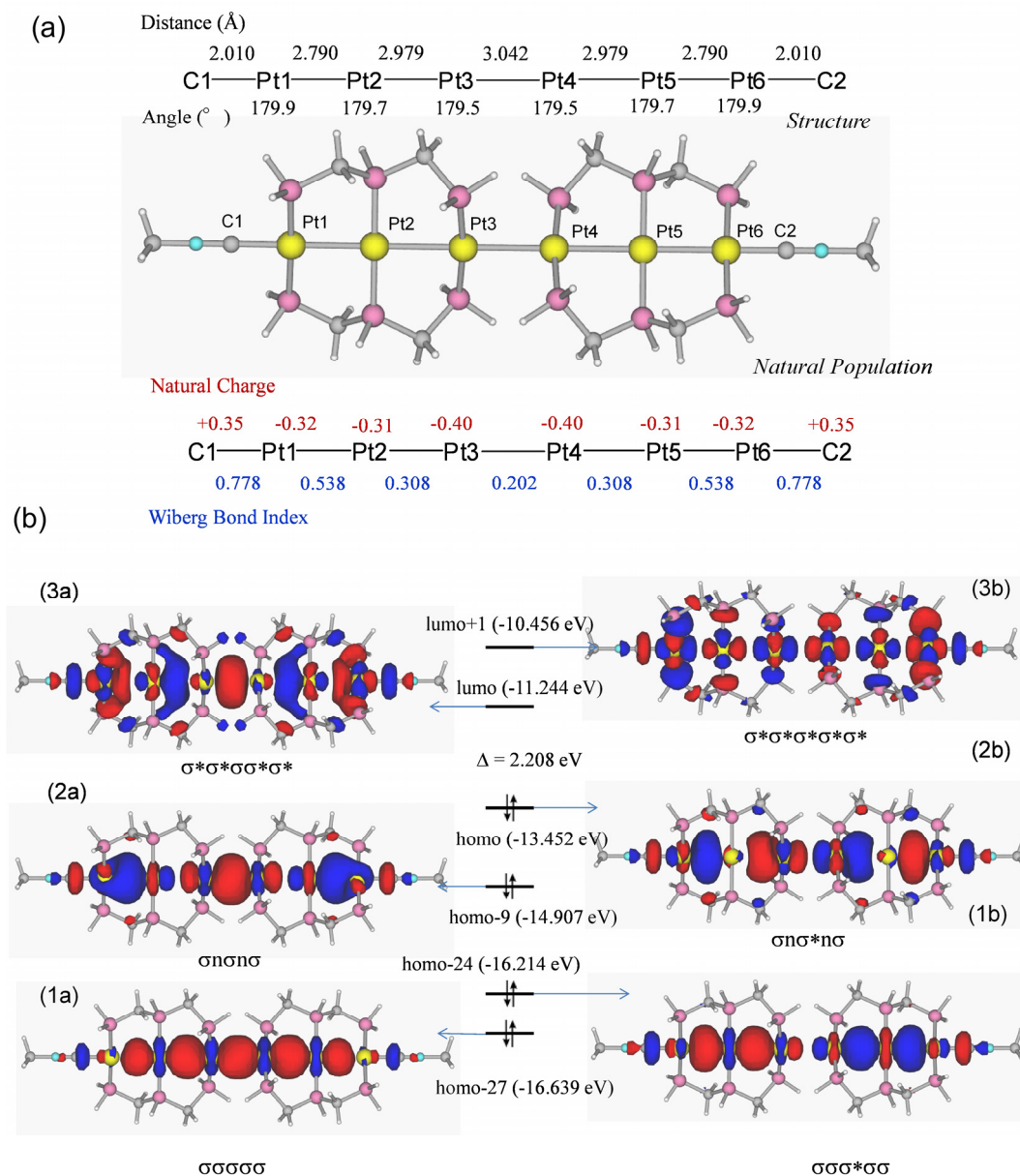


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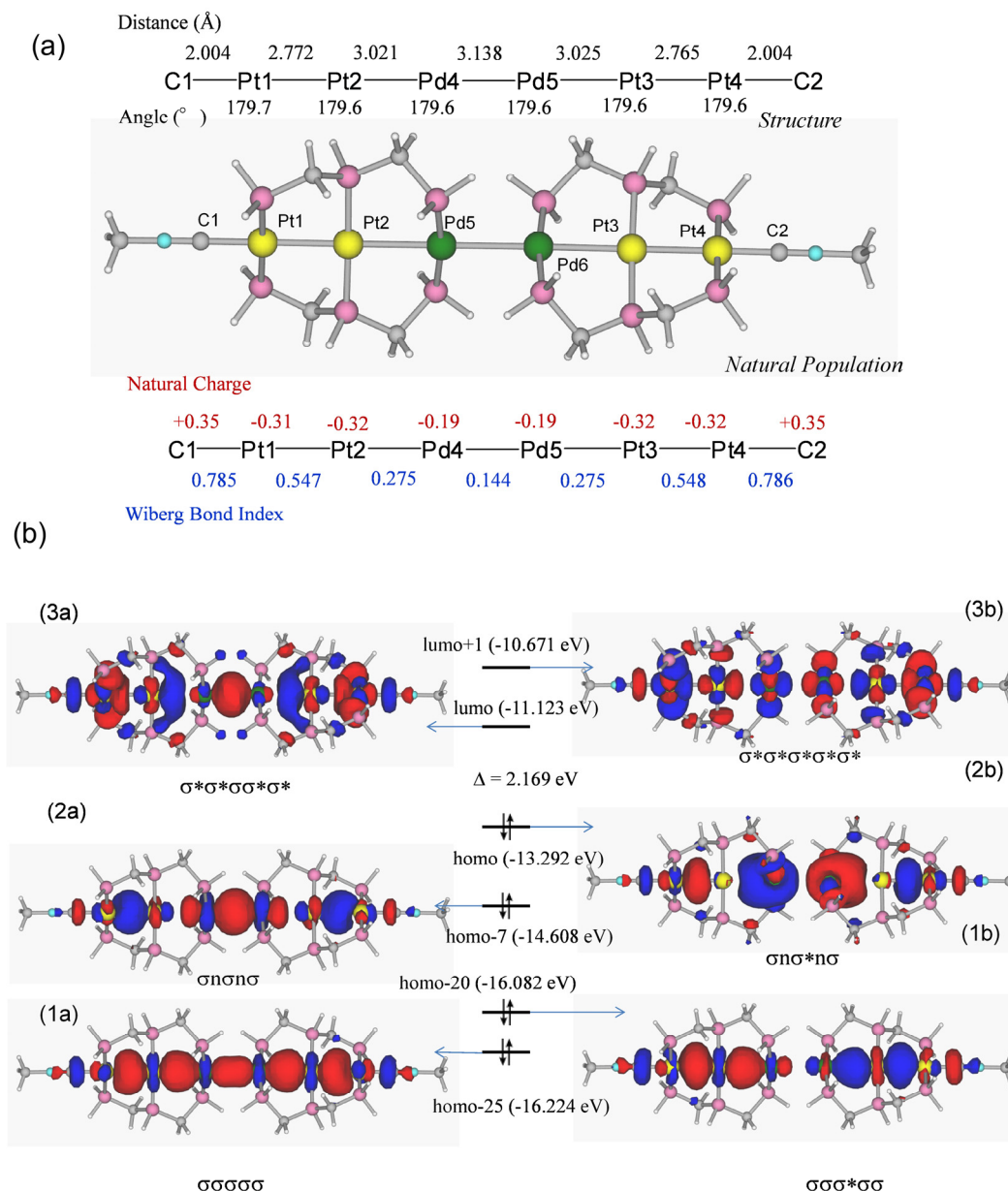


Figure S6. (a) Results of single point DFT calculation by B3LYP/LANL2DZ methods for the crystal structure of $[\text{Pt}_6(\mu\text{-dpmp})_4(\text{XylNC})_2]^{4+}$ (7), and (b) diagrams of the essential σ -MOs.

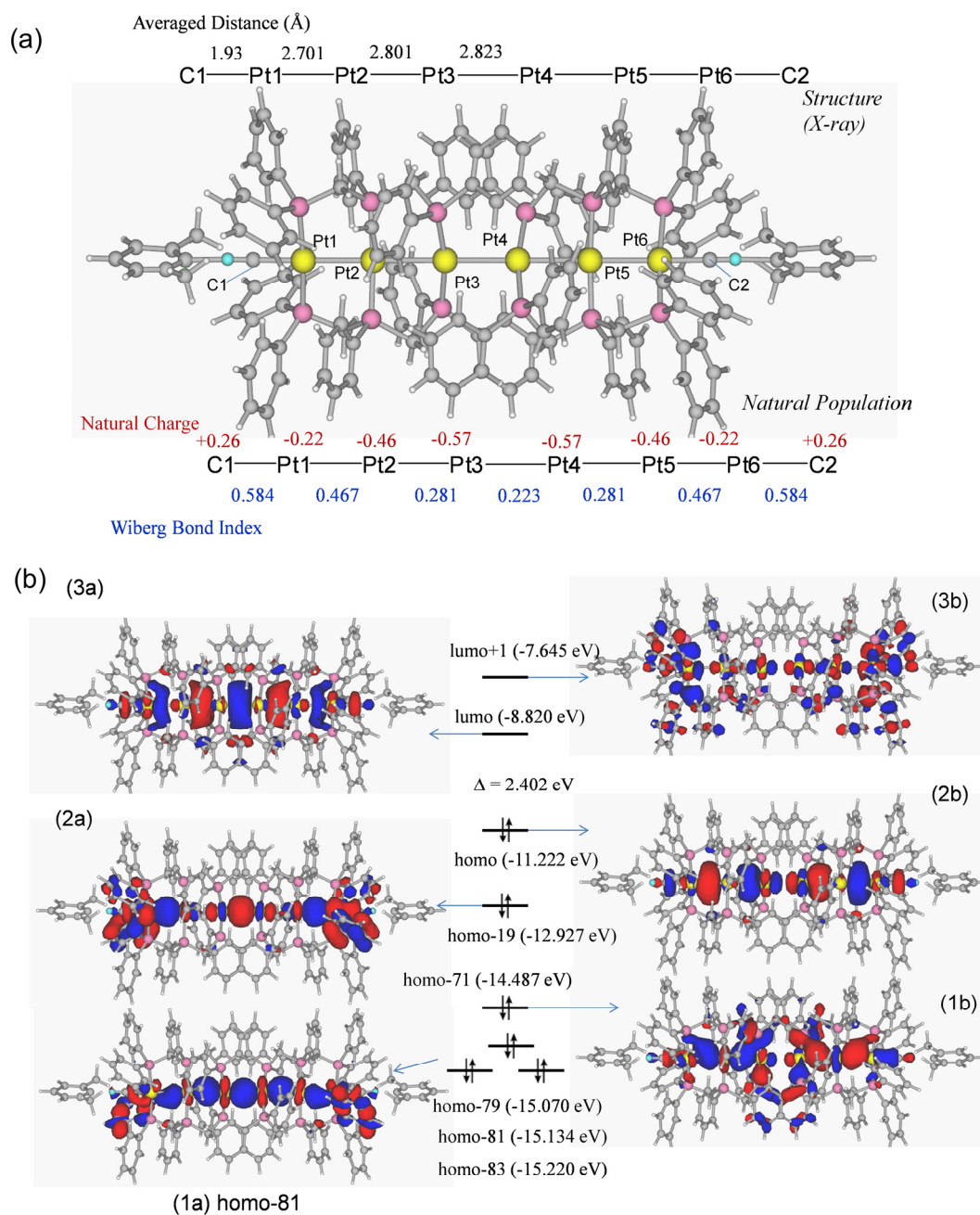


Figure S7. (a) Results of single point DFT calculation by B3LYP/LANL2DZ methods for the crystal structure of $[\text{Pt}_2\text{Pd}_2\text{Pt}_2(\mu\text{-dpmp})_4(\text{XylINC})_2]^{4+}$ (**8**), and (b) diagrams of the essential σ -MOs.

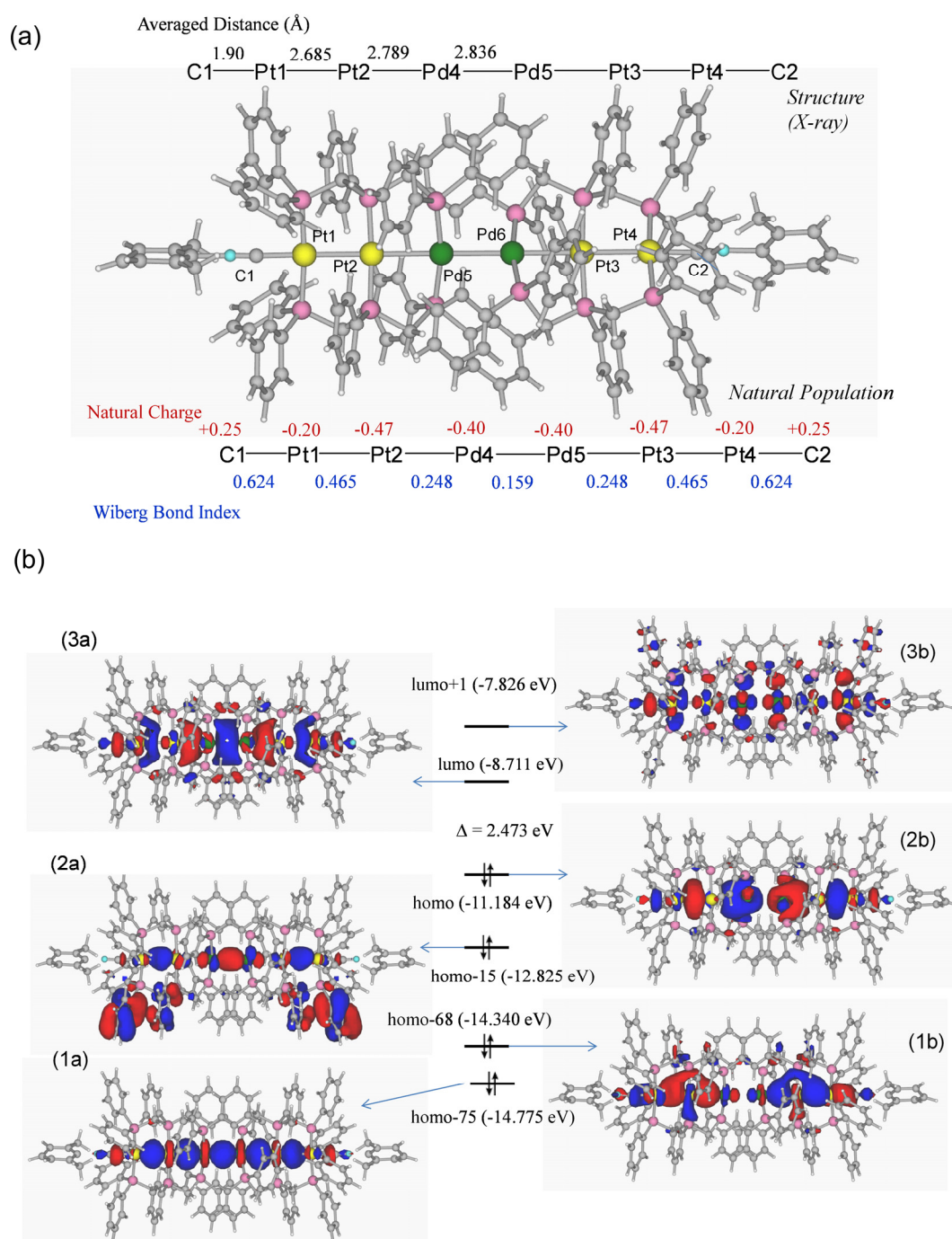


Figure S8. UV-vis spectral changes for the titrations of (a) **7** and (b) **8** with successive addition of 0.1 equiv. of XylNC in dichloromethane.

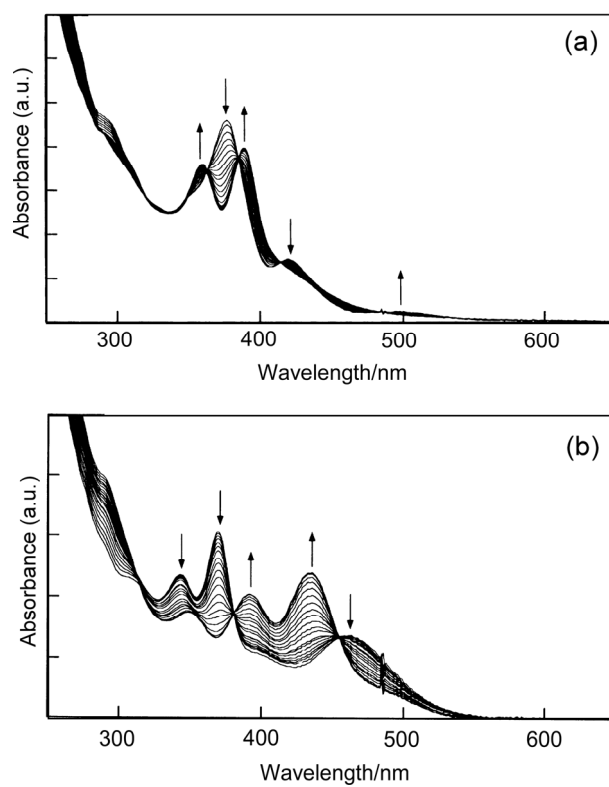


Figure S9. UV-vis spectra of **10** and **11** in dichloromethane.

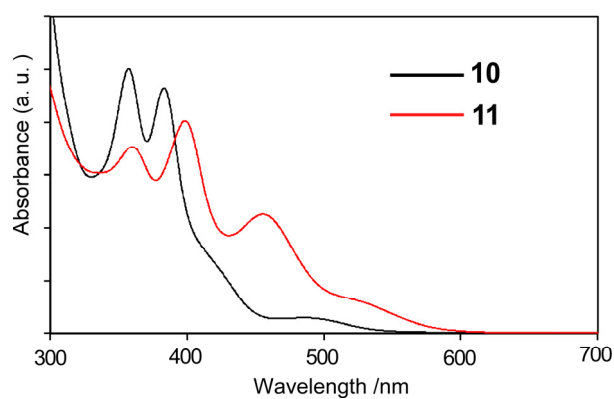


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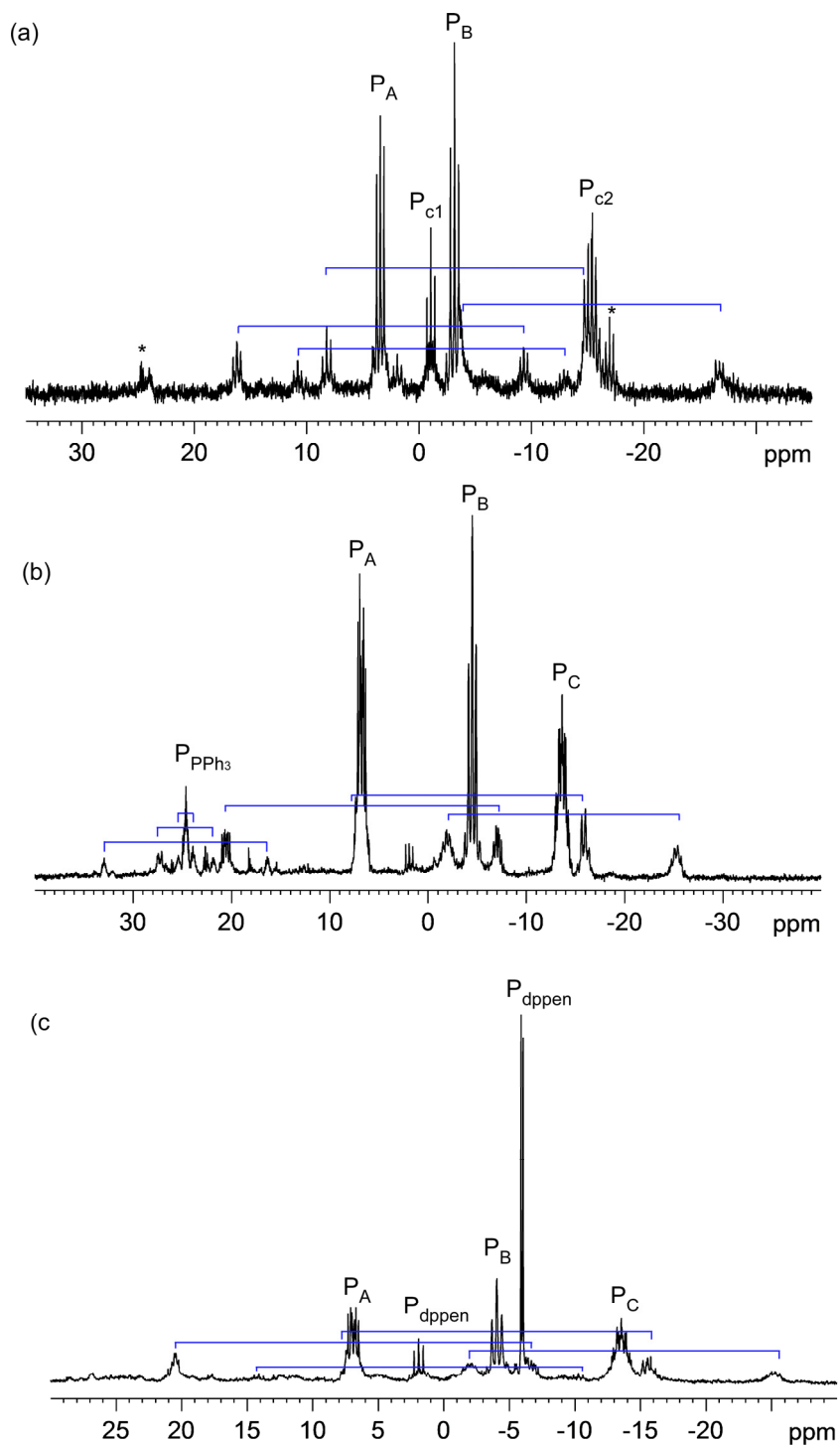
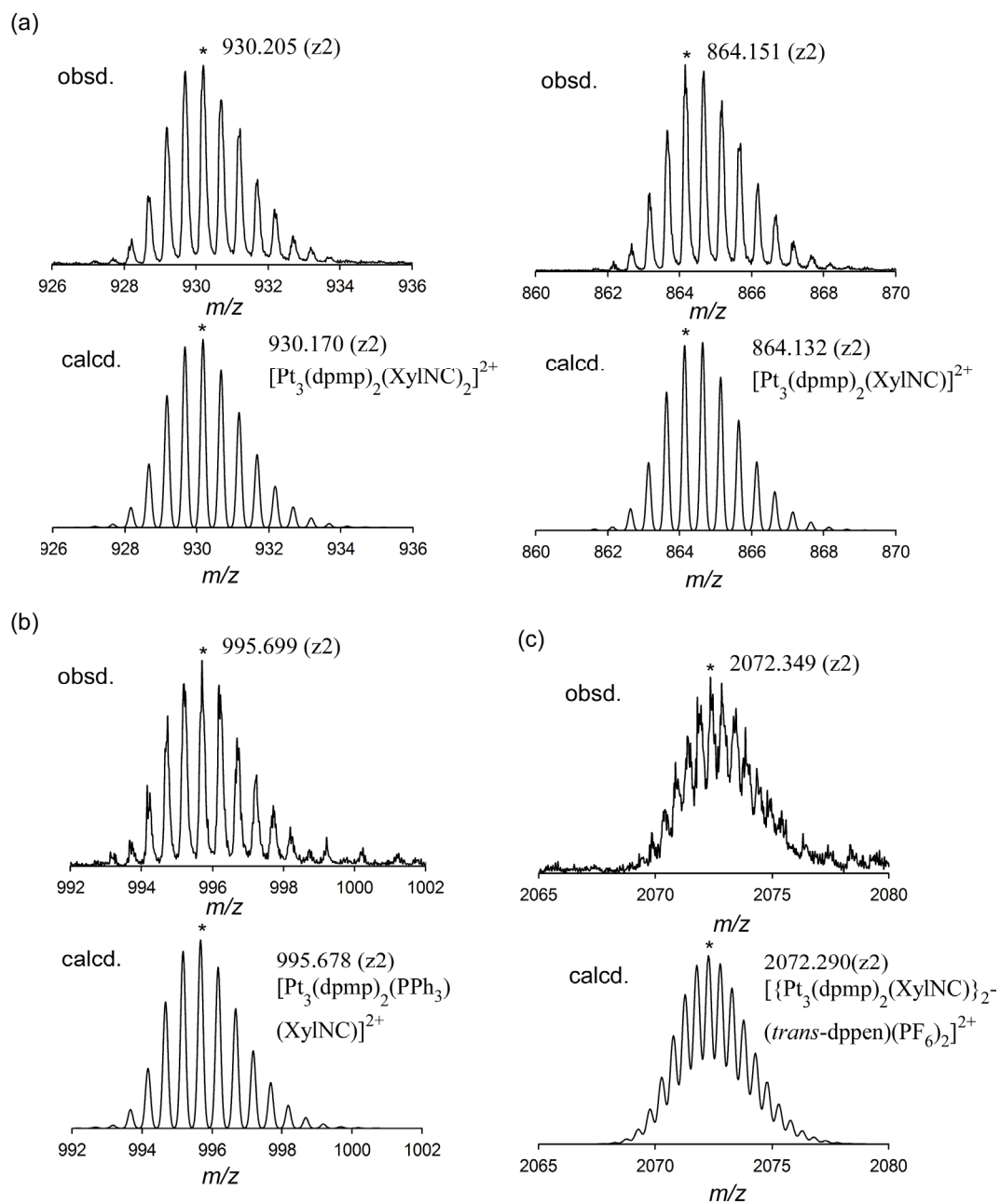


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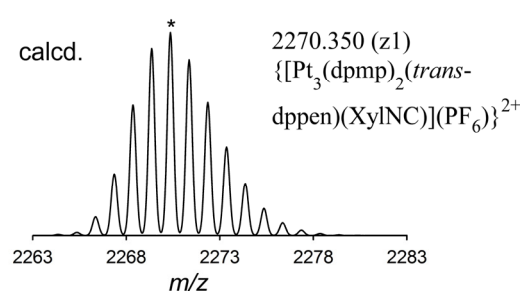
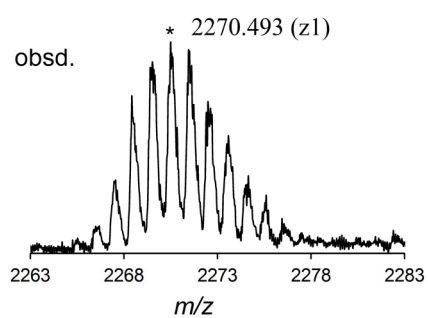
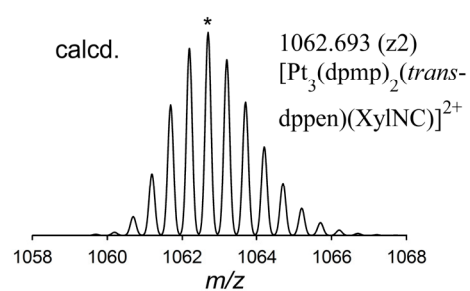
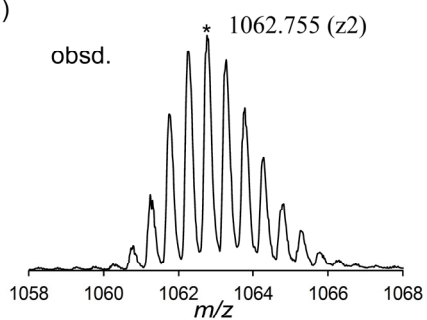


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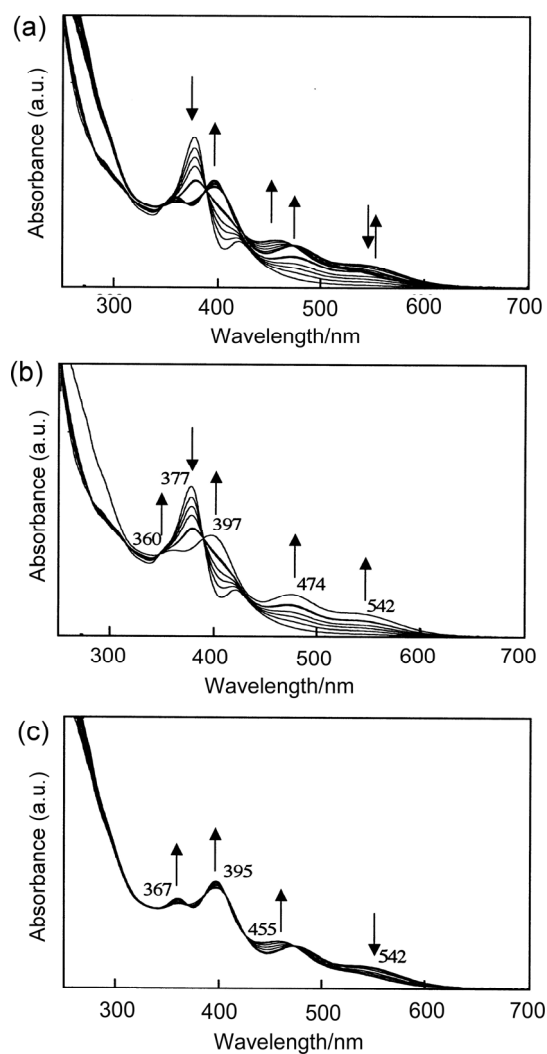


Figure S13. Perspective view for the complex cation of **14a** with atomic numbering schemes. The Pt and P atoms are illustrated with thermal ellipsoids at 40% probability level. The hydrogen atoms are omitted and the C atoms are drawn with arbitrary spherical model for clarity. Pt (yellow), P (pink), and C (gray).

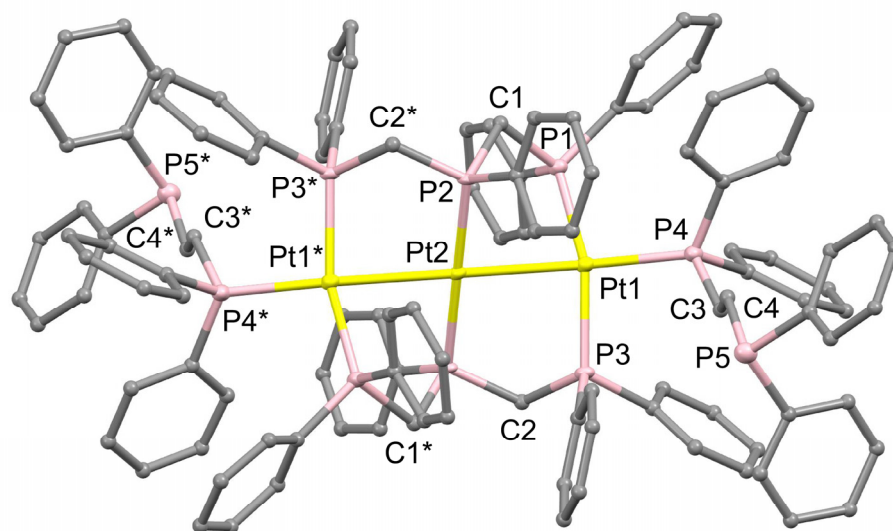


Figure S14. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra for the Au-bound PPh_3 peaks of (a) **15** and (b) **16**. The peaks with asterisk are impurity.

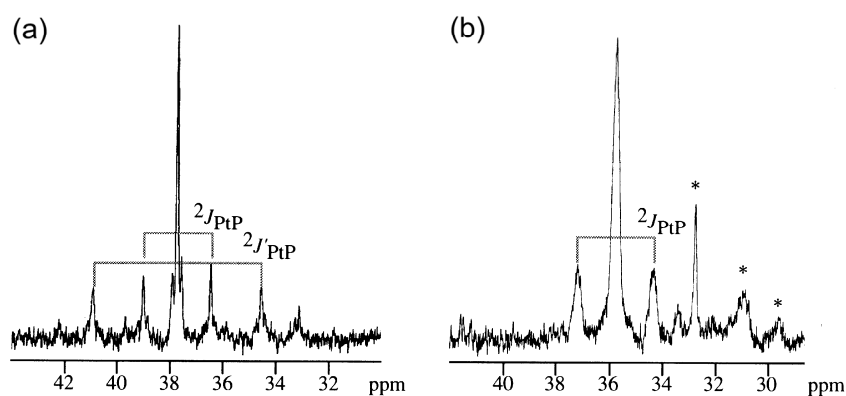


Figure S15. ESI mass spectra of (a) **15** and (b) **16** in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature.

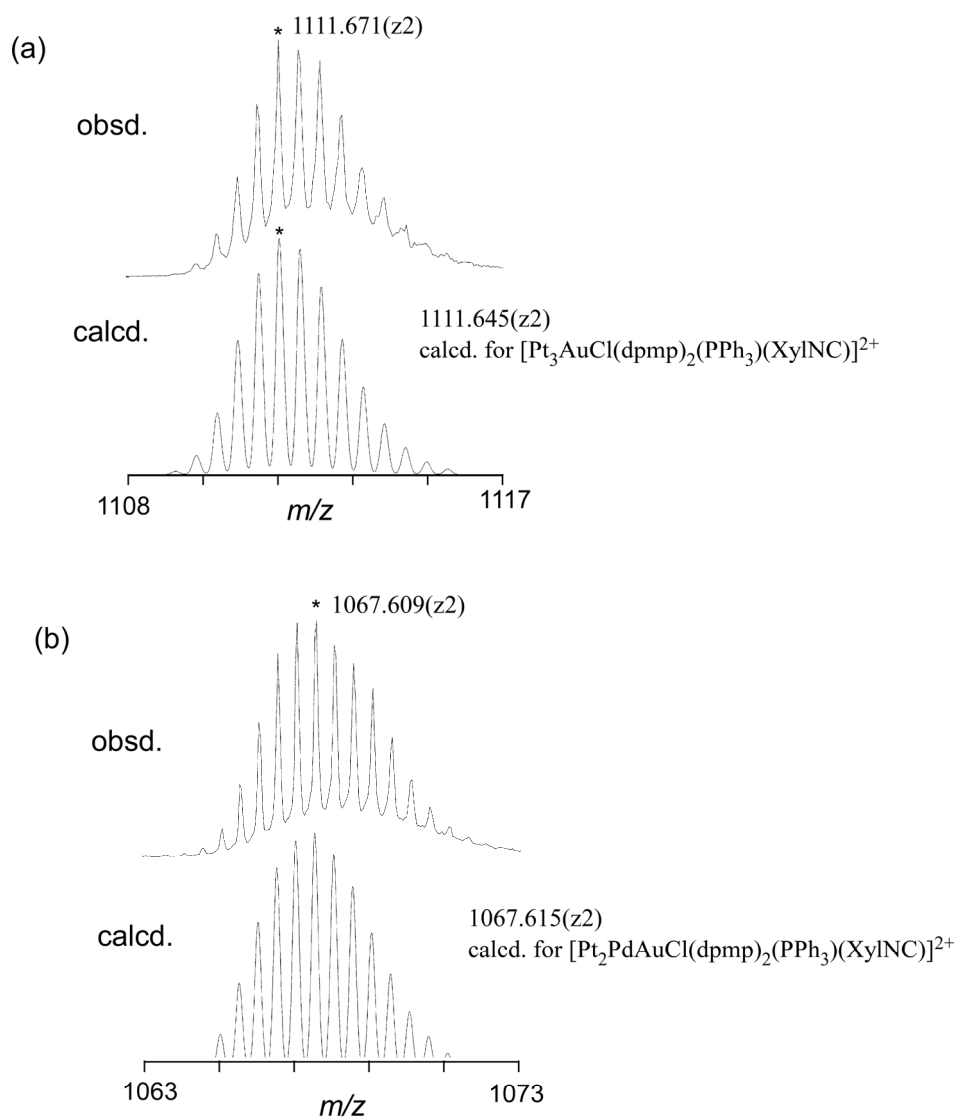


Figure S16. A perspective view for the complex cation of **16** with atomic numbering schemes. The Au, Pt, Pd, Cl, and P atoms are illustrated with thermal ellipsoids at 40% probability level. The hydrogen atoms are omitted and the C and N atoms are drawn with arbitrary spherical model for clarity. Au (violet), Pt (yellow), Pd (green), Cl (light green), P (pink), N (blue), and C (gray).

