

The Reactivity of Phosphanlyphosphinidene Complexes of Transition Metals Toward Terminal Dihaloalkanes

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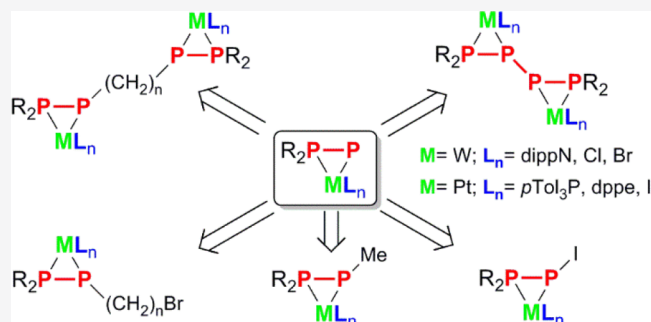
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ABSTRACT: The reactivities of phosphanlyphosphinidene complexes $[(\text{DippN})_2\text{W}(\text{Cl})(\eta^2\text{-P-PtBu}_2)]^-$ (1), $[(p\text{Tol}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pt}(\eta^2\text{-P-PtBu}_2)]$ (2), and $[(\text{dppe})\text{Pt}(\eta^2\text{-P-PtBu}_2)]$ (3) toward dihaloalkanes and methyl iodide were investigated. The reactions of the anionic tungsten complex (1) with stoichiometric $\text{Br}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{Br}$ ($n = 3, 4, 6$) led to the formation of neutral complexes with a $t\text{Bu}_2\text{PP}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{Br}$ ligand or neutral dinuclear complexes with unusual tetradentate $t\text{Bu}_2\text{PP}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PPtBu}_2$ ligands ($n = 4, 6$). The methylation of platinum complexes 2 and 3 with MeI yielded neutral or cationic complexes bearing side-on coordinated $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P-P-Me}$ moieties. The reaction of 2 with $\text{I}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{I}$ gave a platinum complex with a $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P-P-I}$ ligand.

When the same dihaloalkane was reacted with 3, the P–P bond in the phosphanlyphosphinidene ligand was cleaved to yield $t\text{Bu}_2\text{PI}$, phosphorus polymers, $[(\text{dppe})\text{PtI}_2]$ and C_2H_4 . Furthermore, the reaction of 3 with $\text{Br}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Br}$ yielded dinuclear complex bearing a tetraphosphorus $t\text{Bu}_2\text{PPPPtBu}_2$ ligand in the coordination sphere of the platinum. The molecular structures of the isolated products were established in the solid state and in solution by single-crystal X-ray diffraction and NMR spectroscopy. DFT studies indicated that the polyphosphorus ligands in the obtained complexes possess structures similar to free phosphonium cations $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P-R}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me, I}$) or $(t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P})_2$.

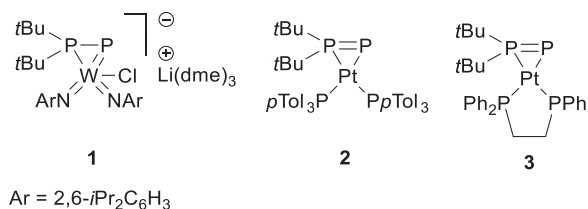


1. INTRODUCTION

The properties of phosphido and phosphinidene complexes of transition metals (TM) as synthetic tools in organic and inorganic chemistry have recently been intensely studied.¹ Formally, phosphinidene complexes can be divided into two classes: electrophilic, which are often very reactive transient species^{2–6} except for the stable phosphinidene complexes of cobalt and vanadium described by Carty group,^{7,8} and nucleophilic, which are generally isolable.^{5,6,9} It is commonly accepted that the electrophilicity versus nucleophilicity of a phosphinidene complex is primarily determined by the electronic properties of the spectator ligands¹⁰—acceptor ligands (especially CO) that result in electrophilic complexes, whereas donor spectator ligands, such as NR and PR_3 , result in nucleophilic complexes. From this point of view, phosphanlyphosphinidene complexes, which we discuss in this paper ($[(\text{DippN})_2\text{W}(\text{Cl})(\eta^2\text{-P-PtBu}_2)]^-$ (1),¹¹ $[(p\text{Tol}_3\text{P})_2\text{Pt}(\eta^2\text{-P-PtBu}_2)]$ (2),¹² and $[(\text{dppe})\text{Pt}(\eta^2\text{-P-PtBu}_2)]$ (3)¹³) must be considered nucleophilic species (Scheme 1). Similar nucleophilic phosphanlyphosphinidene complexes $[(\eta^2\text{-R}_2\text{PP})\text{Nb}\{\text{N}(\text{Np})(3,5\text{-Me}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3)\}_3]$ and $[(\eta^2\text{-R}_2\text{PP})\text{W}\{\text{N}(i\text{Pr})(3,5\text{-Me}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3)\}_3]^+$ were studied by Cummins group.^{14,15}

The nucleophilicity of these species can also be enhanced by a donor phosphanly group (PtBu_2) in the phosphinidene ligand. It should be stressed that stable phosphanlyphosphinidene $\text{R}_2\text{P}=\text{P}$ ($\text{R} = \text{nitrogen-based very bulky group}$) is singlet

Scheme 1. Phosphanlyphosphinidene Complexes of W and Pt Used for Reactivity Studies

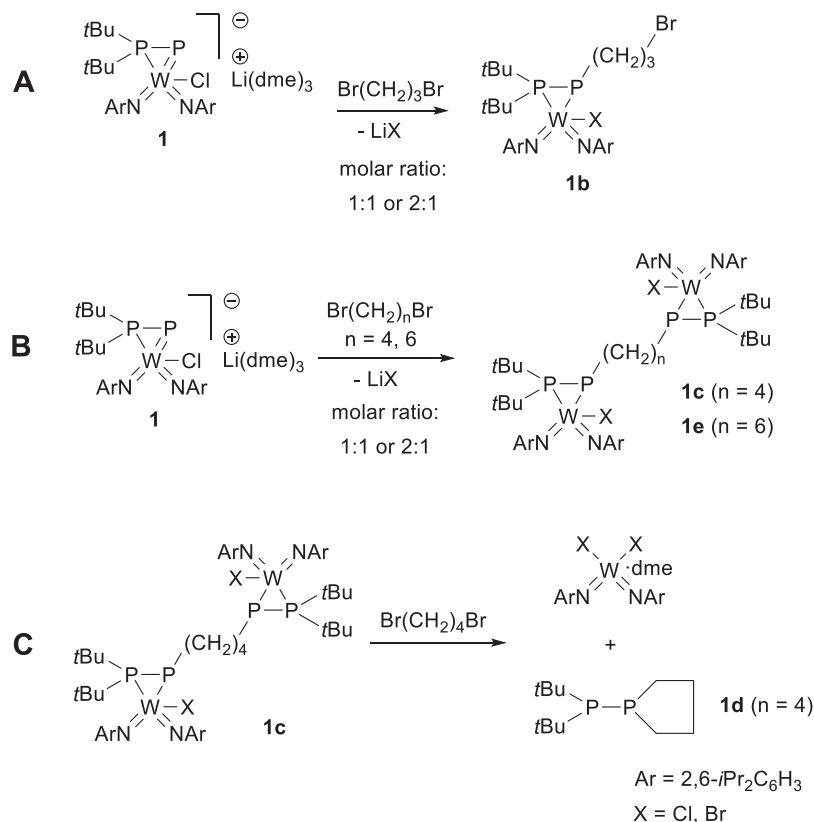


and electrophilic.¹⁶ Reactivity studies on $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P-P}=\text{PtBu}_2(\text{Me})$ ¹⁷ and DFT-calculations¹⁸ revealed that transient $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P-P}$ is also electrophilic. The nucleophilic phosphinidene complexes of early TM have been intensely studied and explored as P–R transfer vehicles to organic or inorganic molecules (phospha-Wittig reactivity). The first report concerned reactions of $[(\text{N}_3\text{N})\text{Ta}^V=\text{PR}]$, $\text{N}_3\text{N} = (\text{Me}_3\text{SiNCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_3\text{N}$ ($\kappa^3\text{-N}$ -chelating ligand) with aldehydes

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Scheme 2. Reactions of **1** with Dihaloalkanes

yielding the corresponding phosphenes.¹⁹ Phosphinidene ate complex [(PNP)Sc^{III}(=PDmp)-LiBr] can transfer its P-Dmp moiety even to a Cp₂Zr-center, resulting in [Cp₂Zr^{IV}(=PDmp)(PMe₃)]. However, the analogous phosphinidene transfer was not observed for the reaction involving a Cp₂Ti-center.²⁰ Similarly, zirconium complexes [Cp*₂Zr(PPh)₂] and [Cp*₂Zr(PPh)₃] do not display phospho-Wittig reactivity.²¹ Otherwise, [Cp₂Zr^{IV}(=PDmp)(PMe₃)] itself displayed high reactivity toward electrophilic reagents.²² Similarly, [Cp₂Zr^{IV}(=PMes*)(PMe₃)] showed high phospho-Wittig reactivity and converted aldehydes and ketones into phosphenes. It reacted with CH₂Cl₂ and CHCl₃ yielding the related phosphenes as well.²³ Recently, the high reactivity of the phosphido complex [Me^oNacNacTi^{III}(Cl)(η²-(Me₃Si)P-PR₂)] R₂ = *t*Bu₂ or *t*Bu(Ph) toward acetone, yielding Wittig products R₂P-P=C(CH₃)₂ was established.²⁴ The reactivity of nucleophilic phosphinidene complexes of iron, iridium, and platinum toward electrophilic reagents was briefly studied. Dinuclear complexes [Fe₂(η-PR)(η-CO)(CO)₂] (R = *c*Hex or Ph) reacted with MeI, yielding related [Fe₂{η-P(Me)R}(η-CO)(CO)₂]I^{25,26} and forming new P-C bonds. The reaction of iridium complex [Cp*(PPh₃)(=PMes*)] with CH₂I₂ or CHI₃ yielded the related phosphenes.²⁷ The reaction of dinuclear Pt⁰ complex [Pt(dppe)(μ-PMe)₂] with MeI afforded [Pt(dppe){μ-P(Me)Me}]₂²⁺, which is classically nucleophilic and undergoes protonation, oxidation, and Lewis acid complexation.²⁸ In comparison to phosphinidene TM complexes, the phosphinidene complexes of main group elements are significantly less explored. Since the introduction of stable carbenes, they found a wide application to stabilize low valent compounds of main group elements including phosphinidene group.^{29–32}

The syntheses and properties of phosphanylphosphinidene complexes of TM are one of the main research interests of our group. We have elaborated practical methods for accessing a variety of complexes with R₂P-P ligands using R₂P-P(SiMe₃)Li^{11,12,33–36} or using *t*Bu₂P-P=P*t*Bu₂(X) (X = Me or Br)¹⁷ as transport vehicles for the *t*Bu₂P-P moiety. The reactivity of anionic W^{VI} complex [(DippN)₂(Cl)W(η²-*t*Bu₂P-P)]⁻ was studied in more detail.¹¹ It was nucleophilic and reacted with electrophilic reagents, such as Ph₂PBr, PhPCl₂, or MeI, forming new P-P or P-C bonds.^{34,35} However, the nucleophilicity of this complex is rather low. It yields adducts with Lewis acids such as MCl₃ (M = Al or Ga) or Cr(CO)₅·THF, but these reactions are clearly reversible.¹⁸ Chronologically, the first complexes reported with phosphanylphosphinidene ligands were [(R₃P)Pt⁰(η²-*t*Bu₂P=P)].³⁷ They are strongly nucleophilic and differ significantly from phosphanylphosphinidene early TM complexes but their properties remain almost unexplored.²⁵ Herein, we report the reactions of [(DippN)₂W(Cl)(η²-P-P*t*Bu₂)]⁻ (**1**), [(*p*Tol₃P)₂Pt(η²-P=P*t*Bu₂)] (**2**), and [(dppe)Pt(η²-P=P*t*Bu₂)] (**3**) with electrophilic dihaloalkanes X(CH₂)_nX (n = 2–6, X = Br, I) to investigate the effect of carbon chain length on the products as well as advance the field of phosphanylphosphinidene chemistry.

2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reactivity of phosphanylphosphinidene complex **1** toward dihaloalkanes was investigated (Scheme 2). The reaction of **1** with Br(CH₂)₃Br in a 1:1 molar ratio in DME is very clean and gave only tungsten complexes with *t*Bu₂P-P(CH₂)₃Br (**1b**) as the ligand and LiX (X = Cl, Br) as main products (Scheme 2A). The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture

consists of only two pairs of doublets at 40.0/−125.3 ppm and at 36.9/−132.2 ppm, which can be attributed to complexes **1b-Cl** and **1b-Br**, respectively. These complexes differ only in the presence of chlorido (**1b-Cl**) or bromido ligands (**1b-Br**) directly bound to the tungsten atom. Moreover, the $^1J_{\text{PP}}$ coupling constants, with values of 375 Hz (**1b-Cl**) and 381 Hz (**1b-Br**), indicate that the P—P bond is retained in the newly formed ligand. Furthermore, the signals of **1b-Cl** and **1b-Br** in $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra are accompanied by $^1J_{\text{PW}}$ satellites ($^1J_{\text{PW}} = 80$ Hz), which confirm that the phosphorus ligand did not leave the coordination sphere of tungsten.

A comparison of the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR data of **1b-Cl/Br** with the NMR data of parent compound **1** reveals that the doublets attributed to the $\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{Br}$ group in **1b-Cl/Br** are strongly upfield shifted compared to those in **1** (−125.3/−132.2 ppm vs 17.7 ppm). Moreover, in the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of **1b-Cl/Br** these doublets split into doublets of triplets ($^2J_{\text{PH}} = 12$ Hz). On the other hand, the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR data of **1b-Cl/Br** are similar to those observed for $[(\text{DippN})_2\text{W}(\text{X})(1,2-\eta\text{-}t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{PCH}_3)]$ (X = Cl, I) (**1a**) (44.1/−142.3 ppm and 33.7/−161.2 ppm, for the chloro- and iodo-derivatives, respectively), which were obtained previously by us.³⁵ Crystallization from a pentane solution gave yellow crystals in 48% yield, and the crystals contained **1b-Cl** and **1b-Br** in a 0.4:0.6 molar ratio according to the integrals of the ^{31}P NMR signals. According to X-ray analysis the crystals were a solid solution of **1b-Cl** and **1b-Br** occupying the same positions (a kind of static disorder). Furthermore, we reacted **1** with 1,2-dibromoethane in a 1:1 molar ratio in DME, which led to a mixture of polyphosphorus compounds according to $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR analysis of the reaction solution. The only isolated product was $[(\text{ArN})_2\text{WX}_2(\text{dme})]$ (X = Cl, Br),³⁸ and its structure was confirmed both by NMR spectroscopy and X-ray analysis. Therefore, we assume that the $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}$ ligand leaves the coordination sphere of tungsten during this reaction.

The reactivity of **1** toward dihaloalkanes with longer aliphatic chains was also investigated. The progress of the reactions of **1** with $\text{Br}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{Br}$ ($n = 4, 6$) in a 1:1 molar ratio was monitored spectroscopically and revealed the formation of products with $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra very similar to those of **1b-Cl/Br** (see Table 1).

Table 1. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR Data of Complexes **1b**, **1c**, and **1e**

compound	chemical shift [ppm]		coupling constant [Hz]		
	(R-)P1	$t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}2$	$^1J_{\text{P1P}2}$	$^1J_{\text{P1W}}$	$^1J_{\text{P}2\text{W}}$
1b-Cl	−125.3	40.0	375	80	17
1b-Br	−132.2	36.9	381	80	17
1c-Cl	−122.2	40.3	378	76	17
1c-Br	−129.1	37.2	383	80	17
1e-Cl	−122.1	40.5	378	80	18
1e-Br	−129.0	37.4	382	80	18

A cursory analysis of the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of the reaction mixtures would suggest the formation of a series of complexes analogous to **1b-Cl/Br**. However, isolation of the products of these reactions in the crystalline form and X-ray structural analysis revealed the formation of dinuclear complexes (**1c-Cl/Br**, **1e-Cl/Br**) with unusual tetradentate $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{P}-\text{PtBu}_2$ ligands (Scheme 2B). As a result of halide exchange, these compounds were isolated as mixtures of isostructural chlorido and bromido complexes at a molar ratio of 1.3:0.7 according to the integrals of the ^{31}P NMR signals.

The bromido complexes can be easily converted into the corresponding chlorido complexes by the addition of three-fold excess of anhydrous LiCl in DME (Figure S17). In the case of the reaction involving 1,4-dibromobutane, the composition of the reaction mixture changes over time. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of the reaction mixture after 0.5 h consists of only two sets of doublets, which can be attributed to **1c-Cl** and **1c-Br**. After prolonged stirring at room temperature, new resonances for **1d** appeared (δ 42.3 ppm (d, $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}$); −37.3 (d, P(CH₂)₄); $^1J_{\text{PP}} = 203$ Hz), and this was accompanied by a decrease in the intensities of the signals of **1c-Cl/Br**. After 3 days, a high conversion of **1c-Cl/Br** into **1d** was observed. Furthermore, from this reaction mixture a significant amount of crystals of $[(\text{ArN})_2\text{WX}_2(\text{dme})]$ (X = Cl, Br) was isolated. In the first stage of this reaction, dinuclear complexes **1c-Cl/Br** are likely formed (Scheme 2C, $n = 4$). Next, **1c-Cl/Br** reacts with the remaining $\text{Br}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{Br}$, yielding diphosphane **1d** consisting of a phospholane group and $[(\text{ArN})_2\text{WX}_2(\text{dme})]$ (X = Cl, Br) (Scheme 2C). This type of reactivity is reminiscent of the reaction of nucleophilic phosphinidene zirconium complex $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}=\text{PMes}^*(\text{PMe}_3)]$ with 1,2-dichloroxylylene, which led to the formation of phospholane $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{PMes}^*$.²³ We did not observe the formation of the analogous diphosphanes with cyclic substituents from the reaction of equimolar amounts of **1** with $\text{Br}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{Br}$ ($n = 3, 6$). We suspect that the formation of **1d**, containing a five-member phospholane ring, is thermodynamically favored. To verify this hypothesis, we calculated the ΔG° value for simplified ring-closing reactions: $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}(\text{H})(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{Br} \rightarrow t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n + \text{HBr}$ ($n = 3-6$) (see the SI for details). Indeed, the lowest and only negative value of ΔG° was found for reaction yielding **1d**. Notably, reactions with a 2-fold excess of **1** relative to $\text{Br}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{Br}$ ($n = 4, 6$) gave the same dinuclear tungsten complexes as reactions with equimolar amounts of the substrates. Interestingly, the reaction of 1,3-dibromopropane even with excess **1** did not lead to a complex with $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{P}-\text{PtBu}_2$ ligand. The space-filling model of **1c-Cl/Br**, which contains four carbon atoms in the aliphatic chain linking the two P—PtBu₂ groups (Figure S2), reveals that this complex is very crowded. Therefore, the formation of analogous complexes with less than four carbon atoms in the aliphatic chain is not favored because of the steric effects of the bulky imido ligands.

The isolation of complexes **1b**, **1c**, and **1e** in the crystalline form allowed us to discuss their solid-state structures in detail. The X-ray structures of **1b** and **1c** are presented in Figures 1 and 2, whereas the molecular structure of **1e** is depicted in Figure S1. Complex **1b** differs from complexes **1c** and **1e** in the number of metal centers and in the structure of the phosphorus ligands. In the solid-state structure of **1b**, both phosphorus atoms of the $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{Br}$ ligand coordinate to the tungsten atom. Unlike **1b**, where the propane chain is terminated by a bromine atom, in compounds **1c** and **1e** the aliphatic chain is terminated by a second $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}$ group. The tetradentate $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}-\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{P}-\text{PtBu}_2$ ($n = 4, 6$) ligands in **1c** and **1e** are side-on coordinated to two tungsten centers. Despite these differences, complexes **1b**, **1c**, and **1e** exhibit many structural similarities. All the mentioned complexes feature pentacoordinated tungsten atoms. Furthermore, the P1—P2, P1—W1, and P2—W1 distances are very similar with values in ranges of 2.150(4)–2.168(2) Å, 2.506(1)–2.516(2) Å, and 2.540(2)–2.583(2) Å, respectively. The P1—P2 bonds in **1b**, **1c**, and **1e** are longer than the corresponding distance in

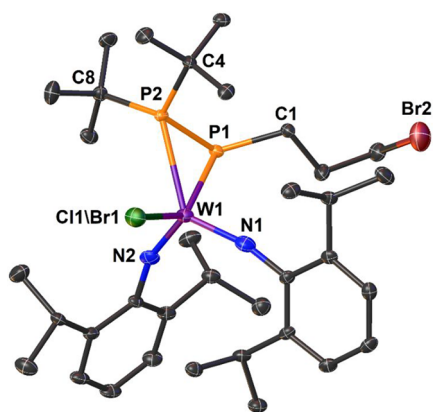


Figure 1. Molecular structure of complex **1b**. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): P1—W1 2.508(2), P2—W1 2.583(2), P1—P2 2.155(2), C1—P1 1.869(4), Σ P1 291.9, Σ P2 338.5 (neglecting the P2—W1 bond), C1—P1—P2 113.4(2), C1—P1—P2—C4 7.8(3).

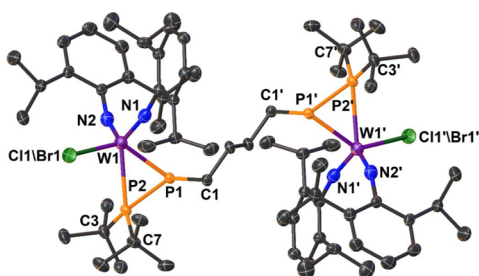
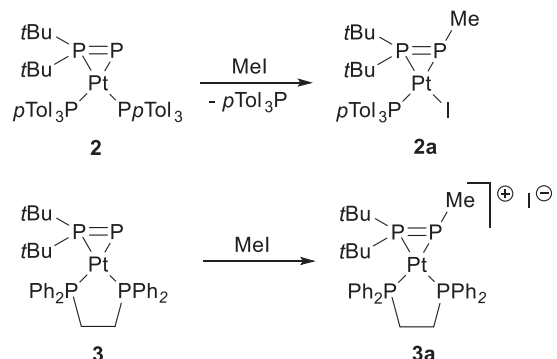


Figure 2. Molecular structure of complex **1c**. Ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): P1—W1 2.506(1), P2—W1 2.580(2), P1—P2 2.168(2), C1—P1 1.874(5), Σ P1 284.6, Σ P2 340.4 (neglecting the P2—W1 bond), C1—P1—P2 110.3(2), C1—P1—P2—C7 12.8(3). Atoms labeled with primes are related by symmetry code (1-x, 1-y, 1-z), i.e., symmetry center.

parent compound **1** (2.106(2) Å); however, they are still shorter than the sum of the single-bond covalent radii for P atoms (2.22 Å).³⁹ Furthermore, the P1—W1 bond distances in **1b**, **1c**, and **1e** are significantly longer than that in **1** (2.406(1) Å), whereas the P2—W2 bond lengths are comparable to that observed in phosphanylphosphinidene complex **1** (2.571(1) Å). In comparison to **1b**, **1c**, and **1e**, tungsten complexes possessing RP—PR'R'' ligand and PPW metallocycle such as [Cp(CO)₂W{P(tBu)—P(H)tBu}], and [Cp(CO)₂W{P(Cl)—P(Ph)N(SiMe₃)₂}] exhibit slightly longer P1—W1 distances (2.572(2)—2.576(3) Å) and significantly shorter P2—W1 bond lengths (2.335(2)—2.4209(9) Å).^{40,41} Interestingly, all the P1 atoms show pyramidal geometries (sum of angles Σ P1 284.1—291.9°), and the P2 atoms are all tetrahedral; however, neglecting the P2—W1 bond, the tBu₂P phosphanyl groups exhibit a high degree of planarity (Σ P2 338.5°—341.7°). The torsion angles of (CH₂)C1—P1—P2—C4(tBu) are in the range from -17.0(6)° to 12.8(3)° and indicate the syn-periplanar orientation of the tBu group and the CH₂ moiety directly bound to the P1 atom; moreover, it points to the presence of a lone pair of electrons on the P1 atom. The analogous ligand geometry was previously observed by us for the methylated phosphanylphosphinidene group in [(DippN)₂W(X)(1,2-η-tBu₂P—PCH₃)] (X = Cl, I) (**1a**).³⁵

In the second part of our study, we investigated the reactivity of platinum phosphanylphosphinidene complexes **2** and **3** toward haloalkanes. The methylation of **2** and **3** by MeI afforded complexes **2a** and **3a**, respectively, bearing tBu₂P—PMe ligands (Scheme 3). In the case of the reaction of **2** with

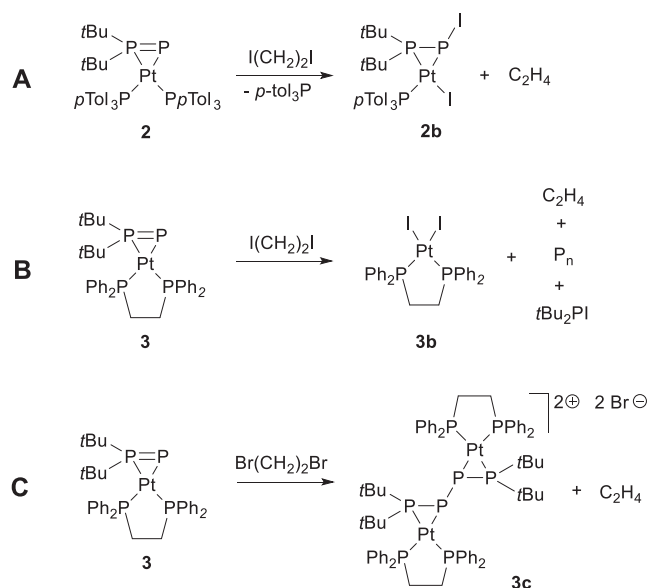
Scheme 3. Reactions of **2** and **3** with MeI



MeI, strong signals of free *p*Tol₃P and resonances of **2a** were observed in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the reaction mixture. This suggests a replacement of *p*Tol₃P with an iodido ligand in the coordination sphere of platinum. Because of the chelating nature of dppe, such ligand exchange was not observed in the reaction involving **3**, and only cationic complex **3a** was formed. Complex **2a** was isolated in its crystalline form from a toluene solution at low temperature in 49% yield. Because of its ionic character, **3a** exhibits lower solubility in hydrocarbons and was obtained from a THF solution at low temperature in 60% yield.

The reactivities of **2** and **3** toward I(CH₂)₂I differ significantly. According to the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the reaction mixtures, the reaction of **2** with I(CH₂)₂I gave solely new platinum complex **2b** bearing a tBu₂P—P—I ligand together with *p*Tol₃P (Scheme 4A). Moreover, in the ¹H NMR spectrum of this reaction mixture, a resonance at 5.25 ppm attributed to ethylene is present. Complex **2b** was isolated

Scheme 4. Reactions of **2** and **3** with X(CH₂)₂X (X = Br or I)

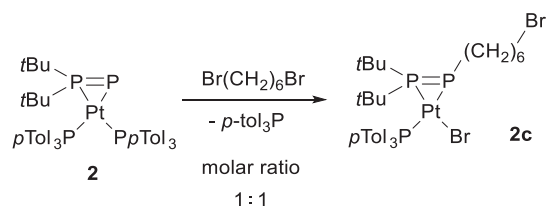


from a toluene solution at low temperature as brownish crystals in 50% yield. Otherwise, the reaction of **3** with $I(CH_2)_2I$ did not yield the analogous platinum complex. The tBu_2P-P group was lost from the Pt center, and the P—P bond within this ligand was cleaved, resulting in the formation of tBu_2PI , insoluble orange phosphorus polymers, $[(dppe)PtI_2]$ (**3b**)⁴² and C_2H_4 (Scheme 4B).

Surprisingly, the reaction of **3** with $Br(CH_2)_2Br$ led to the formation of dimeric platinum complex **3c** (Scheme 4C). This complex features a high-order $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectrum with four multiplets at 67.9 ppm ($t-Bu_2P$), 50.1 ppm (dppe), 47.1 ppm (dppe), and 120.1 ppm (P) (spin system AA'LL'MM'XX'). This suggests the formation of a $tBu_2PPPPtBu_2$ ligand in the coordination sphere of platinum. Complex **3c** exhibits very low solubility in hydrocarbons, but it is highly soluble in dichloromethane (DCM). Crystallization from this solvent layered with toluene at room temperature gave large light-green crystals of **3c** in 27% yield. The reaction of **2** with $Br(CH_2)_2Br$ also gave products with high-order spectra (66.0 ppm ($t-Bu_2P$), 23.3 ppm ($pTol_3P$), -71.5 ppm (P); AA'MM'XX' spin system) together with a strong resonance from free $pTol_3P$ and other minor unidentified products. This suggests the formation of the same $tBu_2PPPPtBu_2$ ligand, which coordinates to two Pt($pTol_3P$)Br fragments. However, unlike **3b**, this platinum complex is highly soluble in hydrocarbons, and we were not able to obtain X-ray-quality crystals of this product.

In contrast to reactions of **1** with $Br(CH_2)_nBr$ ($n = 3, 4, 6$), the analogous reactions involving **2** and **3** gave mostly oily products that were difficult to isolate and characterize. Despite this fact, we were able to obtain crystals of complex **2c** from the reaction of **2** with an equimolar amount of $Br(CH_2)_6Br$ (Scheme 5). The structure of **2c** was unambiguously

Scheme 5. Reactions of **2** with $Br(CH_2)_6Br$



characterized by both NMR spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectroscopy showed that the aforementioned reaction is very clean, where **2c** and free $pTol_3P$ are the only products.

The $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR data of complexes **2a–c**, **3a**, and **3c**, together with corresponding data of parent compounds **2** and **3**, are collected in Table 2.

The comparison of the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR data of platinum complexes with tBu_2P_2-P-R ($R = Me, I, (CH_2)_6Br, P-PtBu_2$) ligands with those of parent compounds **2** and **3** leads to several interesting observations. The $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ spectra of **2a**, **2b**, and **2c** show only three resonances each, which suggests that one phosphine ligand left the coordination sphere of the metal center. On the other hand, the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR spectra of **3a** and **3c** each contain four resonances, indicating the presence of four inequivalent P atoms in these compounds. In comparison to parent species **2** and **3**, the resonances of P1—R in the aforementioned complexes, except **2b**, which contains a P—I moiety, are strongly upfield shifted, indicating the

Table 2. $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR Data of **2**, **3**, **2a–c**, **3a**, and **3c**

compound	chemical shifts [ppm]				coupling constants [Hz]		
	(R-)P1	tBu_2P_2	R' ₃ P3	R' ₃ P4	$^1J_{P1P2}$	$^2J_{P2P3}$	$^1J_{P1Pt}$
2	-38.8	77.5	30.5	22.5	615	206	52
					2	34	1906
					21	4	3452
3	-48.2	71.5	58.3	42.6	622	214	116
					12	31	1894
					26	11	3358
2a	-97.7	61.2	22.3		483	295	349
					8		1653
							3623
2b	-30.6	64.2	21.5		520	299	170
					6		1598
							3523
2c	-68.0	54.8	23.4		483	299	432
					8		1694
							3606
3a	-130.8	54.5	51.2	49.9	455	230	290
					36	24	1710
					71		2990
3c	-120.1	67.9	50.1	47.1			2774
							416
							1696
							3052
							2854

formation of new P—C (in **2a**, **2c**, and **3a**) or P—P bonds (**3c**). In contrast, the resonances of tBu_2P_2 groups in the newly formed Pt complexes are comparable to those observed in parent species **2** and **3**. A strong correlation between $^1J_{P1P2}$ and P—P bond length is observed for phosphanylphosphinidene transition metal complexes.¹⁸ Two extreme examples are side-on platinum complex **2** (large $^1J_{P1P2} = 615$ Hz and very short P—P bond distance with value of 2.062(2) Å)¹² and terminal zirconium complex $[Cp_2Zr(PPhMe_2)(\eta^1-P-PtBu_2)]$ (small $^1J_{P1P2} = 284$ Hz and very long P—P bond distance with a value of 2.20(4) Å).³³ The absolute values of $^1J_{P1P2}$ in **2a–c** and **3a** are significantly decreased in comparison to those of **2** and **3**, which suggests elongation of the P—P bond within the ligand. Notably, all resonances for P atoms in **2a–c**, **3a**, and **3c** showed platinum satellites.

The small absolute values of $^1J_{P1Pt}$ which are very characteristic of phosphanylphosphinidene complexes **2** and **3**, are significantly increased in the newly formed compounds. Furthermore, the $^1J_{P2Pt}$, $^1J_{P3Pt}$ or $^1J_{P4Pt}$ coupling constants are similar to the corresponding values observed for **2**, **3**, [$trans-(R_3P)_2PtCl_2$],⁴³ and Pt(0) complexes with phosphine ligands.⁴⁴ The relatively large absolute value of the $^2J_{P2P3}$ couplings (295–299 Hz) in **2a–c** suggests the trans orientation of the tBu_2P_1 moiety and the $pTol_3P_3$ ligand.

The solid-state structures of platinum complexes **2a**, **2b**, **2c**, **3a**, and **3c** were studied by X-ray diffraction. The molecular structures of these compounds are shown in Figures 3–7. The X-ray studies of **2a**, **2b**, **2c**, **3a**, and **3c** in solution are fully consistent with the NMR data of these complexes. In **2a**, **2b**, **2c**, and **3a**, the tBu_2P-P-R moiety ($R = Me$ (**2a**, **3a**), I (**2b**), $(CH_2)_6Br$ (**2c**)) is side-on coordinated to the Pt center

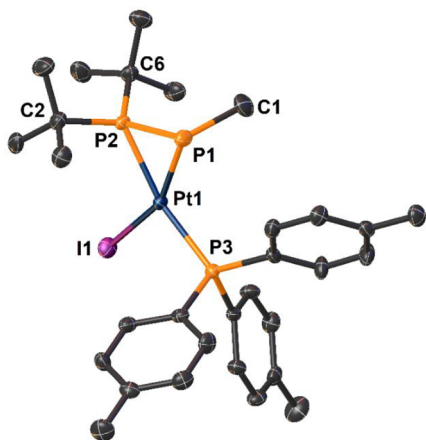


Figure 3. Molecular structure of complex **2a**. Ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): P1—Pt1 2.350(2), P2—Pt1 2.285(1), P3—Pt1 2.292(1), I1—Pt1 2.6658(5), P1—P2 2.156(2), C1—P1 1.863(6), Σ P1 278.2, Σ P2 347.1 (neglecting the P2—Pt1 bond), C1—P1—P2 108.6(2), C1—P1—P2—C6 $-10.3(3)$.

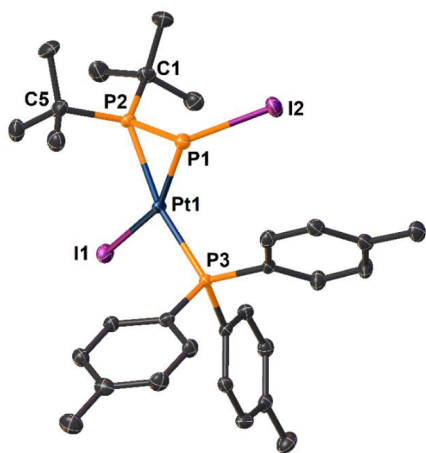


Figure 4. Molecular structure of complex **2b**. Ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): P1—Pt1 2.310(1), P2—Pt1 2.282(1), P3—Pt1 2.3004(9), I1—Pt1 2.6551(5), P1—P2 2.173(1), I2—P1 2.491(1), Σ P1 280.4, Σ P2 347.2 (neglecting the P2—Pt1 bond), I2—P1—P2 109.57(5), I2—P1—P2—C1 $-7.9(2)$.

(Figures 3–6), and the metal atom is tetracoordinated with a planar geometry. In **2a–c**, in accordance with the ^{31}P NMR data, the *p*Tol $_3$ P ligand and *t*Bu $_2$ P are in a trans orientation. Surprisingly, the geometries of the *t*Bu $_2$ P—P—R ligands in **2a–c** and **3a** resemble those observed for tungsten complexes **1a–e**: (i) the *t*Bu $_2$ P group displays a high degree of planarity (Σ P2: 345.4° to 347.2°); (ii) the P—P bonds have lengths in between the lengths typical of single and double bonds (2.149(3) Å to 2.173(1) Å) and are significantly longer than P—P bonds in precursor complexes **2** (2.062(2) Å)¹² and **3** (2.072(3) Å);¹³ (iii) the angles P2—P1—R have values in a narrow range of 108.6(2)° to 110.1(3)°; (iv) one of the *t*Bu groups is syn-periplanar with respect to the R group with torsion angles for C(*t*Bu)—P2—P1—R from $-12.5(5)$ ° to 8.3(4)°.

Unlike tungsten complexes **1a–c** and **1e**, in the aforementioned platinum complexes significant elongation of the P1—M1 bond resulting from the attachment of the R group to

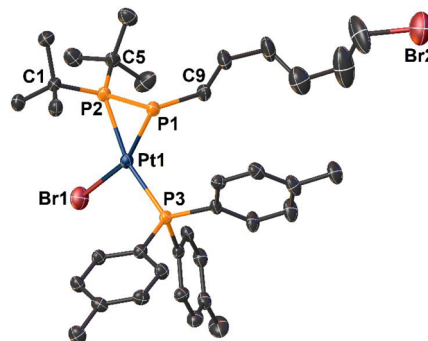


Figure 5. Molecular structure of complex **2c**. Ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): P1—Pt1 2.322(3), P2—Pt1 2.282(2), P3—Pt1 2.283(2), Br1—Pt1 2.519(1), P1—P2 2.149(3), C9—P1 1.87(1), Σ P1 278.0, Σ P2 347.2 (neglecting the P2—Pt1 bond), C9—P1—P2 109.6(3), C9—P1—P2—C5 $-12.5(5)$.

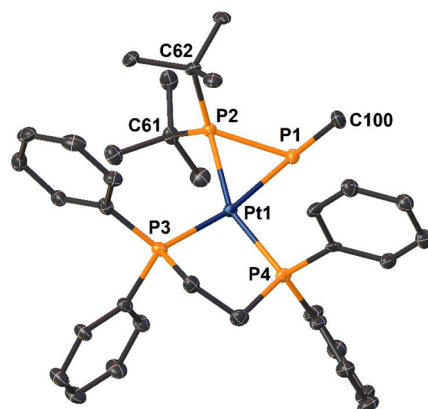


Figure 6. Molecular structure of complex cation **3a**. One molecule out of the three present in the asymmetric unit was selected. Ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. H atoms, solvent molecules, and iodide anion are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): P1—Pt1 2.406(2), P2—Pt1 2.285(2), P3—Pt1 2.274(2), P4—Pt1 2.274(2), P1—P2 2.157(3), C100—P1 1.862(8), Σ P1 278.5, Σ P2 345.4 (neglecting the P2—Pt1 bond), C100—P1—P2 108.6(2), C100—P1—P2—C62 8.3(4).

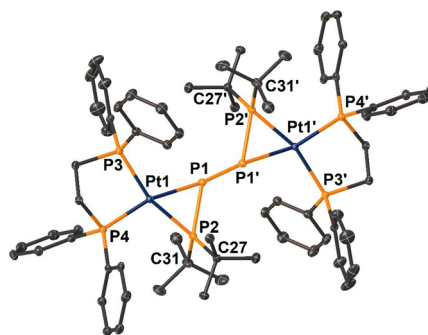


Figure 7. Molecular structure of complex dication **3c**. Ellipsoids are shown at 50% probability. H atoms and bromide anions are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): P1—Pt1 2.415(1), P2—Pt1 2.287(1), P3—Pt1 2.304(1), P4—Pt1 2.275(1), P1—P2 2.165(1), P1—P1' 2.235(1), Σ P1 277.8, Σ P2 346.8 (neglecting the P2—Pt1 bond), P2—P1—P1' 106.34(5), P2—P1—P1'—P2' 180 (centrosymmetric structure).

Table 3. Calculated Hirshfeld Charges (q) and Wiberg Bond Indexes for Complexes **1a**, **2a**, **2b**, and **3c**

compound	Hirshfeld charges			Wiberg bond indexes			
	$q(\text{P}2)$	$q(\text{P}1)$	$q(\text{M}1)$	P1—P2	P1—P1'	P1—M	P2—M
1a	0.194	0.057	0.431	1.002		0.727	0.511
2a	0.208	0.033	0.030	1.116		0.510	0.490
2b	0.205	0.004	0.043	1.093		0.556	0.479
3c'	0.193	-0.023	0.035	1.089	0.983	0.412	0.461

Table 4. Calculated Hirshfeld Charges (q) and Optimized Parameters for Free Phosphenium Cations I–III^a

cation	$q(\text{P}2)$	$q(\text{P}1)$	P1—P2 (Å)	P1—P1' (Å)	$\Sigma\text{P}2$ (°)	P2—P1—R (°)
$t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P}-\text{Me}$ (I)	0.304	0.220	2.036 (1a : 2.160) (2a : 2.156)		359.3 (1a : 341.7) (2a : 347.1)	107.4 (1a : 109.9) (2a : 108.6)
$t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P}-\text{I}$ (II)	0.294	0.168	2.055 (2b : 2.173)		359.3 (2b : 347.2)	109.0 (2b : 109.6)
$(t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P})_2$ (III)	0.345	0.140	2.057 (3c : 2.165)	2.224 (3c : 2.235)	359.9 (3c : 346.8)	102.4 (3c : 106.3)

^aValues in parentheses are experimental parameters for the corresponding ligands in **1a**, **2a**, **2b**, and **3c**.

the P1 atom was not observed. The P1—Pt1 distances in **2a–c** (2.310(1) Å to 2.350(2) Å) are even shorter than that in parent species **2** (2.409(2) Å), whereas in **3a**, the P1—Pt1 bond length (2.406(2) Å) is very similar to the corresponding distance in **3** (2.387(2) Å). The P2—Pt1, P3—Pt1, and P4—Pt1 distances are comparable to those observed in platinum complexes with phosphine ligands.⁴⁵

The molecular structure of complex dication **3c** is presented in Figure 7. It consists of tetraphosphorus ligand $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}_2\text{—P}1\text{—P}1'\text{—P}2't\text{Bu}_2$ and two dppe ligands that coordinate to two platinum centers. Additionally, two bromide counterions are present in the second coordination sphere (not shown in Figure 7).

The metal centers show square planar geometries and the whole molecule is centrosymmetric (point group C_i). As a consequence, the P2—P1—P1'—P2' bonds lie in the same plane with a corresponding torsion angle of 180° and the two (dppe)Pt moieties are located on opposite sides of this plane. The P1—P1' bond (2.235(1) Å) has a length typical of a single covalent P—P bond, whereas the P2—P1 and P2'—P1' bonds are 0.07 Å shorter. The platinum—phosphorus bonds in **3c** and in parent complex **3** have very similar lengths. Dimeric molybdenum and tungsten complexes with analogous $t\text{Bu}_2\text{PPPP}t\text{Bu}_2$ ligands were previously synthesized by our group from the reaction of $\text{Li}[\text{Cp}^*(\text{CO})_3]$ with $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P—PCl}_2$.⁴⁶ The tetraphosphorus ligands in these complexes displayed geometries very similar to the corresponding ligand in **3c**.

We performed DFT calculations (see SI for details) to further elucidate the electronic structures of the obtained tungsten and platinum complexes. As presented in the previous paragraphs, W or Pt complexes with $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P—P—R}$ exhibit many common structural features. Therefore, for this study we selected representative complexes **1a**, **2a** ($t\text{Bu}_2\text{P—P—Me}$ ligand), and **2b** ($t\text{Bu}_2\text{P—P—I}$ ligand). Moreover, we studied the electronic properties of complex **3c'** ($t\text{Bu}_2\text{P—P—P—PtBu}_2$ ligand) with a skeleton similar to that of **3c** in which the dppe ligands were replaced by dmpe ($\text{Me}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PMe}_2$) groups to simplify the calculations. Our previous theoretical studies on tungsten complex **1** revealed that the P1—P2 bond within the $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}_2\text{—P}1$ ligand is polarized toward the phosphinidene P1-atom. Furthermore, the P1—P2 and P2—W1 bonds are essentially single bonds, whereas the P1—W1 bond has double bond character. Moreover, a lone electron pair is present on

the P1 atom. In the case of Pt complex **2**, similar to **1**, the phosphanylphosphinidene ligand displays a positively charged P2 atom and a negatively charged P1 atom. In contrast to **1**, Pt complex **2** exhibits a P1=P2 double bond and has two lone pairs on the P1 atom.¹⁸ NBO analysis of complexes **1a**, **2a**, and **2b** indicates that the P1—P2 bond within the $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P—P—R}$ ligand as well as the P1—M1 and P2—M1 bonds have single-bond character. The mentioned complexes display one lone pair of electrons on the P1 atom. The shortening of the P1—P2 bonds in **1a**, **2a**, and **2b** can be explained by the interactions of the antibonding $\sigma^*(\text{P}2\text{—C})$ orbitals with the orbital attributed to the lone pair on the P1 atom (negative hyperconjugation). The analysis of the Hirshfeld charges of complexes **1a**, **2a**, and **2b** revealed that the positive charge is located on the P2 atom of the phosphanyl group, whereas the charge on the P1 atom is close to zero (Table 3). Moreover, the W1 atom in **1a** is positively charged, whereas the charges on the Pt1 atoms in **2a** and **2b** are close to zero. As it can be expected, in the case of **1a** significant negative charges are located on imido and chlorido ligands, as well as methyl group bound to P1 atom (Figure S72). In complexes **2a** and **2b**, negative charge is located primarily on iodido ligands and on the methyl group (**2a**) or iodine atom (**2b**) directly bound to P1 atom (Figures S73 and S74). These results indicate that the phosphorus ligands in **1a**, **2a**, and **2b** can be seen as coordinated diphosphenium cations $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P—R}$ resulting formally from the reaction of the $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P—P}$ group with the R^+ cation. A similar bonding mode is observed in complex **3c**, where dicationic $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P—P—P}^+t\text{Bu}_2$ ligand coordinates to two platinum metal centers. Notably, based on our previous calculations, the phosphorus ligands in dimeric complexes $[\text{Cp}^*\text{M}(\text{CO})_3(\eta^2\text{—}t\text{Bu}_2\text{PP})]_2$ (M = Mo, W) possess analogous Lewis structures.⁴⁶

Consequently, we performed analogous calculations for free phosphenium cations $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P—Me}$ (I), $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P—I}$ (II) and $(t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}^+=\text{P})_2$ (III). On the basis of our calculations, these species have a singlet ground state. The optimized structures of I–III are presented in Figures S66, S70, and S71, and their selected optimized parameters together with Hirshfeld charges are collected in Table 4.

As expected, the P atoms in I–III are positively charged with a large charge on the P2 atom and a smaller positive charge on the P1 atom. A comparison of the geometries of I–III with the

geometries of the corresponding ligands in **1a**, **2a**, **2b**, and **2c** reveals several similarities, such as the planar geometric alignment of the *t*Bu₂P₂ phosphanyl group, the very close values of the P2—P1—R angles, and the same syn-periplanar conformation (Table 4). Similar structural features also include the isolated, noncoordinated diphosphonium cation Mes*-(Me)P⁺=PMes*.⁴⁷ However, in comparison to the corresponding ligands in the W and Pt complexes, the P1—P2 bonds in **I—III** are significantly shorter and have double bond character. This important structural difference can be explained by considering the complexation of these cationic ligands to the metal center. In free ligands **I—III**, the lone pair on the P2 atom (*t*Bu₂P group) is mainly involved in P—P π -bonding, whereas in the corresponding complexes, this lone pair interacts with the metal center.

3. CONCLUSIONS

Our studies showed that phosphanylphosphinidene complexes of tungsten and platinum are valuable substrates in the synthesis of not only new diphosphorus ligand species but also new polydentate phosphorus ligands. The reactions of complexes [(DippN)₂W(Cl)(η^2 -P—PtBu₂)]⁻ (**1**), [(*p*Tol₃P)₂Pt(η^2 -P—PtBu₂)] (**2**), and [(dppe)Pt(η^2 -P—PtBu₂)] (**3**) with MeI and haloalkanes gave a wide range of transition metal complexes bearing ligands with two or four P-donor atoms. Nucleophilic **1** is very reactive toward Br(CH₂)_{*n*}Br (*n* = 3, 4, 6), forming unprecedented dinuclear complexes bearing tetradentate ligands where two *t*Bu₂P—P groups are linked by an aliphatic chain (*n* = 4, 6) or monometallic complexes with a *t*Bu₂P—P(CH₂)₃Br ligand. The reactions of platinum complexes with MeI and dihaloalkanes gave even more diverse compounds. We showed that the *t*Bu₂P—P ligand in the starting platinum complexes can be easily functionalized by introducing a wide range of substituents on terminal P-phosphinidene atoms, such as halogen atoms, Me, (CH₂)_{*n*}Br or P—PtBu₂ groups. Despite the diversity of functionalized phosphanylphosphinidene ligands, they exhibit many structural similarities and can be described as phosphonium cations *t*Bu₂P⁺=P—R or (*t*Bu₂P⁺=P)₂. In summary, the presented results may be of importance in the synthesis of polydentate phosphorus ligands coordinated to TM with possible catalytic activity.

4. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Information. All experiments were carried out under an argon atmosphere using Schlenk techniques. All manipulations were performed using standard vacuum, Schlenk, and glovebox techniques. All solvents were purified and dried using common methods. Solvents for NMR spectroscopy (C₆D₆ and CDCl₃) were purified from metallic sodium or P₂O₅. The phosphanylphosphinidene tungsten complex [(2,6-*i*Pr₂C₆H₃N)₂(Cl)W(η^2 -*t*Bu₂P—P)]Li·3DME (**1**)¹¹ and phosphanylphosphinidene platinum complex [(*p*Tol₃P)₂Pt(η^2 -*t*Bu₂P=P)] (**2**)¹² were synthesized following literature methods. Methyl iodide, 1,2-diiodoethane, 1,2-dibromoethane, 1,3-dibromopropane, 1,4-dibromobutane and 1,6-dibromohexane were purchased from commercial sources. All of the solutions of dibromoalkanes, methyl iodide, and 1,2-diiodoethane used in this work were freshly prepared prior to use. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature (external standards: TMS for ¹H and ¹³C; 85% H₃PO₄ for ³¹P). The chemical shifts of C_i and CH₂ in some cases were not determined due to the absence of these signals in the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra. The Cl/Br ratio in the case of tungsten complexes was determined on the basis of the ³¹P NMR spectra. Crystallographic analyses were performed on an STOE IPDS II diffractometer using MoK α radiation

(λ = 0.71073 Å). Elemental analyses were performed at the University of Gdańsk using a Vario El Cube CHNS apparatus.

Synthesis of 1b. To a solution of **1** (0.512 g, 0.500 mmol) in 4 mL of DME was dropwise added 0.873 mL of a solution of 1,3-dibromopropane (0.500 mmol, C_M = 0.573 M) at -30 °C. After warming to room temperature, NMR spectra were collected every 5 min for 30 min. The reaction was complete after this time. The solvent was evaporated, the solid residue was redissolved in pentane, and the LiBr precipitate was removed by filtration. Yellow crystals of **1b-Cl/1b-Br** (0.213 g, 0.240 mmol, yield 48%, molar ratio **1b-Cl/1b-Br** equals 0.6:0.4 on the basis of the ³¹P NMR spectrum) were obtained from the pentane filtrate at -30 °C. Mixing in C₆D₆ or DME and heating overnight at 50 °C did not result in the formation of a compound analogous to **1d**.

NMR data for **1b**:

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 1.22 (broad s, 12H, HC(CH₃)₂), 1.27 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 6H, HC(CH₃)₂), 1.28 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 6H, HC(CH₃)₂), 1.35 (d, ³J_{PH} = 16 Hz, 18H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.82 (m, 2H, PCH₂), 2.44 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.89 (m, 2H, CH₂Br), 4.09 (m, 4H, HC(CH₃)₂), 6.97 (m, 2H, C_{Ar}-H_p), 7.07 (m, overlapped, 4H, C_{Ar}-H_m).

1b-Cl: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 40.0 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 375 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 17 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), -125.3 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 375 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 80 Hz, P(CH₂)₃Br).

1b-Br: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 36.9 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 381 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 17 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), -132.2 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 381 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 80 Hz, P(CH₂)₃Br).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 22.8 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 44 Hz, ²J_{CP} = 4 Hz, PCH₂), 23.7 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 23.8 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 24.1 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 27.9 (m, HC(CH₃)₂), 31.6 (broad s, C(CH₃)₃), 32.8 (m, CH₂), 35.1 (m, BrCH₂), 37.6 (very broad s, C(CH₃)₃), 122.4 (s, C_m), 122.5 (s, C_m), 125.8 (broad s, C_p), 144.3 (m, overlapped, C_o), 152.3 (m, overlapped, C_i).

Elemental analysis calculated for C₃₅H₅₈Br_{1.4}Cl_{0.6}N₂P₂W (M = 885.77 g/mol): % C = 47.46%, % H = 6.60%, % N = 3.16%; found % C = 47.55%, % H = 6.70%, % N = 3.15%.

Synthesis of 1c. To a solution of **1** (0.506 g, 0.494 mmol) in 4 mL of DME was dropwise added 1.29 mL of a solution of 1,4-dibromobutane (0.494 mmol, C_M = 0.383 M) at -30 °C. After warming to room temperature, NMR spectra were collected every 5 min for 30 min. The solvent was evaporated, the solid residue was redissolved in pentane, and the LiBr precipitate was removed by filtration. Yellow crystals of **1c-Cl/1c-Br** (0.133 g, 0.084 mmol, yield 34.1%, molar ratio **1c-Cl/1c-Br** equals 1.3:0.7 on the basis of the ³¹P NMR spectrum) were obtained from the pentane filtrate at -30 °C. Crystals for NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis were obtained from a toluene solution at -30 °C, and the crystals contain two molecules of toluene in the structure.

NMR data for **1c**:

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 1.23 (very broad s, overlapped, 24H, HC(CH₃)₂), 1.28 (d, overlapped, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 24H, HC(CH₃)₂), 1.38 (d, ³J_{PH} = 16 Hz, 36H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.55 (broad m, 4H, PCH₂), 2.32 (m, 4H, CH₂), 4.11 (very broad s, 8H, HC(CH₃)₂), 6.98 (m, 4H, C_{Ar}-H_p), 7.07 (m, overlapped, 8H, C_{Ar}-H_m).

1c-Cl: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 40.3 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 378 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 17 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), -122.2 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 378 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 76 Hz, P(CH₂)₄).

1c-Br: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 37.2 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 383 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 17 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), -129.1 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 383 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 80 Hz, P(CH₂)₄).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 23.7 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 23.8 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 24.2 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 27.8 (m, overlapped, HC(CH₃)₂), 31.6 (broad s, C(CH₃)₃), 37.4 (broad s, C(CH₃)₃), 122.4 (s, C_m), 122.5 (s, C_m), 125.7 (broad s, C_p), 144.2 (m, overlapped, C_o), 152.3 (m, overlapped, C_i), CH₂- are not visible due to the broadness.

Elemental analysis calculated for C₈₂H₁₂₈Br_{0.5}Cl_{1.5}N₄P₄W₂ (M = 1754.63 g/mol): % C = 56.13%, % H = 7.35%, % N = 3.19%; found % C = 56.03%, % H = 7.26%, % N = 3.18%.

Synthesis of 1d. The reaction was conducted using the same amounts of reactants as were used to synthesize **1c-Cl/1c-Br** at room temperature, and after 3 days almost all **1c-Cl/1c-Br** was gone and **1d** was formed along with [(2,6-*i*Pr₂C₆H₃N)₂WX₂·DME (X = Cl, Br)]. The molar ratio of the products (**1d/1c**) was 2.3:1 based on the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (70% **1d** and 30% **1c-Cl/1c-Br**, not taking into account other products of this reaction).

NMR data for **1d**:

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 1.24 (d, ³J_{PH} = 7 Hz, 18H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.54 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.77 (m, 4H, CH₂).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): δ 42.3 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 203 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), -37.3 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 203 Hz, P(CH₂)₆).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 26.2 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 18 Hz, ²J_{CP} = 13 Hz, PCH₂), 28.6 (broad s, CH₂), 31.6 (broad s, C(CH₃)₃), 32.8 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 30 Hz, ²J_{CP} = 7 Hz, C(CH₃)₃).

Synthesis of 1e. To a solution of **1** (0.493 g, 0.480 mmol) in DME was dropwise added 1.68 mL of a solution of 1,6-dibromohexane (0.480 mmol, C_M = 0.286 M) at -30 °C. After warming to room temperature, NMR spectra were collected every 5 min for 30 min. The solvent was evaporated, and the solid residue was redissolved in pentane. Colorless crystals of **1e-Cl/1e-Br** (0.162 g, 0.101 mmol, yield 42%, molar ratio **1e-Cl/1e-Br** equals 1.3:0.7 on the basis of the ³¹P NMR spectrum) were grown at -30 °C. Adding the reactants in the reverse manner results in the same NMR spectra and crystalline product. No formation of a compound analogous to **1d** was observed at RT.

NMR data for **1e**:

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 0.99 (broad m, overlapped, 4H, PCH₂), 1.25 (broad s, overlapped, 4H, CH₂), 1.25 (very broad s, 18H, HC(CH₃)₂), 1.30 (d, overlapped, 30H, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, HC(CH₃)₂), 1.40 (d, 36H, ³J_{PH} = 16 Hz, C(CH₃)₃), 2.38 (m, 4H, CH₂), 4.14 (m, 8H, HC(CH₃)₂), 6.97 (m, 4H, C_{Ar}-H_m), 7.08 (m, overlapped, 8H, C_{Ar}-H_m).

1e-Cl: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 40.5 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 378 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 18 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), -122.1 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 378 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 80 Hz, P(CH₂)₆).

1e-Br: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 37.4 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 382 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 18 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), -129.0 (d, ¹J_{PP} = 382 Hz, ¹J_{PW} = 80 Hz, P(CH₂)₆).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 23.8 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 23.9 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 24.2 (broad s, HC(CH₃)₂), 24.2 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 44 Hz, ²J_{CP} = 6 Hz, PCH₂), 27.8 (s, overlapped, HC(CH₃)₂), 27.9 (s, overlapped, HC(CH₃)₂), 30.4 (m, CH₂), 31.7 (broad s, C(CH₃)₃), 32.7 (m, CH₂), 37.5 (broad s, C(CH₃)₃), 122.4 (s, C_m), 122.5 (s, C_m), 125.7 (broad s, C_p), 144.4 (m, overlapped, C_o), 152.5 (m, overlapped, C_i).

Additionally, the signals attributable to pentane are visible in the ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra.

Elemental analysis calculated for (**1e**·pentane): C₇₅H₁₂₈Br_{0.7}Cl_{1.3}N₄P₄W₂ (M = 1679.44 g/mol): % C = 53.64%, % H = 7.68%, % N = 3.34%; found % C = 53.41%, % H = 7.80%, % N = 3.13%.

Synthesis of 2a. To a suspension of **2** (0.379 g, 0.383 mmol) in toluene was dropwise added 0.586 mL of a solution of methyl iodide (0.383 mmol, C_M = 0.653 M) at -30 °C. The reaction was complete after 1 h, which was confirmed by NMR spectroscopy. The solvent was evaporated, and the solid residue was dissolved partially in pentane and the rest in toluene. Colorless crystals of **2a** were obtained from both fractions at -30 °C but they were contaminated with *p*Tol₃P (the crystals obtained from toluene were much less contaminated than those from pentane). The yield of crystals from the toluene fraction was 49.2% (0.154 g, 0.188 mmol).

NMR data for **2a**:

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 0.73 (m, 3H, H₃C-P), 1.35 (d, ³J_{PH} = 16 Hz, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.37 (d, ³J_{PH} = 16 Hz, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.93 (s, 9H, *p*-CH₃-C₆H₄), 6.90 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 6H, C_{Ar}-H_m), 7.80 (m, 6H, C_{Ar}-H_o).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 61.2 (dd, ¹J_{PP} = 483 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 295 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 1653 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), 22.3 (dd, ²J_{PP} = 295 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 8 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 3623, *p*Tol₃P), -97.7 (dd, ¹J_{PP} = 483 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 8

Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 349 Hz, PMe), weak signal of *p*Tol₃P (s, -7.9 ppm) was visible.

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 3.7 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 55 Hz, ²J_{CP} = 7 Hz, H₃C-P), 20.8 (s, *p*-CH₃-C₆H₄), 31.8 (d, ²J_{CP} = 8 Hz, C(CH₃)₃), 32.2 (m, C(CH₃)₃), 36.1 (m, C(CH₃)₃), 37.2 (m, C(CH₃)₃), 128.9 (d, ³J_{CP} = 10 Hz, C_m), 130.8 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 51 Hz, ³J_{CP} = 2 Hz, C_i), 134.5 (d, ²J_{CP} = 12 Hz, C_o), 139.9 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 2 Hz, C_p).

Elemental analysis calculated for C₃₀H₄₂IP₃Pt (M = 817.5642 g/mol): % C = 44.07%, % H = 5.18%, found % C = 44.84%, % H = 5.23%

Synthesis of 2b. To a suspension of **2** (0.418 g, 0.422 mmol) in toluene was dropwise added a solution of 1,2-diiodoethane (0.119 g, 0.422 mmol) in 1 mL of toluene at -30 °C. The reaction was complete after 2 h, which was confirmed by NMR spectroscopy. Light-brown crystals of **2b** (0.198 g, 0.213 mmol, yield 50.5%) were obtained from a toluene solution at -30 °C.

NMR data for **2b**:

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 1.24 (d, ³J_{PH} = 16 Hz, 9H, (CH₃)₃C), 1.68 (d, ³J_{PH} = 17 Hz, 9H, (CH₃)₃C), 1.99 (s, 9H, *p*-CH₃-C₆H₄), 6.97 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7 Hz, 6H, C_{Ar}-H_m), 7.87 (m, 6H, C_{Ar}-H_o).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 64.2 (dd, ¹J_{PP} = 520 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 299 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 1598 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), 21.5 (dd, ²J_{PP} = 299 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 6 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 3523, *p*Tol₃P), -30.6 (dd, ¹J_{PP} = 520 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 6 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 170 Hz, PI).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 20.8 (s, *p*-CH₃-C₆H₄), 31.6 (m, overlapped, (CH₃)₃C), 37.8 (m, (CH₃)₃C), 39.2 (m, (CH₃)₃C), 129.1 (d, ³J_{CP} = 11 Hz, C_m), 134.6 (d, ²J_{CP} = 11 Hz, C_o), 140.3 (d, ⁴J_{CP} = 2 Hz, C_p), C_i not visible in the spectrum.

Elemental analysis calculated for C₂₉H₃₉I₂P₃Pt (M = 929.4342 g/mol): % C = 37.47%, % H = 4.23%, found % C = 38.01%, % H = 4.29%.

Synthesis of 2c. To a suspension of **2** (0.373 g, 0.376 mmol) in 4 mL of DME was dropwise added 1.32 mL of a solution of 1,6-dibromohexane (0.376 mmol, C_M = 0.284 M) at -30 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, and NMR spectra were acquired. The reaction was complete (no signals of the starting complex) after 30 min. The solvent was evaporated, and the oily residue was partially dissolved in pentane. A small amount of yellow crystals of **2c** suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained upon dilution of the pentane solution at room temperature.

NMR data for **2c**:

¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 0.94 (m, overlapped, 6H, PCH₂ and CH₂), 1.33 (m, overlapped, 4H, CH₂), 1.42 (d, ³J_{PH} = 15 Hz, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.51 (d, ³J_{PH} = 16 Hz, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.78 (broad m, 2H, BrCH₂), 1.90 (s, 9H, *p*-CH₃-C₆H₄), 6.94 (m, 6H, C_{Ar}-H_m), 7.86 (m, 6H, C_{Ar}-H_o).

³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 54.8 (dd, ¹J_{PP} = 483 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 299 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 1694 Hz, *t*Bu₂P), 23.4 (dd, ²J_{PP} = 299 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 8 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 3606 Hz, *p*Tol₃P), -68.0 (dd, ¹J_{PP} = 483 Hz, ²J_{PP} = 8 Hz, ¹J_{PtP} = 432 Hz, P(CH₂)₆Br).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 20.0 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 50 Hz, ²J_{CP} = 7 Hz, PCH₂), 20.8 (s, *p*-CH₃-C₆H₄), 27.6 (s, CH₂), 30.0 (m, CH₂), 30.8 (m, CH₂), 31.6 (broad d, ²J_{CP} = 8 Hz, C(CH₃)₃), 32.2 (broad m, C(CH₃)₃), 32.4 (s, CH₂), 33.2 (s, CH₂), 36.1 (m, C(CH₃)₃), 37.6 (m, C(CH₃)₃), 128.9 (d, ³J_{CP} = 11 Hz, C_m), 130.7 (d, ¹J_{CP} = 50 Hz, C_i), 134.6 (d, ²J_{CP} = 12 Hz, C_o), 139.9 (broad s, C_p).

Synthesis of 3. A slightly modified version of the synthesis of [(*dppe*)Pt(η²-*t*Bu₂P=P)] previously described in the literature was used.¹³ A solution of *dppe* in toluene was added to a suspension of **2** in toluene at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 2–3 days. The volume of the solution was decreased to a quarter of the original volume and it was stirred for another day. Then, the solution was layered with two volumes of petroleum ether, and the resulting precipitate was washed with a 1:2 toluene/ether mixture, resulting in pure [(*dppe*)Pt(η²-*t*Bu₂P=P)] as a solid (~60% yield).

NMR data for **3**: see ref 13.

Synthesis of 3a. To a suspension of **3** (0.385 g, 0.5 mmol) in toluene was dropwise added 0.577 mL of a solution of methyl iodide

(0.5 mmol, $C_M = 0.653$ M) at -30 °C. The reaction mixture was then warmed to room temperature, and a large amount of white solid formed. The solvent was evaporated, and the solid residue was dissolved in THF. Colorless crystals of **3a** (290 mg, 0.295 mmol, 60% yield) were obtained from the THF solution at -20 °C.

NMR data for **3a**:

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 0.99 (m, 3H, PCH_3), 1.11 (d, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 16$ Hz, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.16 (d, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 16$ Hz, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.18 (m, 4H, THF), 2.50 (broad m, 2H, CH_2 , dppe), 2.87 (broad m, 2H, CH_2 , dppe), 3.67 (m, 4H, THF), 7.31–7.56 (m, overlapped, 16 H, $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-H}$), 7.66 (m, overlapped, 2H, $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-H}$), 7.82 (m, overlapped, 2H, $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-H}$).

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 54.5 (ddd, $^1J_{\text{PP}} = 455$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 230$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 24$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 1710$ Hz, $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}$), 51.2 (dd, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 230$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 36$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 2990$ Hz, dppe), 49.9 (dd, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 71$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 24$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 2774$ Hz, dppe), -130.8 (ddd, $^1J_{\text{PP}} = 455$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 71$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 36$ Hz, $^1J_{\text{PPt}} = 290$ Hz, PMe).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 5.13 (dd, $^1J_{\text{CP}} = 52$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 8$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4$ Hz, PCH_3), 25.6 (s, THF), 28.3 (dd, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 37$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 13$ Hz, CH_2 , dppe), 30.6 (ddd, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 37$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 11$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 4$ Hz, CH_2 , dppe), 31.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{CP}} = 9$ Hz, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 31.8 (m, overlapped, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 36.3 (broad m, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 38.2 (broad m, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 68.0 (s, THF), 129.2–134.2 (m, overlapped, C_{Ar} , dppe).

Elemental analysis calculated for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{53}\text{IOPt}$ ($M = 983.7210$ g/mol): % C = 47.62%, % H = 5.43%, found % C = 47.60%, % H = 5.54%.

Synthesis of 3b. To a suspension of **3** (0.385 g, 0.5 mmol) in 4 mL toluene was dropwise added a solution of 1,2-diiodoethane (0.141 g, 0.500 mmol) in 1 mL of toluene at -30 °C. The solvent was evaporated, and the solid residue was partially dissolved in toluene and the rest was dissolved in DCM. A small amount of orange solid (polyphosphorus compounds) was not soluble in any accessible solvent. After evaporation of the toluene, the oily residue of $t\text{Bu}_2\text{PI}^{48}$ remained, which was confirmed by NMR spectroscopy. Large yellow crystals of **3b**⁴² were obtained from a DCM solution at -30 °C.

Synthesis of 3c. To a suspension of **3** (0.308 g, 0.400 mmol) in 4 mL of DME was dropwise added 0.847 mL of a solution of 1,2-dibromoethane (0.400 mmol, $C_M = 0.472$ M) at -30 °C. Then, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, and a substantial amount of yellow residue formed during heating. The residue was washed with toluene and dissolved in DCM. The DCM solution was further layered with toluene, and large, light-green crystals of **3c** (0.111 g, 0.108 mmol, yield 27%) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained at room temperature.

NMR data for **3c**:

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 298 K δ): 0.82 (broad d, overlapped, $^3J_{\text{PH}} = 16$ Hz, 36H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.54 (broad s, 2H, CH_2 , dppe), 2.12 (broad s, 2H, CH_2 , dppe), 2.77 (broad s, 2H, CH_2 , dppe), 3.16 (broad s, 2H, CH_2 , dppe), 5.31 (s, 4H, CH_2Cl_2), 7.36 (broad s, 4H, $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-H}$), 7.52 (broad s, 18H, $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-H}$), 7.71 (broad s, 14H, $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-H}$), 8.14 (broad s, 4H, $\text{C}_{\text{Ar}}\text{-H}$).

$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 162 MHz, 298 K, δ): 67.9 (m, $t\text{Bu}_2\text{P}$), 50.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}} = 120$ Hz, dppe), 47.1 (m, dppe), -120.1 (m, P).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, 298 K δ): 30.2 (m, CH_2 , dppe), 30.6 (m, CH_2 , dppe), 31.4 (broad s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 37.2 (very broad m, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 40.4 (very broad m, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 53.4 (s, CH_2Cl_2), 129.7 (broad s, C_{Ar} , dppe), 130.5 (broad m, overlapped, C_{Ar} , dppe), 131.5 (broad m, overlapped, C_{Ar} , dppe), 132.6 (broad m, overlapped, C_{Ar} , dppe), 133.4 (broad m, overlapped, C_{Ar} , dppe), 134.7 (broad m, overlapped, C_{Ar} , dppe).

Elemental analysis calculated for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{46}\text{BrCl}_4\text{P}_4\text{Pt}$ ($M = 1019.44$ g/mol): % C = 42.41%, % H = 4.55%, found % C = 42.66%, % H = 4.60%.

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