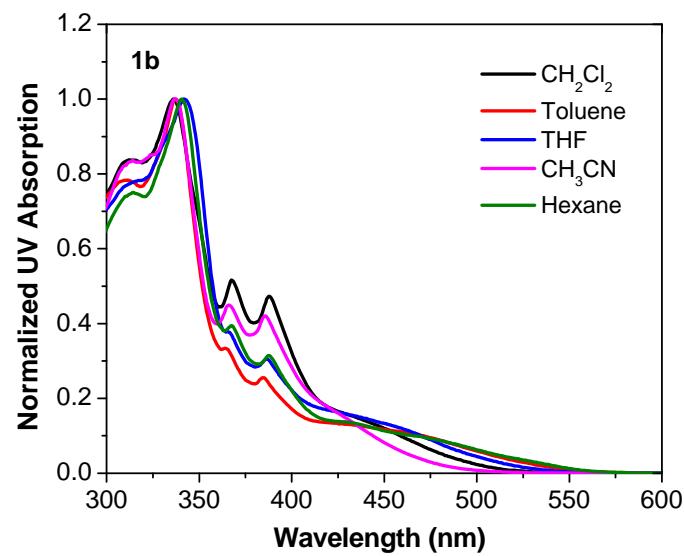


## Supporting Information

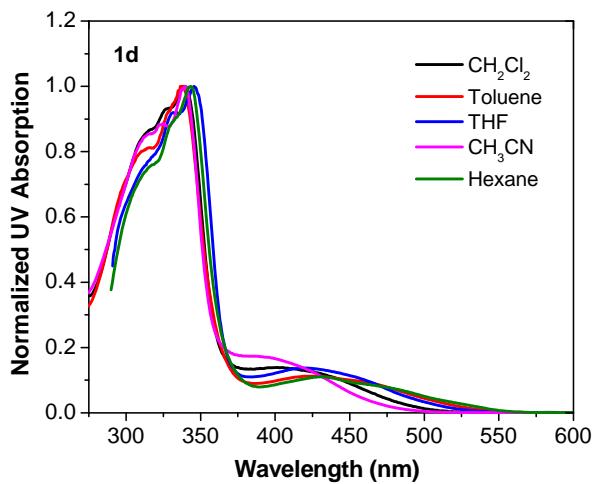
### Synthesis, Photophysics and Reverse Saturable Absorption of Bipyridyl Platinum(II) Bis(arylfluorenylacetylido) Complexes

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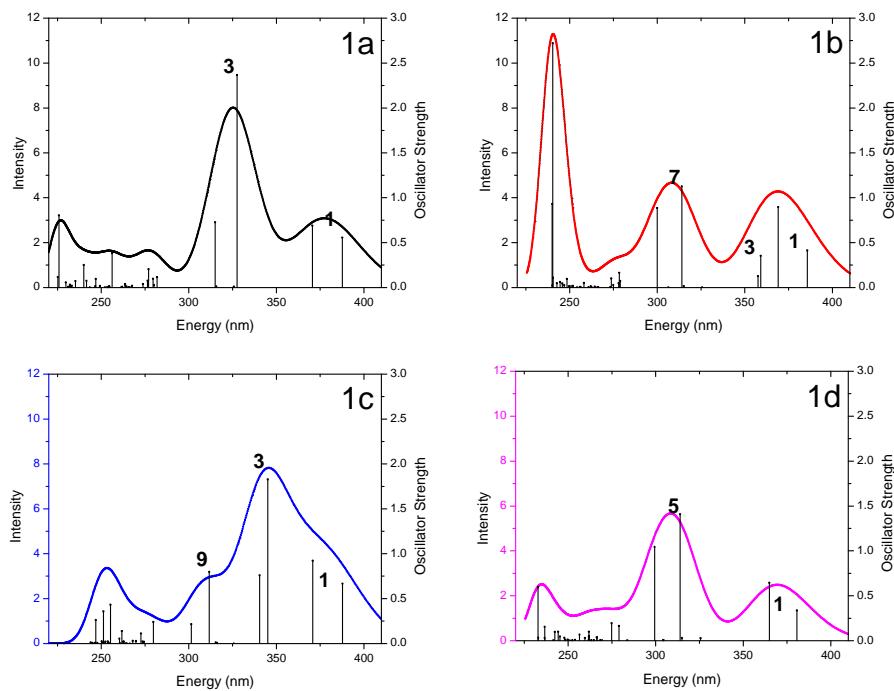
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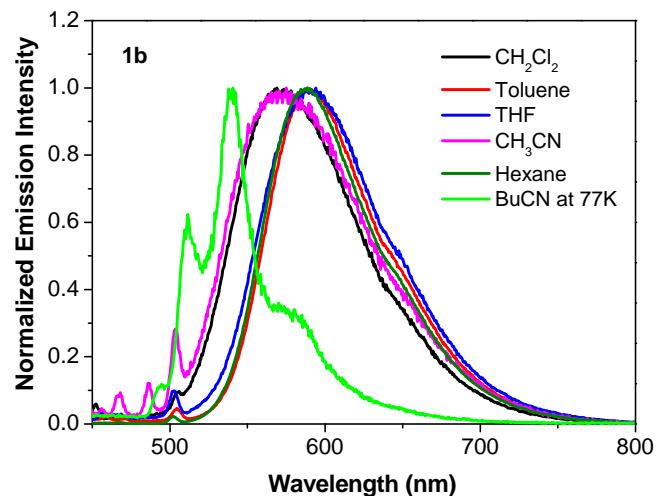
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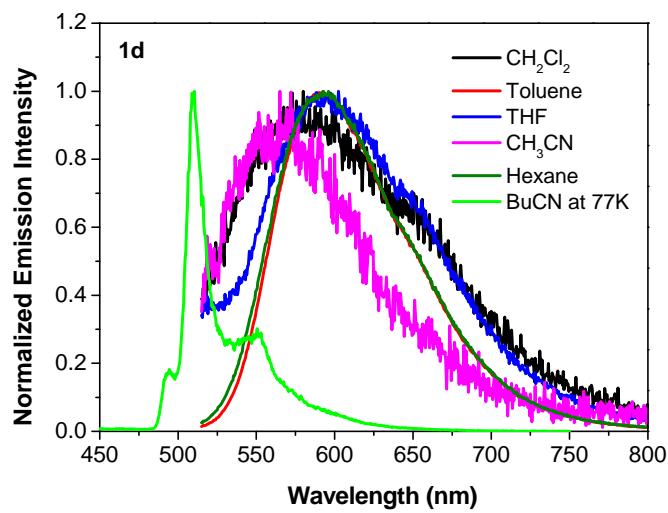
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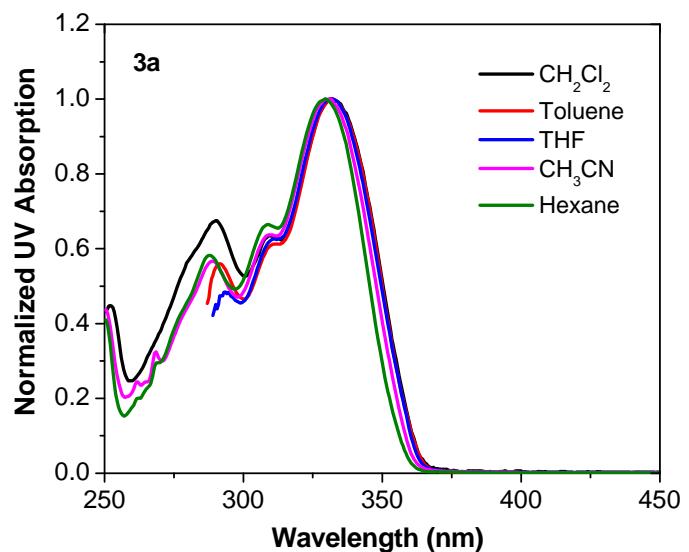
**Figure S3.** Calculated absorption spectra for complexes **1a – 1d**; vertical lines represent excited states and the corresponding oscillator strength. Labeled numbers represent the states whose NTO's are shown in Tables 2 and 3.



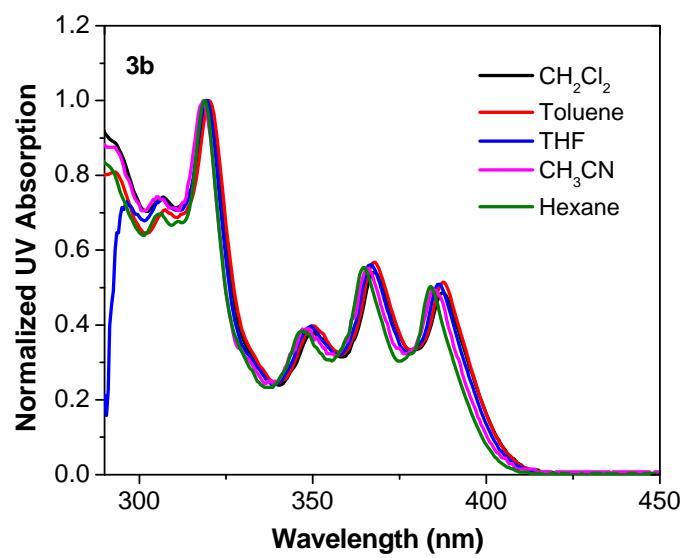
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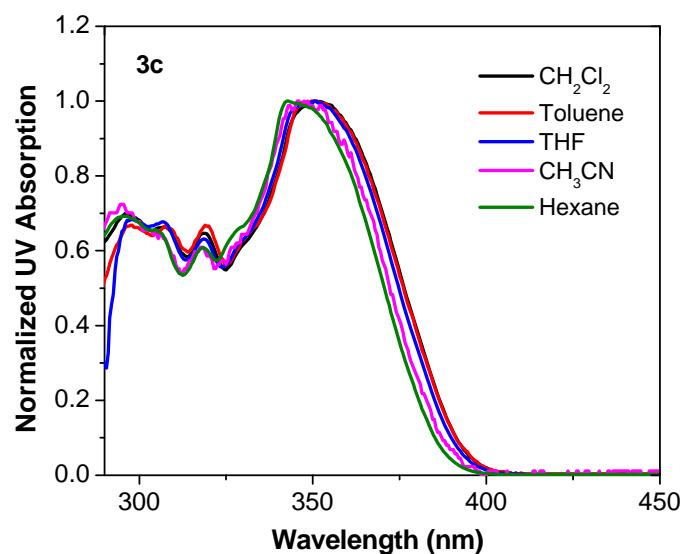
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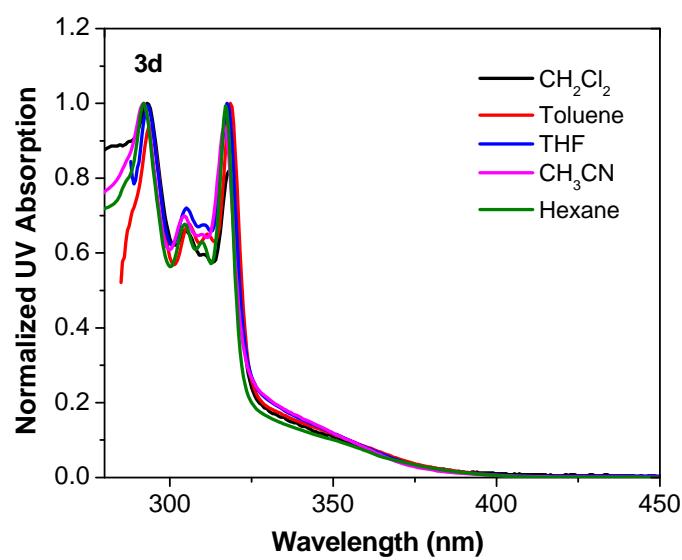
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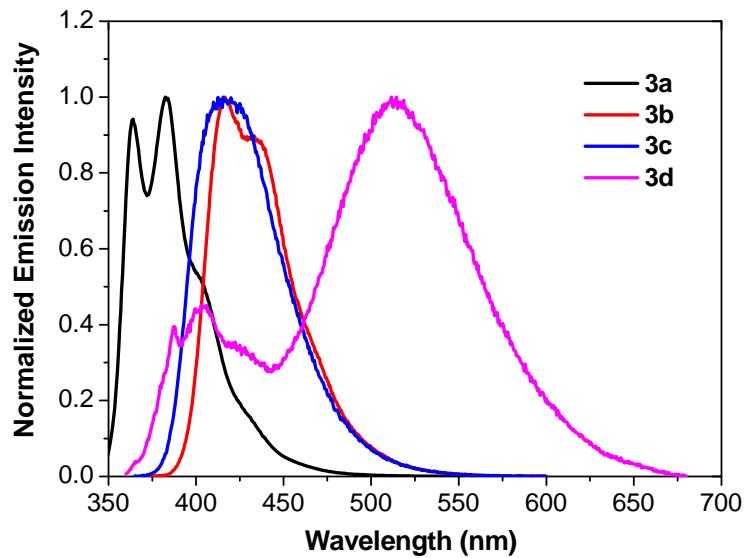
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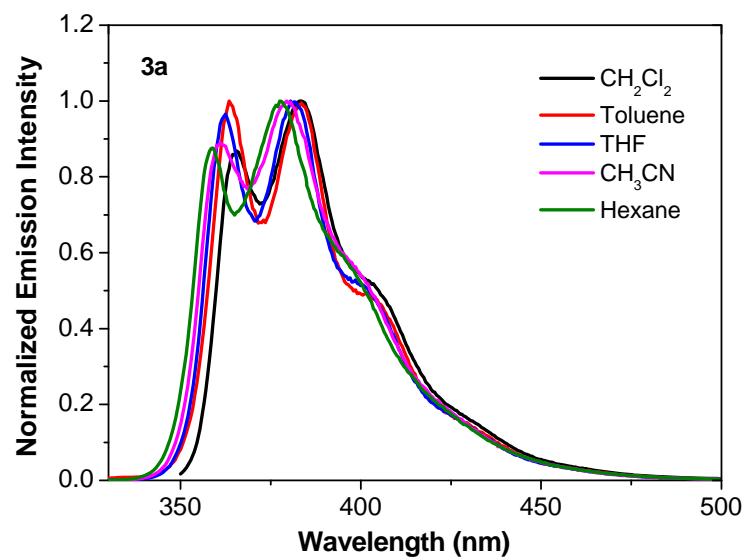
**Figure S8.** Normalized UV-Vis absorption spectra of **3c** in different solvents.  $A_{365} = 0.08$



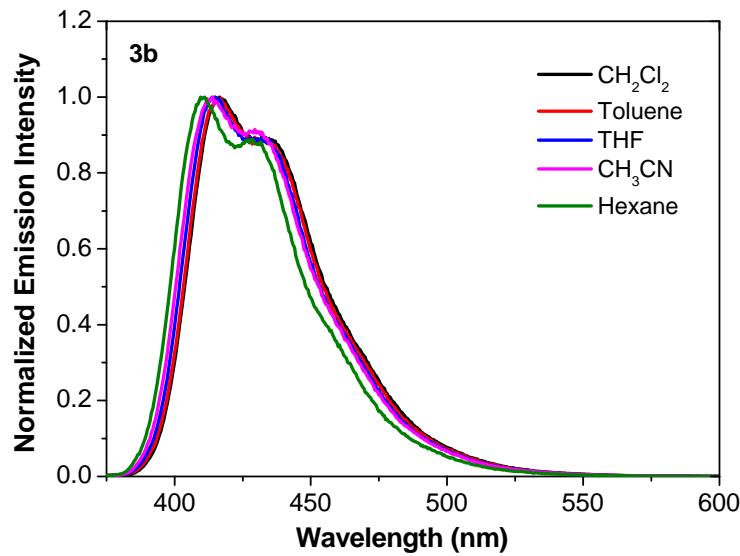
**Figure S9.** Normalized UV-Vis absorption spectra of **3d** in different solvents.  $A_{365} = 0.08$



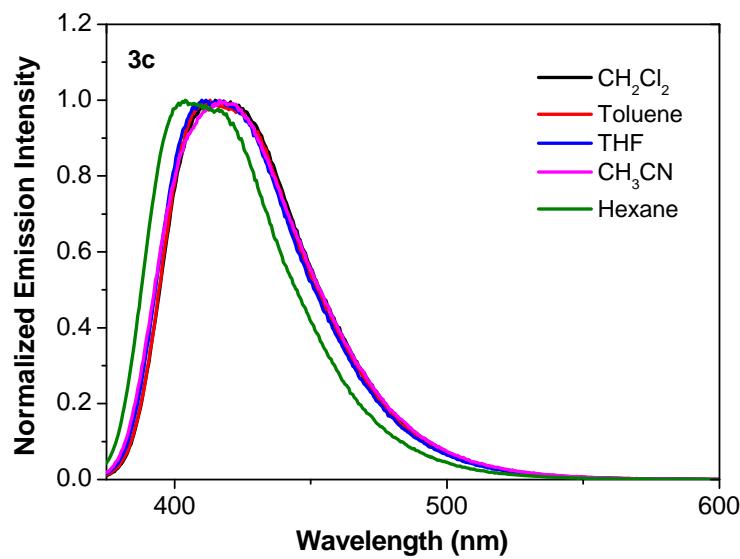
**Figure S10.** Normalized emission spectra of ligands **3a**,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 335$  nm, **3b**,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 350$  nm, **3c**,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$  nm and **3d**,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 345$  nm, in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol·L<sup>-1</sup>).



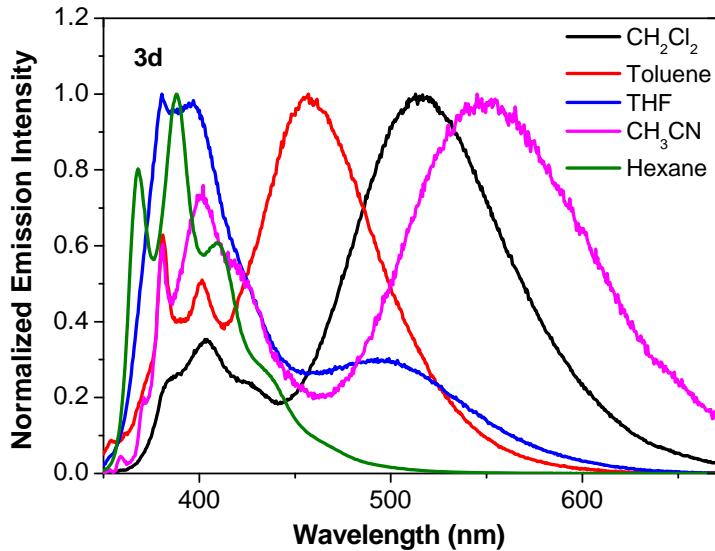
**Figure S11.** Normalized emission spectra of **3a** in different solvents at room temperature,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320$  nm.



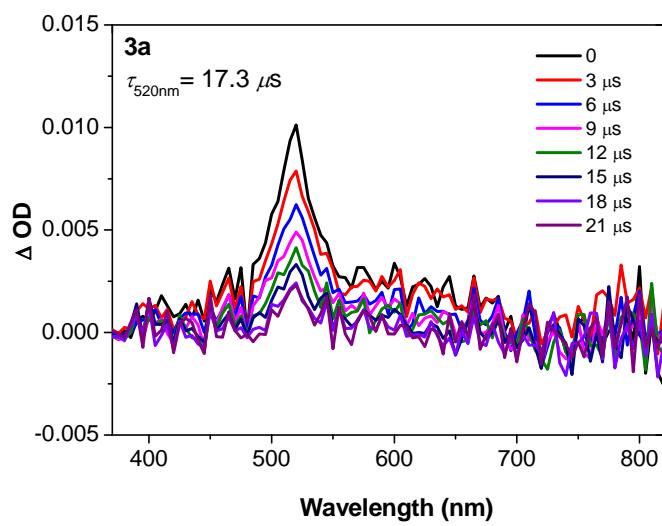
**Figure S12.** Normalized emission spectra of **3b** in different solvents at room temperature,  
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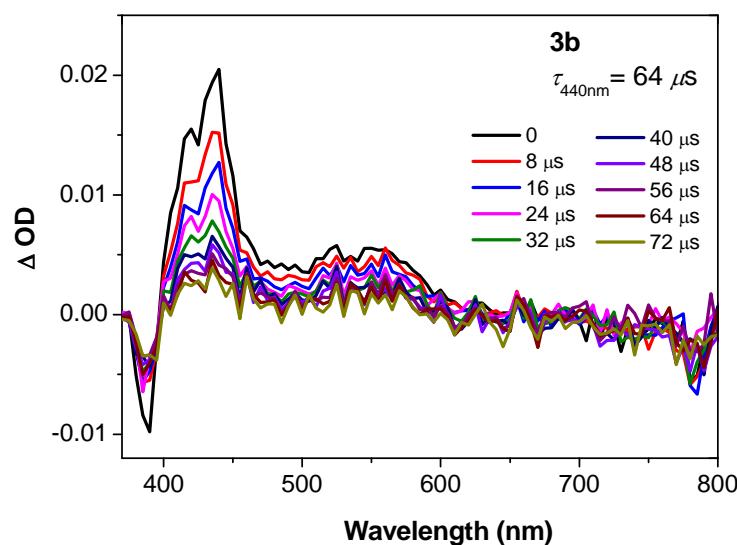
**Figure S13.** Normalized emission spectra of **3c** in different solvents at room temperature,  
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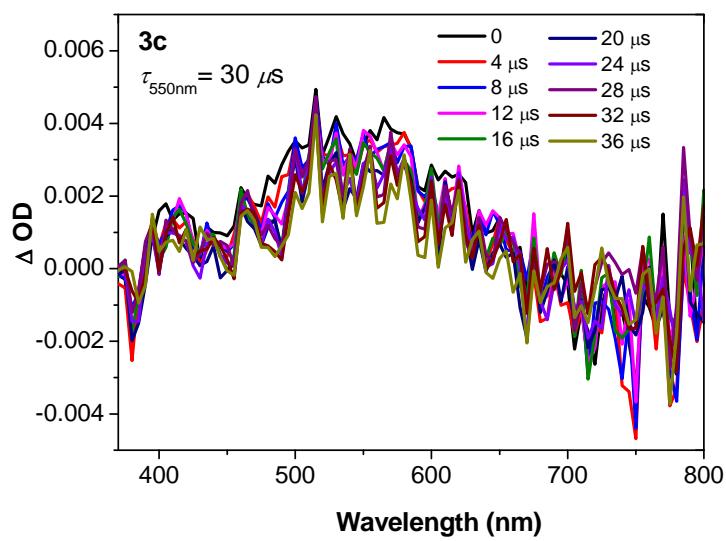
**Figure S14.** Normalized emission spectra of **3d** in different solvents at room temperature,  
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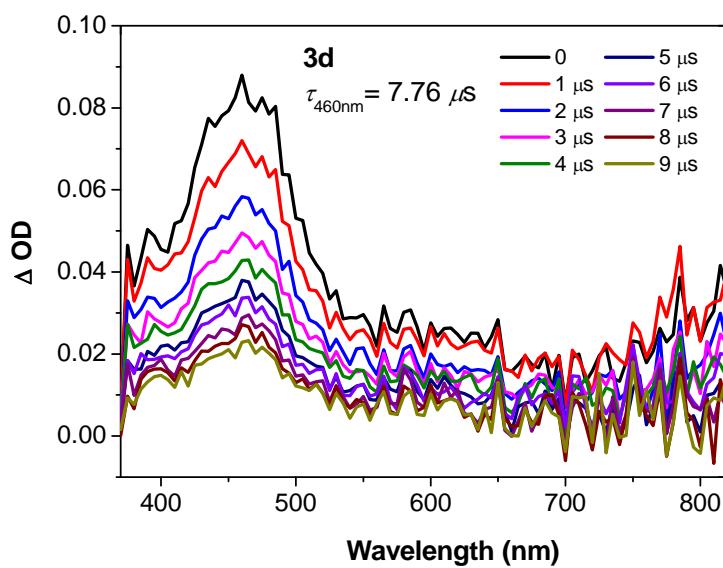
**Figure S15.** Time-resolved triplet transient difference absorption spectra of **3a** in toluene.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$  nm.  $A = 0.4$  at 355 nm in a 1-cm cuvette.



**Figure S16.** Time-resolved triplet transient difference absorption spectra of **3b** in toluene.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$  nm.  $A = 0.4$  at 355 nm in a 1-cm cuvette.

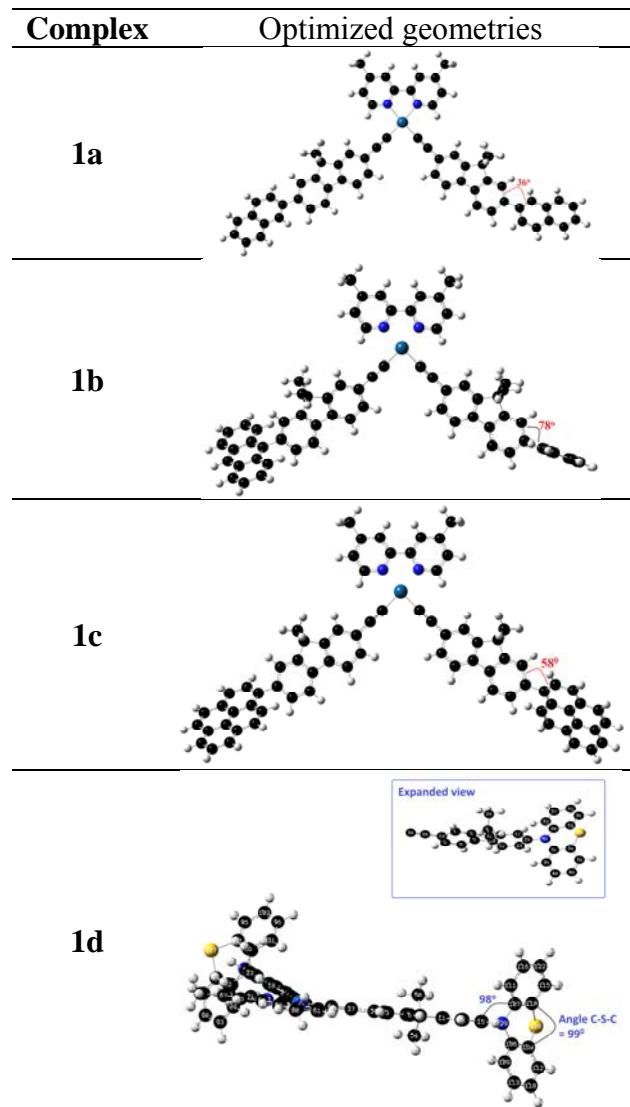


**Figure S17.** Time-resolved triplet transient difference absorption spectra of **3c** in toluene.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$  nm.  $A = 0.4$  at 355 nm in a 1-cm cuvette.

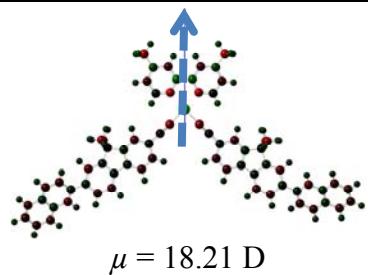
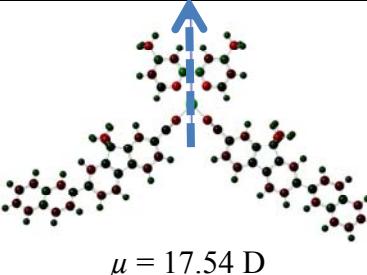
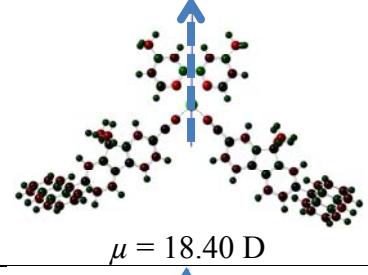
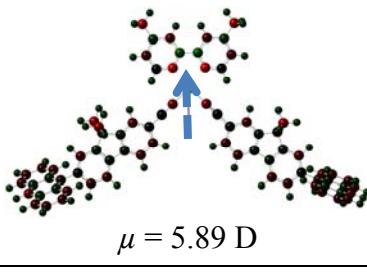
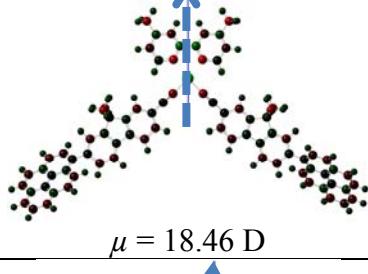
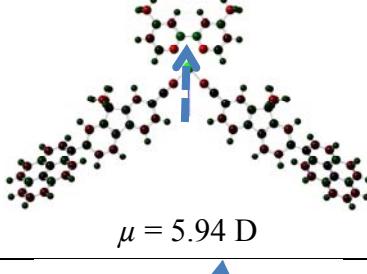
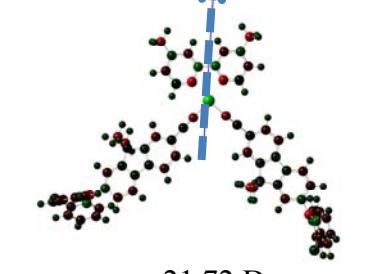
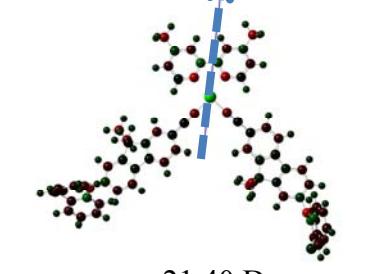


**Figure S18.** Time-resolved triplet transient difference absorption spectra of **3d** in toluene.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$  nm.  $A = 0.4$  at 355 nm in a 1-cm cuvette.

**Table S1.** Optimized geometries of complexes **1a – 1d**



**Table S2.** Schematic representation of the magnitude of the static dipole moments and directions of Pt(II) complexes **1a – 1d** at their ground state and excited state.<sup>a</sup>

Complex	Ground State	Excited State
<b>1a</b>	 $\mu = 18.21 \text{ D}$	 $\mu = 17.54 \text{ D}$
<b>1b</b>	 $\mu = 18.40 \text{ D}$	 $\mu = 5.89 \text{ D}$
<b>1c</b>	 $\mu = 18.46 \text{ D}$	 $\mu = 5.94 \text{ D}$
<b>1d</b>	 $\mu = 21.72 \text{ D}$	 $\mu = 21.40 \text{ D}$

<sup>a</sup> The different colors in the structure represent the Milliken charge density distributions, with the green color indicating positive charges and red color representing negative charges.

**Table S3** NTOs representing transitions corresponding to singlet emission ( $S_1$ ) of complexes **1a** - **1d** and triplet emission ( $T_1$ ) of the complex **1b** calculated using CAM-B3LYP functional.

