

## Reduced and Superreduced Diplatinum Complexes

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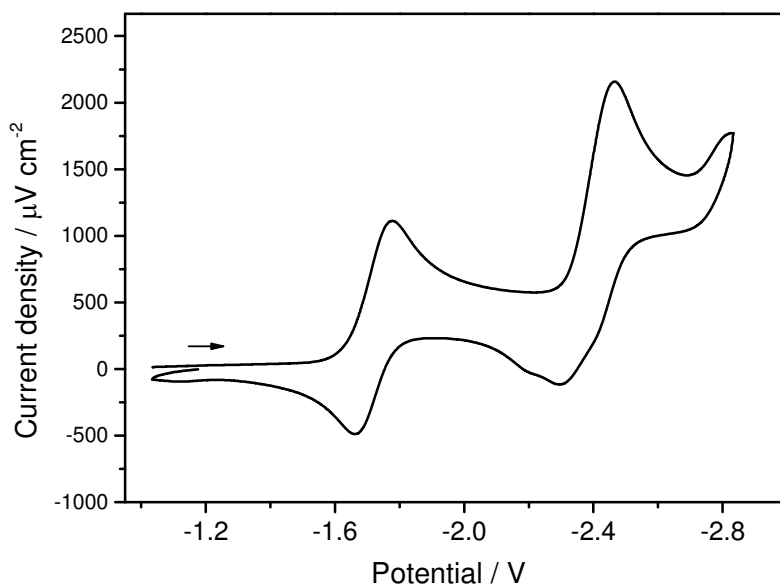
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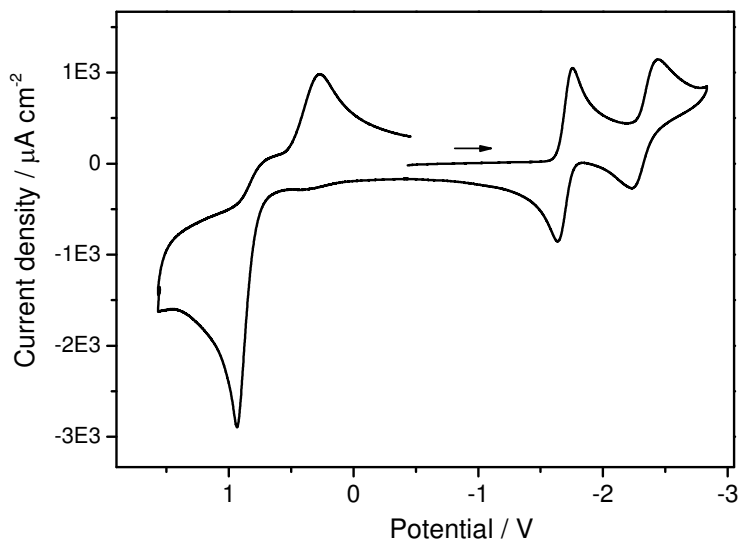
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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

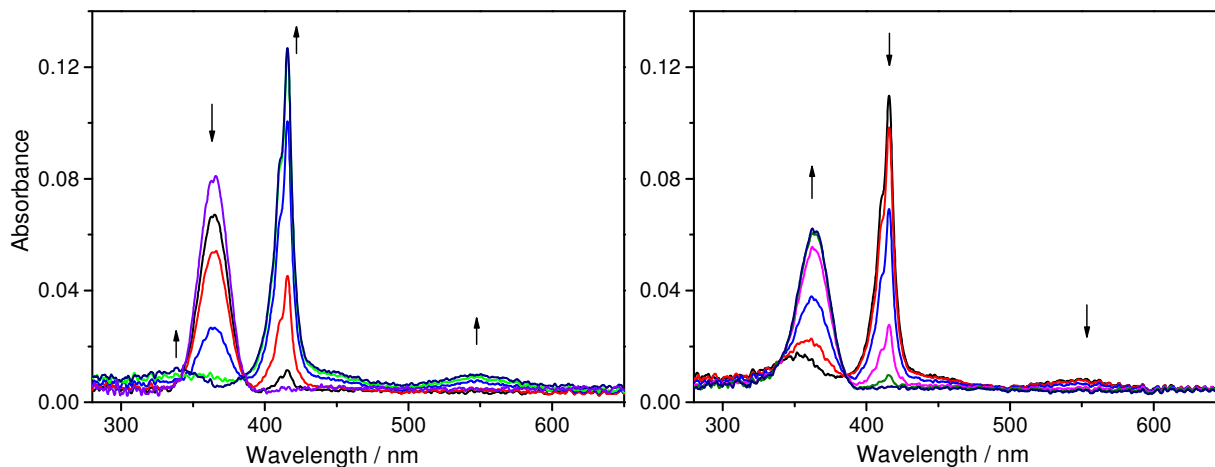
#### FIGURES



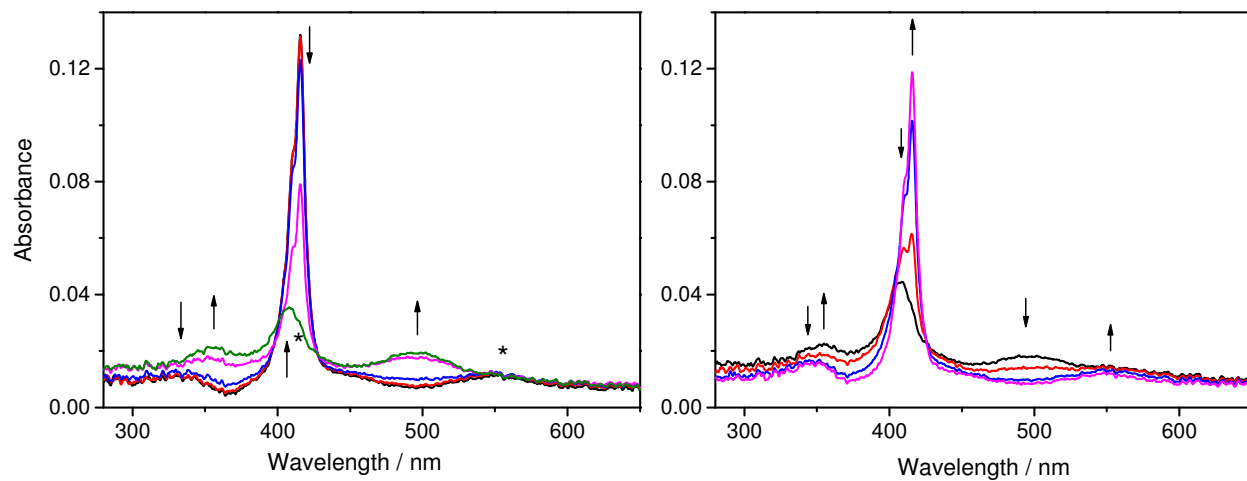
**Figure S1.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)^{4-}$  in MeCN containing 0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$  at room temperature ( $\sim 294$  K). Potentials vs.  $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ . Scan rate 50 mV/s.



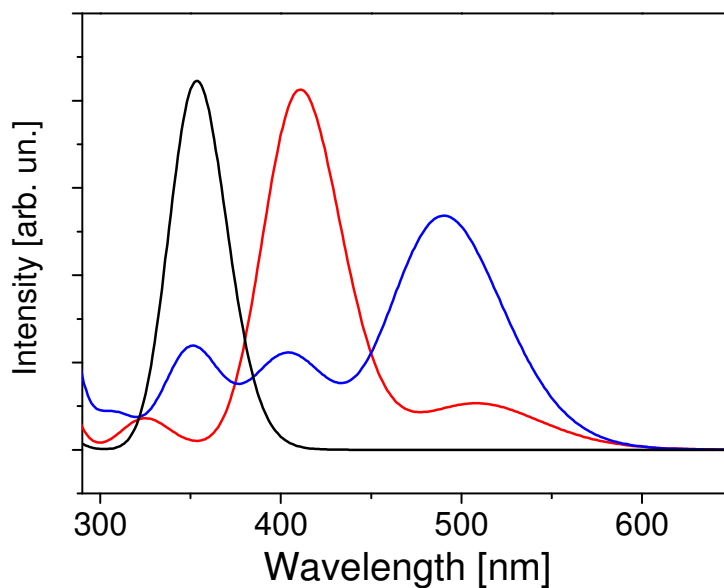
**Figure S2.** Full-range cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)^{4-}$  in MeCN containing 0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$  at 273 K. Potentials vs.  $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ . Scan rate 200 mV/s.



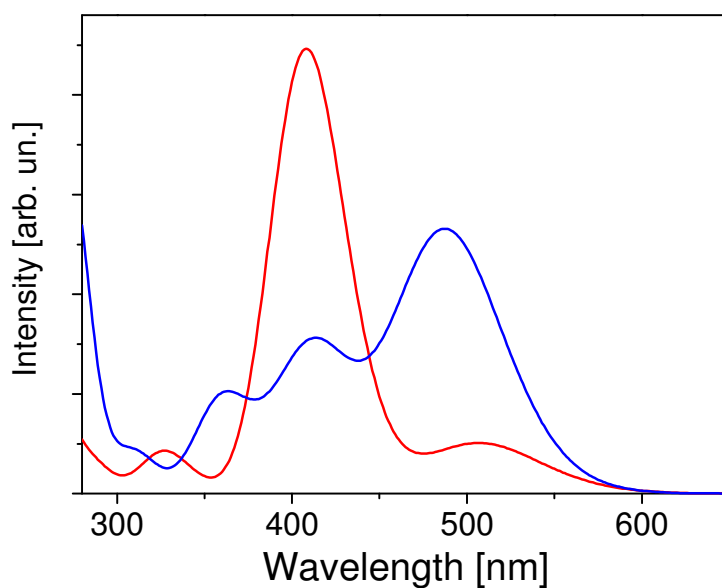
**Figure S3.** UV-vis absorption spectra monitored in the course of the first  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)^{4-}$  reduction to  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)^{5-}$  (left) and subsequent product reoxidation (right). The slightly lower intensities in the right panel are caused by product diffusion out of the spectroscopically probed region.



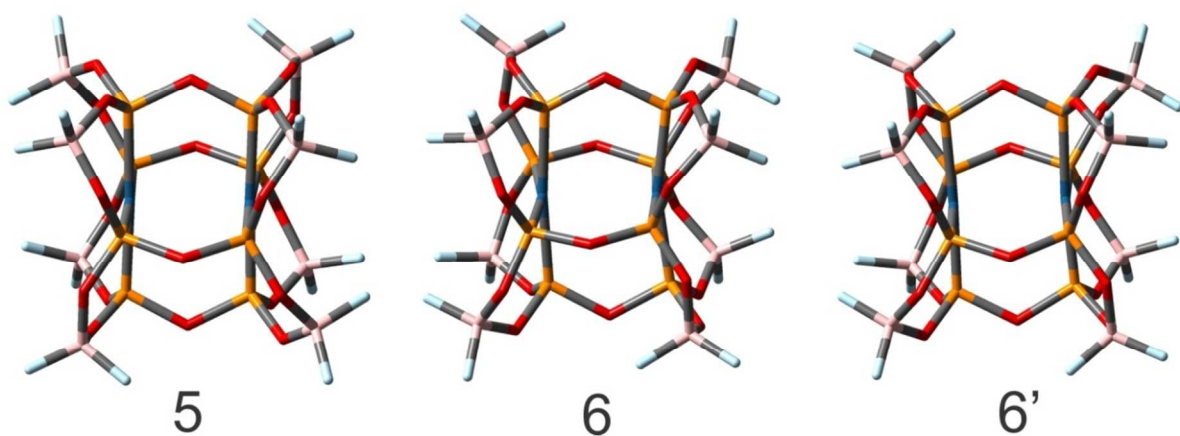
**Figure S4.** UV-vis absorption spectra monitored in the course of the second Pt(pop-BF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>4-</sup> reduction (left) and subsequent product reoxidation (right). The slightly lower intensities in the right panel are caused by product diffusion out of the spectroscopically probed region.



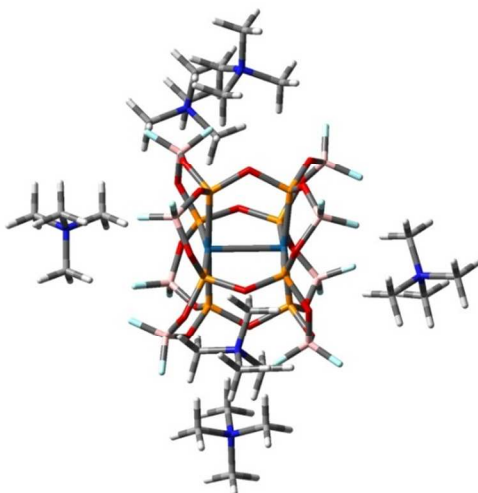
**Figure S5a.** TD-DFT simulated UV-vis absorption spectra of  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)^{n-}$  ( $n = 4$  (black),  $5$  (red) and  $6/\text{conformer } \mathbf{6}$  (blue)). The same FWHM of  $3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was assumed for all transitions. TD-DFT (PBE0/PCM-MeCN)



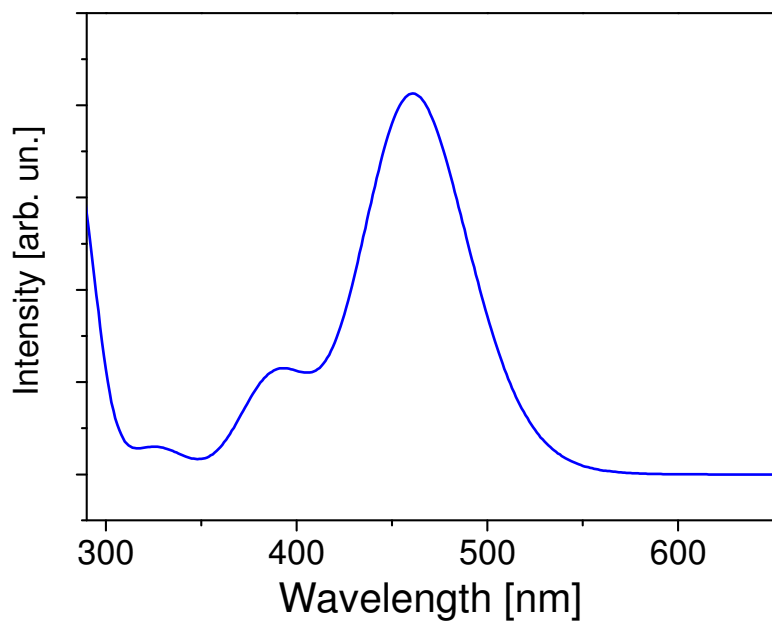
**Figure S5b.** TD-DFT simulated UV-vis absorption spectra of  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)^{n-} \cdot n\text{Me}_4\text{N}^+$  ( $n = 5$  (red),  $6/\text{conformer } \mathbf{6}$  (blue)). The same FWHM of  $3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was assumed for all transitions. TD-DFT (PBE0/PCM-MeCN)



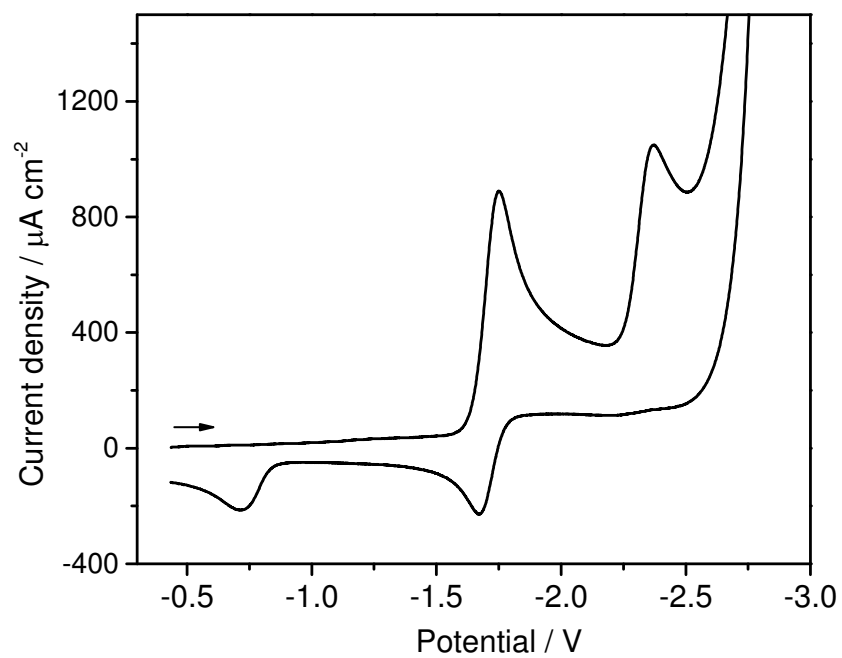
**Figure S6.** Left and middle: DFT-optimized structures of Pt(pop-BF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>5-</sup> (**5**) and the **6** and **6'** conformers of Pt(pop-BF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>6-</sup> in MeCN.



**Figure S7.** DFT-optimized structure of Pt(pop-BF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>6-</sup>·6Me<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup> in MeCN.



**Figure S8.** Calculated absorption spectrum of  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)_6^-$ , conformer **6'**. TD-DFT (PBE0/PCM-MeCN)



**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)_4^-$  in MeCN containing 0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$  and 1 mM  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 273 K. Potentials vs.  $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$ . Scan rate 100 mV/s.

## TABLES

**Table S1.** DFT (ADF/PBE0/COSMO-MeCN) calculated spin densities  $\rho$  and  $g$  and  $A(\text{Pt})$  (in MHz) EPR parameters for  $\text{Pt}(\text{pop-BF}_2)^{5-}$ .

	calc.	exp.
$\rho$ Pt (total)	0.552	-
$\rho$ P (total)	0.389	-
$g_1$	1.987	1.98
$g_2$	2.035	2.03
$g_3$	2.047	2.04
$g_1-g_3$	0.060	0.060
$g_{iso}$	2.023 <sup>a</sup>	
$A_1(\text{Pt})$	599	900
$A_2(\text{Pt})$	-430	550
$A_3(\text{Pt})$	-428	550
$A_1(\text{Pt}')$	623	900
$A_2(\text{Pt}')$	-419	500
$A_3(\text{Pt}')$	-420	350

<sup>a</sup> Calculated as  $g_{iso} = ((g_1^2 + g_2^2 + g_3^2)/3)^{1/2}$ .

**Table S2.** DFT-calculated (PBE0/PCM-MeCN) structural parameters of Pt(pop-BF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>5-</sup> and the two conformers of Pt(pop-BF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>6-</sup>. Atom P5 is in alignment with atom P1, etc.

Bond	n = 5	n = 6/conf <b>6</b>	n = 6/conf <b>6'</b>
Pt1-Pt2	2.803	2.739	2.745
Pt-P1	2.277	2.268	2.255
Pt-P2	2.277	2.258	2.255
Pt-P3	2.278	2.265	2.257
Pt-P4	2.278	2.255	2.257
Pt-P5	2.277	2.256	2.256
Pt-P6	2.277	2.260	2.255
Pt-P7	2.278	2.260	2.255
Pt-P8	2.278	2.266	2.256
P-O(-P) (average)	1.634	1.644	1.645
angle			
Pt2-Pt1-P1	91.9	87.3	93.1
Pt2-Pt1-P2	91.9	96.2	91.7
Pt2-Pt1-P3	90.8	87.5	91.7
Pt2-Pt1-P4	90.8	96.3	93.1
Pt2-Pt1-P5	91.9	97.1	92.3
Pt2-Pt1-P6	91.9	88.4	92.3
Pt2-Pt1-P7	90.8	96.8	90.8
Pt2-Pt1-P8	90.8	88.3	90.8

**Table S3.** TD-DFT (PBE0/PCM-MeCN) calculated lowest singlet excitation energies (eV) for Pt(pop-BF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>6-</sup>/ conformer **6'** with oscillator strength larger than 0.003.

State	Main contributing excitations (%)	Transition energy eV (nm)	Oscillator strength	Exptl. eV (nm)
b <sup>1</sup> A	95 (HOMO → LUMO)	2.69 (461)	0.284	461
c <sup>1</sup> A	93 (HOMO → LUMO+4)	3.18 (404)	0.076	490
d <sup>1</sup> A	99 (HOMO → LUMO+6)	3.75 (331)	0.009	356
e <sup>1</sup> A	98 (HOMO → LUMO+7)	3.84 (323)	0.012	