

Using Reduced Catalysts for Oxidation Reactions: Mechanistic Studies of the “Periana-Catalytica” System for CH₄ Oxidation.

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1 General Procedures

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon utilizing standard Schlenk glassware techniques or a Vacuum Atmospheres drybox. Elemental analyses were carried out by Desert Analytics Laboratory, Tucson, AZ. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra were collected using Bruker AC-250 (^1H at 250.134 MHz and ^{13}C at 62.902 MHz), AM-360 (^1H at 360.138 MHz and ^{13}C at 90.566 MHz), and Varian Mercury 400 spectrometers (^1H at 400.151 MHz and ^{13}C at 100.631 MHz). The spectra were referenced to residual solvent protons or a known chemical shift standard and chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield of tetramethylsilane. All coupling constants are reported in Hertz. NMR experiments requiring air-free manipulations were carried out in Wilmad NMR tubes fitted with J. Young Teflon vacuum/pressure valves. Liquid and gas phases of reaction products were analyzed on Shimadzu QP-5000 GCMS instrument. Gas phases were analyzed using a J&W Scientific GasPro capillary column (30 m \times 0.32 mm ID), liquid phase on J&W Scientific DS-5ms capillary column (30 m \times 0.32 mm ID). Unless otherwise noted, reagent grade chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Hydrocarbon solvents, ether, and THF were distilled from sodium/benzophenone under argon; inhibitor-free dry dichloromethane was obtained via standard procedures and finally purified by careful distillation from CaH_2 immediately prior to use. Deuterated solvents for NMR experiments were purified by identical procedures. SO_2 was distilled from P_2O_5 directly into an NMR tube immediately prior to use except during reactions on larger scale (described separately below).

Catalytic methane oxidation experiments were carried out as described in the original procedures.¹ For NMR analysis, a known amount of acetic acid was added to an aliquot of the reaction solution as an internal standard. Methyl bisulfate (and any free methanol) was determined from the ratio of the ¹H NMR methyl resonances of methyl bisulfate (3.4 ppm) to acetic acid (2.02 ppm). The methyl products were also quantified by HPLC analysis of the liquid phase. Known volume aliquots of reaction solution were first hydrolyzed by the addition of 3 parts water to 1 part crude reaction solution and heated to 90 °C for 4 h in a sealed vial. The hydrolyzed solution was analyzed using a HP 1050 HPLC equipped with a HPX-87H column (Bio-Rad) and a refractive index detector. The eluent was 0.1 volume % sulfuric acid in water. Methanol eluted at 16.2 minutes. The gas phase (CH₄, CO₂ and CH₃Cl) and liquid phase (CH₃OSO₃H and CH₃OH) analyses allowed >90% mass balance on methane.

2 Procedures

Stir Rate Dependence on H/D Exchange of CH₄: In a 25 mL Hast C autoclave with a glass liner and overhead stirrer, a 2.5 mM solution of Pt(bpym)Cl₂ in 98% D₂SO₄ was prepared and charged with methane following several purge cycles. The reactor was heated at 165 °C for 40 min with stirring rates from 0-1200 RPM. The gas phase was then analyzed by venting a portion of the head space into a septum capped, evacuated vial, which was followed by GC-MS analysis of the methane isotopologues. Analysis demonstrated that no increase in rate was observed above a stir rate of 200 rpm; indicating that above this stir rate mass transport was not an issue (Figure S1).

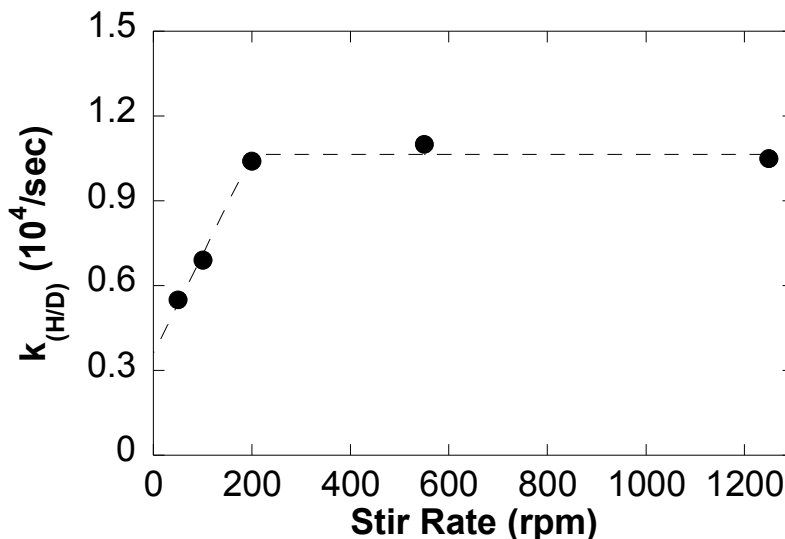


Figure S1. Plot of observed H/D exchange rate vs. agitation speed, where $[\text{Pt}(\text{bpym})\text{Cl}_2] = 2.5$ mM at 165°C for 40 min.

Methane Pressure Dependence on H/D Exchange of CH_4 : A stainless steel autoclave with a glass liner and magnetic stir bar was charged with a 5 mM solution of $\text{Pt}(\text{bpym})\text{Cl}_2$ in 98% D_2SO_4 . The reactor was pressurized with methane following several purge cycles. The reactor was then heated at 165°C for 40 min. The gas phase was then analyzed by venting a portion of the head space into a septum capped, evacuated vial, which was followed by GC-MS analysis of the methane isotopologues.

Activation Parameters for H/D Exchange and Oxidation of CH_4 : A stainless steel autoclave with a glass liner and magnetic stir bar was charged with a 35 mM solution of $\text{Pt}(\text{bpym})\text{Cl}_2$ in concentrated sulfuric acid (D_2SO_4 for H/D exchange and H_2SO_4 for oxidation reactions, respectively). The reactor was pressurized with methane following several purge cycles. The reactor was then heated at 169 - 190°C for 40 min. The reaction was then analyzed by

gas phase GC-MS and liquid phase HPLC and NMR analysis as described in the general procedures.

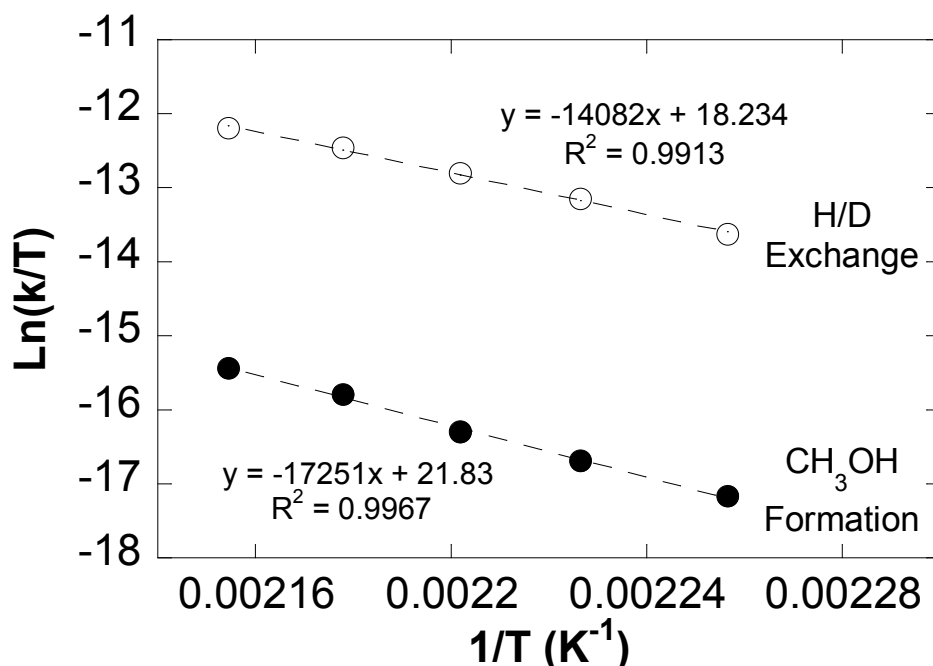


Figure S2. Eyring plot for the Pt(bpym)Cl₂ catalyzed H/D exchange of CH₄ (○) and oxidation of CH₄ (●) in D₂SO₄, where [Pt(bpym)Cl₂] = 35 mM from 169-190 °C. H/D Exchange: $\Delta H^\ddagger = 28.0 \pm 2.4$ kcal/mol, $\Delta S^\ddagger = -11.0 \pm 3.3$ eu; CH₃OH Formation: $\Delta H^\ddagger = 34.3 \pm 2.1$ kcal/mol, $\Delta S^\ddagger = -3.8 \pm 0.8$ eu.

Reaction Rate as a Function of Solvent Acidity: A stainless steel autoclave with a glass liner and magnetic stir bar was charged with a 2.5 mM solution of Pt(bpym)Cl₂ in 85-98 wt% D₂SO₄ in D₂O. The reactor was pressurized with methane following several purge cycles. The reactor was then heated at 150 °C for 40 min. The reaction was then analyzed by gas phase GC-MS.

Comparison of Methane Deuteration from Pt-Me Intermediate to Catalytic Reaction: A solution of Pt(bpym)(CH₃)(X) (where X = Cl or OCOF₃) in HOAc-D₄ was added to D₂SO₄ at

room temperature or 180 °C followed to generate a final concentration of 10 mM Pt(bpym). Analysis of the headspace following the reaction, followed by subsequent GC-MS analysis of the methane was performed.

Table S1. Ratio of deuteromethanes ($d_1:d_2:d_3:d_4$) from direct catalytic reaction with CH₄ and from reverse reaction of Pt^{II}-CH₃ deuterolysis.

	% of Methane Isotopologues			
	CH ₃ D	CH ₂ D ₂	CHD ₃	CD ₄
Catalytic Runs	48	38	10	4
Pt ^{II} -CH ₃ deuterolysis	46	33	14	5

3 Arrhenius calculation from ΔG^\ddagger

Scheme S1. Arrhenius calculation of TOF from ΔG^\ddagger

$$k = \frac{k_B T}{h} e^{-\left(\frac{\Delta G^\ddagger}{RT}\right)}$$

$$k = \frac{(1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}) * (493.15 \text{ K})}{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}} e^{-\left(\frac{(41 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}) * (4184 \text{ J kcal}^{-1})}{(8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}) * (493.15 \text{ K})}\right)}$$

$$k = (1.0278 \times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}) * e^{-41.839}$$

$$k = 6.94 \times 10^{-6}$$

4 X-Ray Data

X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The cell parameters were obtained from a least-squares refinement of the spots using the program SMART. A hemisphere of data was collected up to a resolution of 0.75 \AA . The intensity data were processed using the program Saint-Plus. All calculations for the structure determination were carried out using the SHELXTL package (version 5.1).² Initial atomic coordinates of the Pt atoms were located by direct methods, and structures were refined by least-squares methods. Empirical absorption corrections were applied using the program SADABS.³ Calculated hydrogen positions were input and refined in a riding manner along with their attached carbons. A summary of the refinement details and the resulting parameters are given in the Supporting Information. Ortep-3 for Windows⁴ was used for plotting the structures for publication.

Figure S3. Ortep drawing of Pt(bpym)Cl₄·0.5DMF with DMF and hydrogens omitted for clarity.

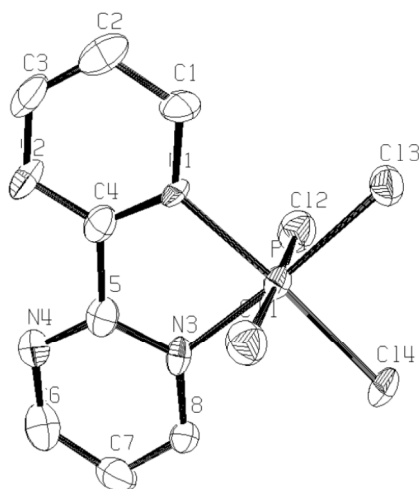


Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for Pt(bpym)Cl₄·0.5DMF.

Identification code	ptcl4m
Empirical formula	C _{9.50} H ₉ Cl ₄ N _{4.50} O Pt
Formula weight	539.10
Temperature	133(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pbcn
Unit cell dimensions	a = 17.908(5) Å α = 90°. b = 13.152(3) Å β = 90°. c = 12.165(3) Å γ = 90°.
Volume	2865.3(12) Å ³
Z	8
Density (calculated)	2.499 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	10.539 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	2012
Crystal size	0.15 x 0.15 x 0.02 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.92 to 27.48°.
Index ranges	-22 ≤ h ≤ 23, -16 ≤ k ≤ 17, -11 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	16230
Independent reflections	3258 [R(int) = 0.0668]
Completeness to theta = 27.48°	99.1 %
Transmission factors min/max ratio:	0.481
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3258 / 0 / 178
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.037102
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0444, wR2 = 0.1051
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0715, wR2 = 0.1138
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.836 and -1.378 e.Å ⁻³

Table S3. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Pt(bpym)Cl₄·0.5DMF. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
Pt(1)	1866(1)	1527(1)	1483(1)	25(1)
Cl(1)	3017(1)	2109(2)	2067(2)	41(1)
Cl(2)	672(1)	990(2)	1012(2)	42(1)
Cl(3)	2294(1)	1289(2)	-279(2)	34(1)
Cl(4)	2215(1)	-105(2)	1906(2)	36(1)
C(1)	1489(6)	3490(6)	262(7)	38(2)
C(2)	1147(5)	4445(7)	237(9)	44(3)
C(3)	849(6)	4820(7)	1186(9)	45(3)
C(4)	1159(5)	3400(6)	2096(7)	30(2)
C(5)	1151(5)	2763(6)	3118(7)	29(2)
C(6)	841(5)	2504(7)	4869(9)	45(3)
C(7)	1183(6)	1549(7)	4854(8)	41(2)
C(8)	1489(5)	1239(6)	3897(7)	30(2)
C(9)	513(7)	1264(11)	8148(11)	77(4)
N(5)	0	1809(11)	7500	56(3)
C(10)	0	2890(20)	7500	94(7)
O(1)	343(13)	3336(17)	8189(18)	220(10)
N(1)	1482(4)	2977(5)	1227(5)	23(2)
N(2)	848(4)	4318(5)	2130(6)	36(2)
N(3)	1477(4)	1852(5)	3007(6)	27(2)
N(4)	823(4)	3118(6)	4008(6)	33(2)

Table S4. Bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$] for Pt(bpym)Cl₄·0.5DMF.

Pt(1)-N(3)	2.026(7)
Pt(1)-N(1)	2.052(6)
Pt(1)-Cl(4)	2.293(2)
Pt(1)-Cl(3)	2.298(2)
Pt(1)-Cl(1)	2.309(2)
Pt(1)-Cl(2)	2.324(3)
C(1)-N(1)	1.353(10)
C(1)-C(2)	1.398(12)
C(2)-C(3)	1.364(14)
C(3)-N(2)	1.325(12)
C(4)-N(1)	1.327(11)
C(4)-N(2)	1.330(10)
C(4)-C(5)	1.499(12)
C(5)-N(4)	1.318(11)
C(5)-N(3)	1.340(10)
C(6)-N(4)	1.322(12)
C(6)-C(7)	1.398(13)
C(7)-C(8)	1.349(13)
C(8)-N(3)	1.350(11)
C(9)-N(5)	1.408(14)
N(5)-C(9)	1.408(14)
N(5)-C(10)	1.42(3)
C(10)-O(1)	1.19(2)
C(10)-O(1)	1.19(2)
N(3)-Pt(1)-N(1)	80.1(3)
N(3)-Pt(1)-Cl(4)	94.9(2)
N(1)-Pt(1)-Cl(4)	174.50(19)
N(3)-Pt(1)-Cl(3)	175.6(2)

N(1)-Pt(1)-Cl(3)	95.55(18)
Cl(4)-Pt(1)-Cl(3)	89.47(8)
N(3)-Pt(1)-Cl(1)	87.4(2)
N(1)-Pt(1)-Cl(1)	92.2(2)
Cl(4)-Pt(1)-Cl(1)	89.90(9)
Cl(3)-Pt(1)-Cl(1)	91.99(8)
N(3)-Pt(1)-Cl(2)	88.5(2)
N(1)-Pt(1)-Cl(2)	86.3(2)
Cl(4)-Pt(1)-Cl(2)	91.25(9)
Cl(3)-Pt(1)-Cl(2)	92.04(9)
Cl(1)-Pt(1)-Cl(2)	175.82(9)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	117.5(9)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	118.6(9)
N(2)-C(3)-C(2)	123.6(8)
N(1)-C(4)-N(2)	126.0(8)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)	115.5(7)
N(2)-C(4)-C(5)	118.5(8)
N(4)-C(5)-N(3)	126.4(8)
N(4)-C(5)-C(4)	119.3(8)
N(3)-C(5)-C(4)	114.4(7)
N(4)-C(6)-C(7)	123.3(9)
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	117.4(9)
C(7)-C(8)-N(3)	120.4(8)
C(9)#1-N(5)-C(9)	118.7(17)
C(9)#1-N(5)-C(10)	120.6(9)
C(9)-N(5)-C(10)	120.6(9)
O(1)-C(10)-O(1)#1	121(3)
O(1)-C(10)-N(5)	119.3(17)
O(1)#1-C(10)-N(5)	119.3(17)
C(4)-N(1)-C(1)	119.1(7)

C(4)-N(1)-Pt(1)	114.5(5)
C(1)-N(1)-Pt(1)	126.3(6)
C(3)-N(2)-C(4)	115.2(8)
C(5)-N(3)-C(8)	117.4(7)
C(5)-N(3)-Pt(1)	115.5(6)
C(8)-N(3)-Pt(1)	127.1(6)
C(5)-N(4)-C(6)	115.1(8)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 $-x, y, -z+3/2$

Table S5. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Pt(bpym)Cl₄·0.5DMF. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^2 U_{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]$

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Pt(1)	33(1)	16(1)	28(1)	-1(1)	0(1)	1(1)
Cl(1)	45(2)	36(1)	41(1)	-3(1)	2(1)	-5(1)
Cl(2)	43(1)	34(1)	49(1)	-3(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)
Cl(3)	44(1)	27(1)	32(1)	-5(1)	3(1)	-1(1)
Cl(4)	48(1)	17(1)	44(1)	0(1)	1(1)	9(1)
C(1)	58(6)	26(5)	29(5)	10(4)	-1(4)	-8(4)
C(2)	38(6)	31(5)	64(7)	19(5)	-2(5)	-7(4)
C(3)	56(7)	17(4)	62(7)	5(4)	-4(5)	6(4)
C(4)	29(5)	21(4)	39(5)	-1(4)	-3(4)	-2(4)
C(5)	27(5)	22(4)	40(5)	-4(4)	-1(4)	-9(4)
C(6)	47(6)	41(6)	48(6)	-13(5)	5(5)	-6(5)
C(7)	56(7)	40(5)	26(5)	3(4)	-5(4)	-11(5)
C(8)	44(6)	18(4)	29(5)	-2(3)	-8(4)	1(4)
C(9)	75(10)	89(11)	66(9)	0(7)	18(7)	9(8)
N(5)	55(9)	66(9)	46(8)	0	7(7)	0
C(10)	120(20)	109(19)	57(13)	0	52(13)	0
N(1)	34(4)	10(3)	26(4)	4(3)	-3(3)	2(3)
N(2)	39(5)	17(4)	53(5)	5(3)	6(4)	7(3)
N(3)	29(4)	16(3)	36(4)	-8(3)	2(3)	-2(3)
N(4)	34(5)	31(4)	33(4)	-6(4)	3(3)	1(3)

Table S6. Hydrogen coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Pt(bpym)Cl₄·0.5DMF.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1)	1718	3211	-374	45
H(2)	1122	4824	-426	53
H(3)	630	5478	1169	54
H(6)	610	2724	5530	54
H(7)	1199	1134	5493	49
H(8)	1713	586	3850	36
H(9A)	814	1741	8581	115
H(9B)	841	863	7671	115
H(9C)	242	808	8645	115

Figure S4. ORTEP drawing of Pt(bpym)(CH₃)(OCOCF₃) with CH₂Cl₂ and hydrogens omitted for clarity.

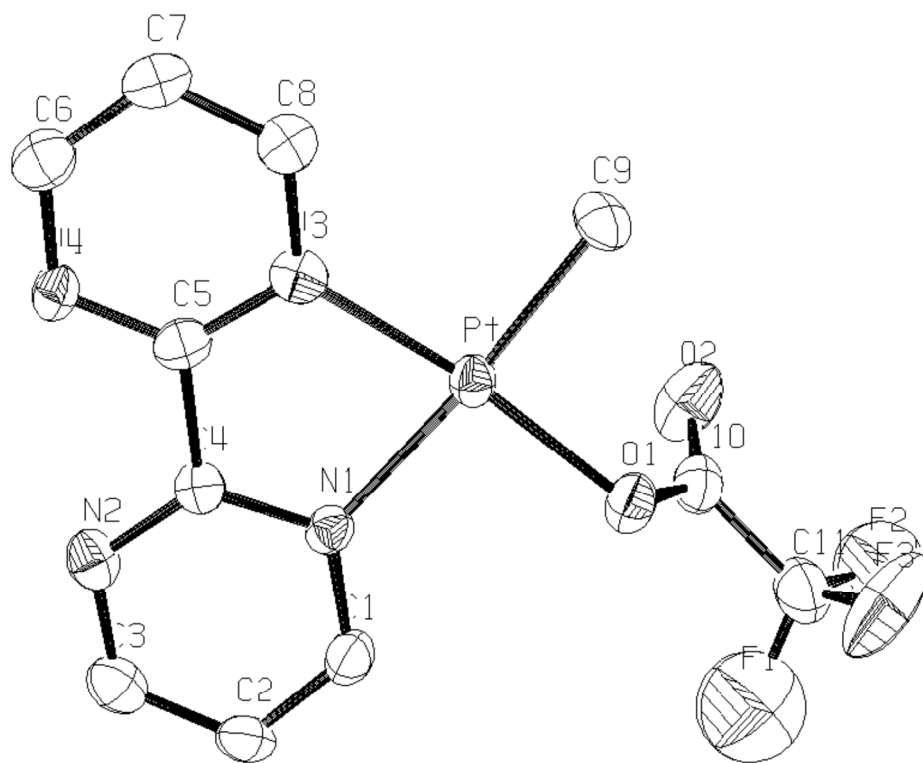


Table S7. Crystal data and structure refinement for Pt(bpym)(CH₃)(OCOCF₃)·CH₂Cl₂.

Identification code	bpmpmem	
Empirical formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₄ O ₂ Pt	
Formula weight	566.24	
Temperature	143(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.9805(13) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 23.393(3) Å	β = 96.713(2)°.
	c = 7.7775(11) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1622.7(4) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	2.318 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	9.022 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1064	
Crystal size	0.14 x 0.13 x 0.01 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.28 to 27.48°.	
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -29 ≤ k ≤ 15, -9 ≤ l ≤ 10	
Reflections collected	9838	
Independent reflections	3619 [R(int) = 0.0444]	
Completeness to theta = 27.48°	97.2 %	
Transmission factors min/max ratio:	0.584	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	3619 / 0 / 208	
Goodness-of-fit on F ₂	1.027	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0401, wR2 = 0.0947	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0547, wR2 = 0.1005	
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.030 and -1.260 e.Å ⁻³	

Table S8. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Pt(bpym)(CH₃)(OCOCF₃)·CH₂Cl₂. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
Pt(1)	3932(1)	7887(1)	6790(1)	25(1)
Cl(1)	8403(3)	9544(1)	8323(3)	54(1)
Cl(2)	10063(3)	8980(1)	11292(3)	49(1)
F(1)	3919(11)	9891(5)	6197(13)	133(3)
F(2)	1564(9)	9946(4)	5767(10)	96(2)
F(3)	2613(9)	9745(3)	8215(8)	85(2)
O(1)	3624(6)	8737(2)	7066(6)	33(1)
O(2)	1687(8)	8845(3)	4987(8)	56(2)
N(1)	5959(7)	7996(2)	5769(8)	24(1)
N(2)	7835(7)	7452(3)	4592(8)	31(2)
N(3)	4482(7)	7069(3)	6490(7)	27(1)
N(4)	6252(7)	6473(3)	5306(8)	29(1)
C(1)	6718(9)	8480(3)	5512(10)	31(2)
C(2)	8041(8)	8472(4)	4803(10)	33(2)
C(3)	8566(9)	7936(4)	4348(10)	36(2)
C(4)	6584(8)	7500(3)	5314(9)	25(2)
C(5)	5722(8)	6979(3)	5704(9)	27(2)
C(6)	5468(9)	6022(4)	5744(10)	37(2)
C(7)	4204(9)	6068(4)	6552(10)	37(2)
C(8)	3729(9)	6609(4)	6922(9)	32(2)
C(9)	1963(9)	7722(4)	7705(10)	32(2)
C(10)	2617(9)	9012(3)	6113(10)	33(2)
C(11)	2687(10)	9645(4)	6567(13)	47(2)
C(12)	9371(10)	8929(3)	9079(10)	38(2)

Table S9. Bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$] for $\text{Pt}(\text{bpym})(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OCOCF}_3)\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$.

Pt(1)-N(3)	1.996(6)
Pt(1)-C(9)	2.019(7)
Pt(1)-O(1)	2.022(5)
Pt(1)-N(1)	2.085(6)
Cl(1)-C(12)	1.748(9)
Cl(2)-C(12)	1.764(8)
F(1)-C(11)	1.309(12)
F(2)-C(11)	1.325(11)
F(3)-C(11)	1.312(11)
O(1)-C(10)	1.274(9)
O(2)-C(10)	1.203(10)
N(1)-C(1)	1.348(9)
N(1)-C(4)	1.354(9)
N(2)-C(4)	1.319(9)
N(2)-C(3)	1.333(10)
N(3)-C(8)	1.334(10)
N(3)-C(5)	1.348(10)
N(4)-C(5)	1.326(9)
N(4)-C(6)	1.335(10)
C(1)-C(2)	1.367(10)
C(2)-C(3)	1.400(11)
C(4)-C(5)	1.493(10)
C(6)-C(7)	1.365(11)
C(7)-C(8)	1.378(12)
C(10)-C(11)	1.522(12)
N(3)-Pt(1)-C(9)	95.5(3)
N(3)-Pt(1)-O(1)	173.4(2)
C(9)-Pt(1)-O(1)	90.8(3)

N(3)-Pt(1)-N(1)	80.4(2)
C(9)-Pt(1)-N(1)	175.7(3)
O(1)-Pt(1)-N(1)	93.3(2)
C(10)-O(1)-Pt(1)	122.1(5)
C(1)-N(1)-C(4)	116.7(6)
C(1)-N(1)-Pt(1)	129.6(5)
C(4)-N(1)-Pt(1)	113.7(5)
C(4)-N(2)-C(3)	116.6(7)
C(8)-N(3)-C(5)	117.3(7)
C(8)-N(3)-Pt(1)	127.1(6)
C(5)-N(3)-Pt(1)	115.5(5)
C(5)-N(4)-C(6)	115.6(7)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	121.8(7)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	116.7(7)
N(2)-C(3)-C(2)	122.6(7)
N(2)-C(4)-N(1)	125.7(7)
N(2)-C(4)-C(5)	120.3(7)
N(1)-C(4)-C(5)	113.9(7)
N(4)-C(5)-N(3)	125.7(7)
N(4)-C(5)-C(4)	118.1(7)
N(3)-C(5)-C(4)	116.1(7)
N(4)-C(6)-C(7)	123.2(8)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	117.6(8)
N(3)-C(8)-C(7)	120.7(7)
O(2)-C(10)-O(1)	130.2(8)
O(2)-C(10)-C(11)	119.4(8)
O(1)-C(10)-C(11)	110.4(7)
F(1)-C(11)-F(3)	106.1(9)
F(1)-C(11)-F(2)	106.2(9)
F(3)-C(11)-F(2)	104.0(8)

F(1)-C(11)-C(10)	113.0(9)
F(3)-C(11)-C(10)	113.3(8)
F(2)-C(11)-C(10)	113.6(9)
Cl(1)-C(12)-Cl(2)	112.1(5)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Table S10. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Pt(bpym)(CH₃)(OCOCF₃)·CH₂Cl₂. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^2 U_{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]$

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Pt(1)	25(1)	26(1)	23(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	3(1)
Cl(1)	76(2)	36(1)	48(1)	7(1)	0(1)	-2(1)
Cl(2)	44(1)	49(1)	52(1)	6(1)	-2(1)	-5(1)
F(3)	156(7)	46(4)	51(4)	-18(3)	4(4)	12(4)
O(1)	35(3)	31(3)	33(3)	-7(2)	0(2)	6(2)
O(2)	66(4)	43(4)	51(4)	-6(3)	-19(3)	15(3)
N(1)	25(3)	21(3)	26(3)	1(2)	0(2)	2(2)
N(2)	30(3)	40(4)	23(3)	-2(3)	4(3)	4(3)
N(3)	30(3)	30(4)	21(3)	6(3)	1(2)	0(3)
N(4)	30(3)	23(3)	35(3)	2(3)	4(3)	6(3)
C(1)	33(4)	27(4)	34(4)	-7(3)	1(3)	3(3)
C(2)	28(4)	38(5)	33(4)	-4(4)	3(3)	-10(4)
C(3)	29(4)	46(5)	32(4)	-1(4)	2(3)	-2(4)
C(4)	26(4)	26(4)	21(3)	4(3)	0(3)	3(3)
C(5)	31(4)	28(4)	21(3)	-2(3)	-2(3)	-4(3)
C(6)	42(5)	33(5)	35(4)	3(4)	1(4)	-1(4)
C(7)	43(5)	30(5)	38(4)	1(4)	3(4)	-8(4)
C(8)	36(4)	33(5)	24(4)	3(3)	2(3)	0(4)
C(9)	32(4)	35(4)	32(4)	11(3)	13(3)	2(3)
C(10)	37(4)	30(4)	34(4)	3(3)	10(4)	5(4)
C(11)	38(5)	41(5)	65(6)	5(5)	16(4)	8(4)
C(12)	52(5)	31(5)	35(4)	-1(4)	16(4)	-8(4)

Table S11. Hydrogen coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for Pt(bpym)(CH₃)(OCOFCF₃)·CH₂Cl₂.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1)	6322	8836	5831	38
H(2)	8578	8813	4628	40
H(3)	9479	7916	3845	43
H(6)	5806	5651	5479	44
H(7)	3671	5738	6850	45
H(8)	2856	6656	7490	38
H(9A)	1258	7557	6780	49
H(9B)	1547	8078	8112	49
H(9C)	2127	7450	8669	49
H(12A)	10219	8864	8396	46
H(12B)	8691	8595	8905	46

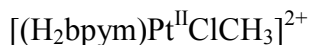
5 Computational Details

5.1 Methodology

All calculations were performed with the hybrid density functional B3LYP⁵ as implemented in Jaguar 7.0.⁶ Geometry optimizations included solvation using the Poisson-Boltzmann reactive field (PBF)⁷ with a dielectric constant of 98.0 and a probe radius of 2.205 to simulate sulfuric acid.⁸ For solvation of smaller ions two explicit solvent molecules were included. For geometry optimizations the smaller LACVP** basis set⁹ augmented with an extra d-function on sulfur. For single point energies we used the LACV3P**++ basis set augmented with one f-function on platinum and two d-functions and an f-function on sulfur.¹⁰ Frequency calculations were performed numerically including the PBF-solver at the B3LYP/LACVP**(+d on S) level.

Free energies were calculated as the sum $G = E(\text{lacv3p}^{**++} \text{ 2df(S) f(Pt)}) + G_{\text{solv}}(\text{lacvp}^{**} \text{ d(S)}) + \text{ZPE}(\text{lacvp}^{**} \text{ d(S)}) + \Delta H(500)(\text{lacvp}^{**} \text{ d(S)})$. For gas phase molecules an empirical correction of $0.4 * \text{Strans/rot}$ was added to account for the higher translational and rotational entropy in the gas phase compared to the solution phase. Using the empirical correction we found excellent agreement for free energy of solvation of the few species (solvation water and sulfuric acid in sulfuric acid) where we have experimental data for the sulfuric acid medium. Our value of 0.4 is similar to the 0.46 reported by Wertz for solvation in water.¹¹ All species are calculated at 1 M or 1 atm except sulfuric acid, which is corrected to 18 M to reflect typical experimental conditions. For all complexes the first protonation of the bpym ligand is calculated to be favorable. For a few, namely the most electron rich platinum(II) complexes, the second protonation is also favorable.

5.2 Structure Coordinates



$$E_{\text{lacv3p}^{***+}}(+2\text{df on S, f on Pt}) = -1147.53992921979$$

$$G_{\text{solv}} = -0.3428968$$

Pt1	-0.2144374643	0.0796851473	-0.2527294363
N2	1.8167441063	-0.1313275804	-0.0533134413
N3	0.4802438879	2.1722295315	-0.1381113628
C4	-0.6404977752	-1.9262119732	-0.3588346720
C5	1.8022245258	2.2759506107	-0.0172910840
C6	2.5432073116	1.0006051144	0.0339457754
N7	3.8837944649	0.9419760389	0.1645486034
N8	2.3945187564	3.4866955643	0.0533540382
C9	-0.2719423291	3.2916329720	-0.1881002364
C10	1.6822365347	4.6292399045	0.0065623267
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C12	4.5602608815	-0.2183720595	0.2179262699
C13	3.8435844544	-1.4036298461	0.1353397256
C14	0.3020821136	4.5547955008	-0.1170977286
H15	1.8580972186	-2.2138817437	-0.0729922231
H16	5.6374800934	-0.1551829589	0.3226285823
H17	-1.3436265359	3.1452446148	-0.2860855880
H18	2.2410980318	5.5563021145	0.0692017344
H19	-0.3024430244	5.4537548333	-0.1562978072
H20	4.3415556878	-2.3655982024	0.1739238382
H21	-1.7108936897	-2.0977218772	-0.4985537849
H22	-0.3212922466	-2.4119714328	0.5721497045
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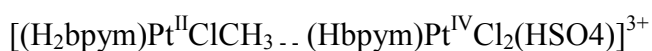


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C5	-1.5043783412	-7.0196623377	1.5437304651
N6	-0.9512603873	-8.1089512131	2.0262098314
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C8	-2.6464783412	-5.6873713347	-1.6705363136
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C10	-1.6252955736	-5.9510933904	3.5996402390
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C12	-1.0442662184	-7.0780151002	4.1785894787
C13	-2.3174200425	-6.7053992357	-2.5607518148
H14	-1.9094763257	-5.0758748859	4.1725778708
H15	-0.2555170857	-9.0532593807	3.7388361623
H16	-3.1148654563	-4.7581511633	-1.9808790937
H17	-1.4130030688	-8.6990623856	-2.6620038524
H18	-2.5287656079	-6.6052320880	-3.6197844989
H19	-0.8589809169	-7.1058764530	5.2469992148
Cl20	-0.5829923247	-3.4924820385	0.7333779081
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S25	-4.3429558216	-1.8882241675	-0.2300875589
O26	-3.6292596018	-0.7377816560	-0.6944553954
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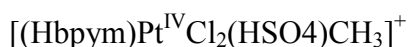
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N5	2.0373379815	1.2923922699	5.2823549470
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C7	0.3402581947	2.7793323763	6.1173693400
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C11	3.9758219451	3.1975043375	5.5954740698
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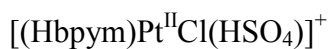


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Cl26	0.0546986332	0.1138499400	-2.6904951720
S33	-1.4360615460	-0.5275239316	2.6263989109
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O36	-0.2714023558	-0.0726772679	1.7334960719
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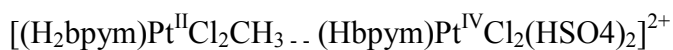


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C33	2.1505396130	-2.0854933206	-0.3938060261
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