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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## A New Approach to the Effects of Isocyanide (CN-R) Ligands on the Luminescence Properties of Cycloplatinated(II) Complexes

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**Figure S23.** DFT optimized structures in ground state and gas phase for the complexes a) **1**, b) **2** and c) **3**.

MO	Energy (eV)	Components (%)			
		Pt	рру	CN-Bz	Me
LUMO+5	0.192	19	20	59	2
LUMO+4	-0.260	8	15	77	0
LUMO+3	-0.370	6	12	82	0
LUMO+2	-0.640	8	16	76	0
LUMO+1	-0.898	2	98	0	0
LUMO	-1.588	7	86	6	1
HOMO	-5.833	35	60	5	0
HOMO-1	-6.091	90	6	0	4
HOMO-2	-6.248	60	35	1	4
HOMO-3	-6.410	49	47	1	3
HOMO-4	-6.907	65	10	15	10
HOMO-5	-7.040	10	12	75	3

Table S1. The energies of the selected MOs for the complex 1 and their compositions.

MO	Energy (eV)	Components (%)			
		Pt	рру	CN-2Np	Me
LUMO+5	-0.011	18	24	53	5
LUMO+4	-0.116	16	34	47	3
LUMO+3	-0.918	2	98	0	0
LUMO+2	-0.996	3	12	85	0
LUMO+1	-1.453	3	58	39	0
LUMO	-1.860	7	29	63	1
HOMO	-5.805	33	48	19	0
HOMO-1	-6.166	80	8	0	2
HOMO-2	-6.221	14	37	47	2
HOMO-3	-6.345	40	28	29	3
HOMO-4	-6.469	58	34	4	4
HOMO-5	-6.903	7	16	77	0

Table S2. The energies of the selected MOs for the complex 2 and their compositions.

Table S3. The energies of the selected MOs for the complex 3 and their compositions.

MO	Energy (eV)	Components (%)			
		Pt	рру	CN-tBu	Me
LUMO+5	0.832	49	12	21	18
LUMO+4	0.697	19	69	11	1
LUMO+3	0.184	20	22	50	8
LUMO+2	-0.407	20	43	37	0
LUMO+1	-0.892	2	98	0	0
LUMO	-1.572	7	88	5	0
HOMO	-5.814	36	59	5	0
HOMO-1	-6.069	90	6	0	4
HOMO-2	-6.229	63	32	1	4
HOMO-3	-6.396	46	51	1	2
HOMO-4	-6.890	70	11	15	4
HOMO-5	-7.145	23	45	7	25



**Table S4.** The MO plots for the complex 1.



**Table S5.** The MO plots for the complex 2.



**Table S6.** The MO plots for the complex **3**.

Excited	Oscillator	Calculated $\lambda$	Transitions	Assignment
state	strength	(nm)	(Major Contribution)	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	0.0494	353	HOMO→LUMO (95%)	ILCT, MLCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	0.1198	317	H-3→LUMO (13%)	ILCT, MLCT
			H-2→LUMO (80%)	MLCT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	0.0507	302	H-3→LUMO (49%)	ILCT, MLCT
			H-2→LUMO (11%)	MLCT, ILCT
			HOMO→L+1 (34%)	ILCT, MLCT, L'LCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	0.2094	283	H-3→LUMO (25%)	ILCT, MLCT
			HOMO→L+1 (61%)	ILCT, MLCT, L'LCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$	0.1635	270	H-2→L+1 (32%)	MLCT, ILCT
			H-1→L+2 (11%)	ML'CT, MLCT
			HOMO→L+2 (38%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{11}$	0.1786	264	H-2→L+1 (40%)	MLCT, ILCT
			HOMO→L+2 (21%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{13}$	0.1770	256	HOMO→L+3 (42%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
			HOMO→L+5 (13%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT

**Table S7.** Wavelengths and corresponding nature of transitions for the complex 1 where M = Pt, L = ppy and L' = CN-Bz.

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Excited	Oscillator	Calculated $\lambda$	Transitions	Assignment
state	strength	(nm)	(Major Contribution)	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	0.2852	369	HOMO→LUMO (87%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	0.1958	333	H-4→LUMO (22%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
			H-3→LUMO (37%)	ML'CT, ILCT, IL'CT
			H-2→LUMO (34%)	IL'CT, ILCT, ML'CT, LL'CT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	0.1314	324	HOMO→L+1 (77%)	IL'CT, ILCT, ML'CT, MLCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	0.1430	314	H-3→LUMO (32%)	ML'CT, ILCT, IL'CT
			H-2→LUMO (45%)	IL'CT, ILCT, ML'CT, LL'CT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$	0.1196	309	H-4→LUMO (51%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
			H-3→LUMO (14%)	ML'CT, ILCT, IL'CT
			HOMO→L+3 (10%)	MLCT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{12}$	0.1941	281	H-4→L+1 (13%)	MLCT, ML'CT
			H-3→L+1 (19%)	IL'CT, ILCT, ML'CT, MLCT
			H-2→L+1 (37%)	IL'CT, ILCT, L'LCT
			HOMO→L+3 (14%)	MLCT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{13}$	0.2461	277	H-5→LUMO (22%)	IL'CT, L'LCT
			H-3→L+1 (19%)	IL'CT, ILCT, ML'CT, MLCT
			HOMO→L+2 (22%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, IL'CT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{18}$	0.2262	261	H-4→L+1 (10%)	MLCT, ML'CT
			H-3→L+3 (35%)	MLCT, ILCT, L'LCT
			H-2→L+3 (28%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, IL'CT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{30}$	0.3414	242	H-5→L+1 (29%)	IL'CT, L'LCT, ILCT
			H-4→L+2 (20%)	ML'CT, LL'CT
			H-3→L+2 (15%)	ML'CT, IL'CT, LL'CT
			HOMO→L+4 (12%)	ML'CT, IL'CT, LL'CT

**Table S8.** Wavelengths and corresponding nature of transitions for the complex **2** where M = Pt, L = ppy and L' = CN-2Np.

Excited	Oscillator	Calculated $\lambda$	Transitions	Assignment
state	strength	(nm)	(Major Contribution)	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	0.0419	354	HOMO→LUMO (95%)	MLCT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	0.1127	317	H-3→LUMO (11%)	MLCT, ILCT
			H-2→LUMO (82%)	MLCT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	0.2234	284	H-3→LUMO (29%)	MLCT, ILCT
			HOMO→L+1 (58%)	MLCT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$	0.0835	268	H-2→L+1 (72%)	MLCT, ILCT
			HOMO→L+2 (17%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{11}$	0.3854	259	H-2→L+1 (11%)	MLCT, ILCT
			H-2→L+2 (18%)	MLCT, ILCT, ML'CT
			HOMO→L+2 (50%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{12}$	0.0937	253	H-3→L+1 (41%)	MLCT, ILCT
			H-3→L+2 (13%)	ILCT, ML'CT, LL'CT
			H-2→L+2 (26%)	MLCT, ILCT, ML'CT
			HOMO→L+2 (12%)	ML'CT, LL'CT, ILCT
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{13}$	0.1683	251	H-6→LUMO (14%)	MLCT, ILCT
			H-3→L+1 (42%)	MLCT, ILCT
			H-2→L+2 (19%)	MLCT, ILCT, ML'CT

**Table S9.** Wavelengths and corresponding nature of transitions for the complex **3** where M = Pt, L = ppy and L' = CN-tBu.



Figure S24. Molecular orbital plots for the computed  $S_0$  (left) and  $T_1$  (right) states of complex 3.



Figure S25. Molecular orbital plots for the computed  $S_0$  (left) and  $T_1$  (right) states of complex 2.

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Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{18}N_2Pt$	$C_{17}H_{20}N_2Pt$
Formula weight	481.44	447.43
Temperature	298(2) K	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, C2/c	Orthorhombic, P212121
Unit cell dimensions	a = 21.311(4)Å	a = 9.3461(19) Å
	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$
	b = 12.257(3)  Å	b = 10.106(2)  Å
	$\beta = 128.40(3)^{\circ}$	β= 90°
	c = 16.659(3)  Å	c = 17.704(4)  Å
	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Volume	3410.2(19) Å <sup>3</sup>	1672.2(6) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	8, 1.876 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	4, 1.777 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	8.230 mm <sup>-1</sup>	8.383 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1840	856
$\theta$ range for data collection	2.08 to 24.99°	2.30 to 25.00°
Limiting indices	-25<=h<=24,	-9<=h<=11,
	-14<=k<=14,	-10<=k<=12,
	-19<=1<=19	-19<=l<=21
Reflections collected	9010	5278
Completeness to $\theta$	= 24.99, 99.9 %	= 25.00, 100.0 %
Independent reflections	3001 [R(int) = 0.0814]	2936 [R(int) = 0.1076]
<b>Refinement method</b>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3001 / 0 / 209	2936 / 0 / 173
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.878	0.949
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0375, wR2 = 0.0616	R1 = 0.0496, $wR2 = 0.1102$
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0736, $wR2 = 0.0678$	R1 = 0.0633, wR2 = 0.1141
Extinction coefficient	n/a	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.832 and -1.077 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.159 and -1.502 e. $Å^3$
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 Table S10. Crystallographic and structure refinement data for 1 and 3.