# **Triplet state structure-property relationships in a series of platinum acetylides: effect of chromophore length and electronic properties**

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### Linear spectroscopy data

Ground state absorption spectra of these compounds dissolved methyl-THF, emission and excitation spectra collected from methyl-THF glass at 77 K were collected by Abigail Shelton from Kirk Schanze's group, Department of Chemistry, University of Florida, Gainesville FL. Emission spectra(10 nm ex/em bandwidth) were obtained by exciting the sample at the ground state spectrum absorption maximum while excitation spectra(10 nm ex/em bandwidth) were obtained by monitoring emission intensity at the emission maximum. The spectra have been converted to transition dipole moment representation and corrected for inner filter effects. (Angulo, Grampp, & Rosspeintner, 2006)



Fig S1 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for NH<sub>2</sub>.







Fig S3 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for DPA.



FigS4 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for t-Bu.



Fig S5 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for CH<sub>3</sub>.



Fig S6 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for H.



Fig S7 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for F.



Fig S8 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for CF<sub>3</sub>.



Fig S9 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for BTH.



Fig S10 Emission(black line), excitation(red line) and absorption(blue line) spectra for CN.



 $FigS11 {\rm Emission} ({\rm black\, line}), excitation (red line) and absorption (blue line) {\rm spectra\, for}\, NO_2.$ 

# Computational Chemistry Figures



**FigS12** Upper panel: PES scan of the **H** ground and triplet state; Lower panel: Boltzmann-weighted dihedral angle distribution for chromophore **H**.

## Triplet state absorption spectra

The samples were dissolved in benzene and deoxygenated by three successive freeze-pump-thaw cycles.Nanosecond transient absorption measurements were carried out using the third harmonic (355 nm) of a Q-switched Nd:YAG laser (Quantel Brilliant, pulse width of ~5 ns). Pulse fluences of up to 1 mJ cm-2 at the excitation wavelength were typically used. A detailed description of the laser flash photolysis apparatus was published earlier. (Rogers, Cooper, Fleitz, Glass, & McLean, 2002)



Fig S13 Triplet state absorption spectrum of DPA.



Fig S14 Triplet state absorption spectrum of NH<sub>2</sub>.



Fig S15 Triplet state absorption spectrum of CF<sub>3</sub>.



Fig S16 Triplet state absorption spectrum of CN.



Fig S17 Triplet state absorption spectrum of BTH.



Fig S18 Triplet state absorption spectrum of  $NO_2$ .

## Computational chemistry data tables

Calculations were done using Gaussian 09W, Version 7.0. (Frisch, G.W., Schlegel, & G. E. Scuseria) The chromophores were modeled as trans-Pt(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C=C-Phenyl-X)<sub>2</sub> in THF through use of PCM. We performed DFT energy minimizations for the ground state using B3LYP/6-311g(2d,p) and TDDFT calculations using CAM-B3LYP/6-311g(2d,p). The basis set for the central Pt atom was SDD.



For all calculations the angle  $\theta$  between the phenyl rings was 90 deg.

Ligand	$E(S_0)^a$	$E(S_0) (T_1)^b$	$\Delta E^{c}$	$E(T_1)^d$	E <sub>H</sub>	EL	$EA^{f}$
NH <sub>2</sub>	-1768.39606	-1768.38113	0.406	-1768.29393	-5.02898	-0.82288	0.52572
OCH <sub>3</sub>	-1886.75848	-1886.74509	0.364	-1886.65584	-5.24776	-0.90479	0.69933
DPA	-2692.81217	-2692.80075	0.311	-2692.71997	-5.02898	-1.13472	1.0656
t-Bu	-1972.24079	-1972.22657	0.387	-1972.13716	-5.39770	-1.01581	0.93825
CH <sub>3</sub>	-1736.29960	-1736.28546	0.385	-1736.19653	-5.41021	-1.00683	0.94396
H	-1657.64252	-1657.62853	0.381	-1657.53809	-5.50681	-1.06833	1.0555
F	-1856.17748	-1856.16331	0.386	-1856.07291	-5.51661	-1.06234	1.0672
BTH	-3100.89742	-3100.88432	0.357	-3100.81590	-5.55770	-1.99461	2.1165
CF <sub>3</sub>	-2331.94370	-2331.93050	0.359	-2331.84314	-5.73865	-1.45283	1.6972
CN	-1842.18888	-1842.17698	0.324	-1842.09610	-5.83362	-1.84876	2.1693
$NO_2$	-2066.78035	-2066.77052	0.267	-2066.70045	-5.93240	-2.67572	2.8232

Table S1 Calculated ground(S<sub>0</sub>) and triplet state(T<sub>1</sub>) energies.

<sup>a</sup>Energy(relaxed S<sub>0</sub> geometry, perpendicular conformation(au).

<sup>b</sup>Energy(ground state, relaxed T<sub>1</sub> geometry(au).

<sup>c</sup>E(S<sub>0</sub>, relaxed T<sub>1</sub> geometry) – E(relaxed S<sub>0</sub> geometry, perpendicular conformation)(eV). <sup>d</sup>E(relaxed T<sub>1</sub> geometry)(au).

<sup>e</sup>HOMO, LUMO energies, relaxed S<sub>0</sub> geometry, perpendicular conformation(eV). <sup>f</sup>Ligand electron affinity(- E(LUMO)(eV).

X	$\Delta E^{a}$	$\Delta E_1 b$	$\Delta E_2  \Delta E$	<b>3 ΔE</b> 4	$\Delta E_5$
NH <sub>2</sub>	3.99	2.84	2.94 3.7	1 3.74	3.92
OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.07	2.90	3.01 3.9	0 3.91	3.97
DPA <sup>c</sup>	3.76	2.67	2.75 3.1	4 3.14	3.47
t-Bu	4.09	2.90	3.00 3.9	6 4.22	4.29
CH <sub>3</sub>	4.10	2.89	2.99 3.9	7 4.22	4.24
Н	4.12	2.92	3.03 3.9	9 4.22	4.33
F	4.14	2.92	3.04 3.9	9 4.09	4.11
BTH	3.53	2.34	2.39 3.2	1 3.27	3.83
CF <sub>3</sub>	4.06	2.81	2.91 4.0	1 4.11	4.30
CN	3.88	2.60	2.68 3.9	6 3.98	4.28
$NO_2$	3.53	2.46	2.53 2.7	4 2.75	3.39

**Table S2** Summary of TDDFT Calculations for  $\theta = 90$  deg.

<sup>a</sup>Transition energy in for the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$  transition(eV) for state 1.

<sup>b</sup>Transition energy for the  $S_0 \rightarrow T_1$  transition(eV), and  $S_0 \rightarrow T_2$ ,  $T_3$ ,  $T_4$  and  $T_5$  states in columns 4-7.

<sup>c</sup>Additional S<sub>0</sub>  $\rightarrow$  T<sub>n</sub> transitions(eV) for DPA. State 6: 3.59;State 7: 3.69; State 8: 3.70,

<sup>d</sup>Additional S<sub>0</sub>  $\rightarrow$  T<sub>n</sub> transitions(eV) for NO<sub>2</sub>. State 6: 3.39; State 7: 3.80.

$-\frac{2}{1} \xrightarrow{4} \xrightarrow{5} 6 X$								
Ligand	1 <sup>a</sup>	2	3	4	5	6		
NH <sub>2</sub>	2.0077	1.2459	1.4330	1.4229	1.4000	1.4189		
OCH <sub>3</sub>	2.0070	1.2454	1.4330	1.4193	1.4055	1.4105		
DPA	2.0144	1.2432	1.4361	1.4213	1.4014	1.4143		
t-Bu	2.0062	1.2454	1.4332	1.4230	1.3999	1.4182		
CH <sub>3</sub>	2.0062	1.2453	1.4335	1.4214	1.4039	1.4129		
Η	2.0050	1.2454	1.4332	1.4236	1.4037	1.4102		
F	2.0043	1.2451	1.4326	1.4240	1.4033	1.3994		
BTH	2.0074	1.2439	1.4314	1.4226	1.3989	1.4160		
CF <sub>3</sub>	2.0023	1.2450	1.4299	1.4240	1.3990	1.4105		
CN	2.0037	1.2447	1.4298	1.4244	1.3982	1.4175		
NO <sub>2</sub>	1.9997	1.2447	1.4287	1.4252	1.3974	1.4090		

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths from equilibrium ground state geometry

<sup>a</sup>Ground state bond length 1(Å). The other bonds are labeled 2-6.

$-\frac{2}{1} \frac{4}{5} \frac{6}{5} X$								
Ligand	1 <sup>a</sup>	2	3	4	5	6		
NH <sub>2</sub>	1.9817	1.2799	1.3725	1.4816	1.3758	1.4431		
OCH <sub>3</sub>	1.9795	1.2820	1.3708	1.4772	1.3712	1.4466		
DPA	1.9932	1.2712	1.3806	1.4775	1.3705	1.4566		
t-Bu	1.9778	1.2837	1.3703	1.4811	1.3807	1.4401		
CH <sub>3</sub>	1.9778	1.2835	1.3704	1.4777	1.3749	1.4506		
Η	1.9754	1.2852	1.3701	1.4805	1.3796	1.4387		
F	1.9750	1.2847	1.3696	1.4836	1.3790	1.4271		
BTH	1.9934	1.2607	1.3962	1.4576	1.3708	1.4667		
CF <sub>3</sub>	1.9740	1.2817	1.3736	1.4750	1.3746	1.4439		
CN	1.9800	1.2757	1.3770	1.4747	1.3703	1.4592		
NO <sub>2</sub>	1.9757	1.2695	1.3867	1.4605	1.3755	1.4433		

**Table S4** Selected bond lengths from equilibrium  $T_1$  state geometry.

<sup>a</sup>Triplet state bond length 1(Å). The other bonds are labeled 2-6.

Ligand	d <sup>1</sup>	π*2	$\Delta \rho^3$	
NH2	0.11	0.50	0.39	
OCH3	0.15	0.47	0.32	
DPA	0.06	0.36	0.30	
t-Bu	0.17	0.43	0.26	
CH3	0.17	0.43	0.26	
Н	0.19	0.42	0.23	
F	0.18	0.43	0.25	
BTH	0.14	0.06	-0.08	
CF3	0.21	0.24	0.03	
CN	0.19	0.15	-0.04	
NO2	0.21	0.05	-0.16	

**Table S5** Electron central platinum atom population change upon excitation to the  $S_1$  state.

<sup>1</sup>Ground state electron density of d orbital on Pt atom.

 $^2S_1$  state electron density of  $\pi^*$  orbital on Pt atom.

<sup>3</sup>Calculated from population analysis of S<sub>1</sub> state when platinum complex is in an out-of-plane conformation. Change in population is defined as  $population(\pi^* \text{ orbital, platinum atom}) - population(d orbital, platinum atom}).$ 

$-\frac{2}{1} \frac{4}{3} \frac{5}{6} X$								
Ligand	$\mathbf{Pt}^1$	$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^2$	<b>Phenyl</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>End Cap(X)</b> <sup>4</sup>	<b>Remainder</b> <sup>5</sup>			
NH <sub>2</sub>	0.24079	0.47223	0.95941	0.19662	0.13095			
OCH <sub>3</sub>	0.21824	0.53472	1.0377	0.10705	0.10230			
DPA	0.14693	0.39034	1.0701	0.33764	0.055008			
t-Bu	0.20722	0.56586	1.1312	0.0028490	0.092854			
CH <sub>3</sub>	0.20448	0.56052	1.1330	0.011192	0.090758			
Н	0.21530	0.59700	1.1275	-0.036182	0.096352			
F	0.21529	0.58816	1.0630	0.039800	0.093796			
BTH	0.10496	0.31934	0.90661	0.63572	0.033368			
CF <sub>3</sub>	0.19391	0.58325	1.1109	0.032180	0.079750			
CN	0.16647	0.51310	1.0977	0.15673	0.065982			
NO <sub>2</sub>	0.18419	0.44802	0.80913	0.48414	0.074516			

Table S6 Summary of spin density data

<sup>1</sup>Spin density on central platinum atom <sup>2</sup>Spin density on acetylene bond <sup>3</sup>Spin density on phenyl ring <sup>4</sup>Spin density on end cap

<sup>5</sup>Remainder spin density on the rest of the molecule(Remainder = 2-(SD(Pt)+SD(CC)+SD(Phenyl)+SD(X))



 Table S7 HOMO, LUMO and T1 state Spin Density images



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