# **Supporting information**

# From well-defined Pt(II) surface species to the controlled growth of silica supported Pt nanoparticles

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# A. Analytical techniques

#### Solid State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

<sup>1</sup>H magic angle spinning (MAS) and <sup>13</sup>C cross polarization (CP)-MAS solid-state NMR spectra were recorded on a Brüker Avance III 500 MHz spectrometer with a conventional double resonance 4 mm CP-MAS probe operating respectively at 500 MHz for 1H and 125 MHz for 13C. The samples were introduced under Ar in a zirconia rotor, which was then tightly closed. In all experiments, the rotation frequency was set to ca. 10 kHz. For cross polarization experiments the contact time was set to 2 ms. Chemical shifts are given with respect to TMS as external references for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (0 ppm).

#### **TEM microscopy**

All samples for TEM analysis were prepared under air by directly dipping the TEM grids into the powder samples to avoid the use of any solvent associated with the risk of aggregating or leaching of the nanoparticles. A Philips CM120 Transmission Electron Microscope was used at the Centre Technologique des Microstructures Université Lyon 1, the acceleration voltage was set to 120 kV.

#### Direct Reflectance Infrared Fourier Transform Spectroscopy (DRIFT).

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Magna 550 FT spectrometer using a custom infrared cell equipped with  $CaF_2$  windows, allowing in situ studies. Typically, 64 scans were accumulated for each spectrum (resolution 4 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The reflectance measurements were refined according to the Kubelka-Munk theory for enhanced resolution. Samples are loaded under argon in a glove box.

# **B. Single Crystal X-Ray diffraction**

# Table S-1.

	$(COD)Pt(Me)(OSi(OtBu)_3)$ (2)	$(COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)_3)(N(SiMe)_3)$ (3)
Formula	$C_{21}H_{42}PtO_4Si$	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>57</sub> NPtO <sub>4</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight (g.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	581.74	727.09
Crystal size (mm)	0.38x0.21x0.13	0.63x0.53x0.45
Color, morphology	coloreless	light yellow
$\rho$ (g.cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.563	1.452
Lattice type, crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P2_{1}/n$	<i>P</i> -1
Z	2	2
Cell constant		
a (Å)	9.465(1)	10.5195(5)
b (Å)	8.6144(9)	11.5936(6)
c (Å)	30.436(3)	14.5167(8)
α (°)	90	72.425(5)
β (°)	95.187(9)	80.632(4)
γ (°)	90	89.822(4)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2471.4(4)	1663.3(2)
F <sub>000</sub>	1168	744
$\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	5.75	4.36
θ (°)	3.6-29.5	3.5-29.5
Scan type	ω scans	ω scans
Temperature (K)	150	150
Measured reflections	22806	43516
Refinement	full least-square matrix on $F^2$	full least-square matrix on $F^2$
Independent relections	6069	8476
No. Parameters	244	317
$R[F^2>2\sigma(F^2)]/wR_2$	0.047/ 0.149	0.031/ 0.066
GoF	0.99	1
Max peak in final diff. map (e- $Å^{-3}$ )	2.09	1.86
Min peak in final diff. map (e- Å-3)	-3.57	-1.76

# C. (COD)Pt(Me)<sub>2</sub>

Figure S1. IR-DRIFT



a)  $SiO_{2-700}$ , b) (COD)Pt(Me)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, c) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment, d) SiO<sub>2-200</sub>, e)

(COD)Pt(Me)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-200</sub>, f) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment

	grafted	after H <sub>2</sub>
SiO <sub>2-700</sub>	3057/3001/2945/2927/2877/2842/2801	-
SiO <sub>2-200</sub>	3018/3005/2955/2930/2894/2648/2802	-



lb=100Hz)



lb=100Hz)

Solid-state NMR of (COD)Pt(Me)<sub>2</sub> mixed in the solid state with SiO<sub>2-700</sub>



 $^{13}\text{C}$  CP/MAS solid state NMR spectra of (COD)Pt(Me)\_2 + SiO\_{2-700}~(d1 = 2 \text{ s}, 3433 \text{ scans},

lb=100Hz)





(COD)Pt(Me)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-200</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. 170 nanoparticles count. Mean

size 3.0 (σ=0.7) nm.



(COD)Pt(Me)2@SiO2-700 treated under static H2 atmosphere. 212 nanoparticles count. Mean

size 2.4 (σ=0.9) nm.

# **D.** (COD) $Pt(OSi(OtBu)_3)_2$

### Figure S4. IR-DRIFT



a) SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, b) (COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, c) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment, d) SiO<sub>2-200</sub>, e)

 $(COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)_3)_2@SiO_{2-200}, f)$  after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment

	grafted	after H <sub>2</sub>
SiO <sub>2-700</sub>	3370/2975/2933/2905/2876	2982/2955/2938/2913/2880
SiO <sub>2-200</sub>	3420/2975/2931/2905/2876/2850	2984/2040



13C CP/MAS solid state NMR spectra of (COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-200</sub> (d1 = 4 s, 12766

scans, lb=100Hz)



13C CP/MAS solid state NMR spectra of (COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-700</sub> (d1 = 2 s,2618

scans, lb=50Hz)

# Figure S6. TEM



(COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-200</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. 200 nanoparticles count.





(COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2-700</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. 200 nanoparticles count.

Mean size 2.0 ( $\sigma$ =0.6) nm.



 $(COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)_3)_2 @SiO_{2\text{-}700} \text{ treated under } H_2 \text{ flow. 200 nanoparticles count. Mean size}$ 

1.8 (σ=0.4) nm.

# E. (COD)Pt(Me)(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)

### Figure S7.

### Liquid NMR of 2 (COD) $Pt(Me)(OSi(OtBu)_3)$ in $C_6D_6$ .



<sup>13</sup>C NMR in C6D6, d1=1sec, 17709 scans

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>;  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.16 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, JPt-H=75Hz), 1.50 (m, 4H, endo CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.62 (s, 27H, OCMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.80 (m, 4H, exo CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.57 (t, 2H, =CH, trans to OSi, JPt-H=66 Hz), 5.90 (t, 2H, =CH, trans to CH<sub>3</sub>, JPt-H=30Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ;  $\delta$ , ppm): 6.9 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>, JPt-C=700 Hz), 27.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.6 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.2 (s, OCMe<sub>3</sub>), 71.4 (s, OCMe<sub>3</sub>), 73.4 (s, =CH, trans to OSi, JPt-C=227 Hz), 113.3 (s, =CH, trans to CH<sub>3</sub>, JPt-C=26.5 Hz).

Figure S8. IR-DRIFT



a) SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, b) (COD)Pt(Me)(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, c) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment, d) SiO<sub>2-</sub>

200, e) (COD)Pt(Me)(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-200</sub>, f) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment

	grafted	after H <sub>2</sub>
SiO <sub>2-700</sub>	3015/2977/2954/2932/2893/2888/2846/2800	2983
SiO <sub>2-200</sub>	3413/3013/2975/2951/2928/2890/2844/2801	2984



<sup>13</sup>C CP/MAS solid state NMR spectra of (COD)Pt(Me)((OSi(OtBu)\_3)@SiO\_{2-700} (d1 = 6 s,

38069 scans, lb=100Hz)

## Figure S10. TEM



(COD)Pt(Me)((OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-200</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub>. 170 nanoparticles count. Mean

size 2.6 (σ=1.2) nm.



(COD)Pt(Me)(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)/SiO<sub>2-700</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub>. 226 nanoparticles count. Mean

size 2.0 ( $\sigma$ =0.6) nm.

# F. (COD)Pt(Me)N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>



<sup>13</sup>C NMR, d1=1sec, 10000 scans

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (C6D6;  $\delta$ , ppm): 0.46 (s, 18H, -Si*Me*<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 (t, 3H, Pt-C*H*<sub>3</sub>, JPt-H=80Hz), 1.47 (m, 4H, endo *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (m, 4H, exo *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (t, 2H, =*CH*, trans to N, JPt-H=60 Hz), 5.18 (t, 2H, =*CH*, trans to CH<sub>3</sub>, JPt-H=30Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (C6D6; δ, ppm): 5.8 (t, *C*H<sub>3</sub>, Me, JPt-C=726.8 Hz), 6.8 (m, Si*C*H3), 28.1 (t, *C*H<sub>2</sub>, JPt-C=12.9 Hz), 30.8 (t, *C*H<sub>2</sub>, JPt-C=15.9 Hz), 83.9 (t, =*C*H, trans to N, JPt-C=161.3 Hz), 111.6 (s, =*C*H, trans to CH<sub>3</sub>, JPt-C=29.4 Hz).





a) SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, b) (COD)Pt(Me)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, c) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment, d) SiO<sub>2-200</sub>,

e) (COD)Pt(Me)(N(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )@SiO <sub>2-200</sub>	$_0$ , f) after static H <sub>2</sub> treatment
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	grafted	after H <sub>2</sub>
SiO <sub>2-700</sub>	3017/3002/2962/2957/2932/2895/2846/2802	3747/2966//2907/1980
SiO <sub>2-200</sub>	3014/3000/2954/2927/2890/2844/2796	2965/2905/1982



<sup>13</sup>C CP/MAS solid state NMR spectra of (COD)Pt(Me)(N(SiMe\_3)\_2)/SiO\_{2-(200)} (d1 = 2 s, 26482)

scans, lb=100Hz)



<sup>13</sup>C CP/MAS solid state NMR spectra of (COD)Pt(Me)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-700</sub> (d1 = 2 s, 10379)

scans, lb=100Hz)

### Figure S14. TEM



(COD)Pt(Me)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-200</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub>. 150 nanoparticles count. Mean

size 3.3 (σ=1.0) nm.



(COD)Pt(Me)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-700</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. 221 nanoparticles

count. Mean size 2.1 ( $\sigma$ =0.9) nm.



 $(COD)Pt(Me)(N(SiMe_3)_2) @SiO_{2\text{-}700} \ treated \ under \ H_2 \ flow. \ 221 \ nanoparticles \ count. \ Mean$ 

size 1.7 (σ=0.8) nm.

# G. (COD)Pt(Cl)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)

## Figure S15. IR-DRIFT



a) SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, b) (COD)Pt(Cl)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, c) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment, d) SiO<sub>2-200</sub>,

e) (COD)Pt(Cl)(N(SiMe\_3)\_2)@SiO\_{2-200}, f) after static  $H_2$  treatment

	grafted	after H <sub>2</sub>
SiO <sub>2-700</sub>	3022/3008/2964/2934/2902/2888	2966/2907
SiO <sub>2-200</sub>	3023/3009/2962/2942/2934/2900/2853	2964/2907



scans, lb=100Hz)

Note: the additional peak at 60 ppm is attributed to physisorbed diethylether.

Figure S17. TEM



(COD)Pt(Cl)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-200</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



 $(COD)Pt(Cl)(N(SiMe_3)_2)@SiO_{2-700}$  treated under static H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



 $(COD)Pt(Cl)(N(SiMe_3)_2)@SiO_{2-700}$  treated under H<sub>2</sub> flow. 103 nanoparticles count. Mean size

 $6.3 (\sigma = 2.4) \text{ nm.}$ 

# H. (COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR, d1=1sec, 1875 scans.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (C6D6; δ, ppm): 0.54 (s, 18H, -Si*Me*<sub>3</sub>), 1.31 (m, 4H, endo C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.54 (s, 27H, OC*Me*<sub>3</sub>), 1.94 (m, 4H, exo C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 4.55 (t, 2H, =C*H*, trans to OSi, JPt-H=66 Hz), 6.01 (t, 2H, =C*H*, trans to N, JPt-H=51Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (C6D6; δ, ppm): 6.8 (s, OC*Me*<sub>3</sub>), 7.0 (s, Si*Me*<sub>3</sub>), 29.2 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.7 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>, COD), 32.3 (s, OC*Me*<sub>3</sub>), 71.8 (s, OCMe<sub>3</sub>), 84.4 (s, =CH, trans to OSi), 100.8 (s, =CH, trans to N).





a) SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, b) (COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, c) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment, d)

SiO<sub>2-200</sub>, e) (COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-200</sub>, f) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment

	grafted	after H <sub>2</sub>
SiO <sub>2-700</sub>	2976/2956/2951/2899/2851	2981/2965/2909
SiO <sub>2-200</sub>	2977/2958/2933/2900/2852	2983/2964/2906





s, 10416 scans, lb=100Hz)

## Figure S21. TEM



(COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>)(N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)@SiO<sub>2-200</sub> treated under static H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. 189





 $(COD)Pt(OSi(OtBu)_3)(N(SiMe_3)_2)@SiO_{2-700} treated under static H_2 atmosphere. 200$ 

nanoparticles count. Mean size 2.1 ( $\sigma$ =0.6).

# I. HOSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>

For the methyl-siloxy complexes grafting, IR-DRIFT reveals the presence of *t*Bu units on the surface, to address the question whether the silanol is absorbed or grafted on the surface, SiO<sub>2-700</sub> was contacted with 1.2 equivalents of tris(tert-butoxy)silanol in pentane for 3 hours followed by multiple washings and secondary vacuum drying, mimicking the full process of a grafting procedure. Typical *t*Bu v(C-H) vibrations at 2982, 2938, 2912 and 2877 cm<sup>-1</sup> are observed by IR-DRIFT. A large IR-band is observed at 3360 cm<sup>-1</sup> and can be attributed to the silanol of absorbed tris(tert-butoxy)silanol. By <sup>13</sup>C SS-NMR the C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> are respectively found at 71 and 30 ppm.

After treatment under  $H_2$  under static atmosphere *t*Bu unit are still present at the surface as demonstrated by IR-DRIFT spectroscopy and consumption of surface OH is evidenced by the intensity diminution of the band at 3747 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Those observations indicates the probable formation of SiO bonds thus anchoring the tris(tert-butoxy)silanol to the surface.



Figure S22. Solid-state NMR of HOSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub> absorbed onto SiO<sub>2-700</sub>

<sup>13</sup>C CP/MAS solid state NMR spectra of HOSi(OtBu)<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2-700</sub> (d1 = 2 s, 28529 scans,

lb=100Hz)

#### Figure S23. IR-DRIFT



a) SiO<sub>2-700</sub>, b) after static H<sub>2</sub> treatment, c) HOSiO(*t*Bu<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2-700</sub>







$$\begin{split} \text{IR-DRIFT} & \text{spectra} & \text{of} & \text{a} \right) & \text{SiO}_{2-700} & \text{b} \right) & (\text{COD})\text{Pt}(\text{Me})(\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2 @ \text{SiO}_{2-700}, & \text{c}) \\ & (\text{COD})\text{Pt}(\text{OSi}(\text{O}t\text{Bu})_3)_2 @ \text{SiO}_{2-700}, & \text{d} \right) & (\text{COD})\text{Pt}(\text{Me})(\text{OSi}(\text{O}t\text{Bu})_3) @ \text{SiO}_{2-700}, & \text{e}) \\ & (\text{COD})\text{Pt}(\text{OSi}(\text{O}t\text{Bu})_3)(\text{N}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2 @ \text{SiO}_{2-700}, & \text{f}) & \text{HOSi}(\text{O}t\text{Bu})_3 @ \text{SiO}_{2-700} (\text{smaller Y scale}). \end{split}$$

# J. <sup>13</sup>C SS-NMR spectra of Pt complexes grafted onto SiO<sub>2-200</sub>.



### K. Maximum surface coverage for (COD)Pt(R)(OSi≡) species

#### Table S2.

The maximum radius of the grafted molecule is determined from DRX data of  $(COD)Pt(R)(OSi(OtBu)_3)$  when available. For  $(COD)Pt(Cl)(OSi\equiv)$  the measure is derived from the  $(COD)Pt(CH_3)(OSi(OtBu)_3)$  complex, considering the carbon atom of the methyl ligand as a chlorine atom. We consider the molecules as discs in dense packing, with a surface density of 0.9069.

R	radius Å	disc surface nm <sup>2</sup>	Pt.nm <sup>-2</sup>
Me	0.37	0,43	2,6
Cl	0.36	0,40	2,8
OSi(OtBu)3	0.60	1,12	1,0
N(SiMe3)2	0.52	0,83	1,3