# Oxosulfido Complexes of Platinum — $(Ph_3P)_2Pt(S_2O)$ and $(Ph_3P)_4Pt_2(\mu-S)(\mu-SO)$ — Their Formation and Properties

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The platinum  $S_2O$  complex  $[(Ph_3P)_2Pt(S_2O)]$  (10) was obtained by  $S_2O$  transfer reactions from tetrathiolane 2-oxide (8), tetrathiolane 2,3-dioxide (5), and pentathiane 3-oxide (6) to  $[(C_2H_4)Pt(PPh_3)_2]$  (4). The  $S_2O$  complex 10 further reacts

with 4 to give a novel binuclear platinum complex 16, which is found to be a source of several platinum  $S_nO_m$  complexes. (© Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, 69451 Weinheim, Germany, 2003)

The coordination chemistry of organotransition metal compounds of sulfur oxides has been attracting considerable attention.[1-4] Among them, disulfur monoxide (S<sub>2</sub>O) complexes 1 of several transition metals (Nb,[5] Mo,[6] Mn, [7-11] Re, [8] Rh, [2] Os, [12] Ir, [2,5,9,10,12,13] and Pt[14]) are known, in which platinum- $S_2O$  complexes 2 (E = S, E' = SO) were reported very recently by Tokitoh and co-workers.[14] They synthesized the platinum-S2O and -Se2O complexes, 2 by oxidation of the respective S2 and Se2 complexes,<sup>[15]</sup> which were prepared for the first time by taking advantage of bulky phosphane ligands (TbtMe<sub>2</sub>P and BbtMe<sub>2</sub>P). Similarly, most of the other S<sub>2</sub>O complexes were synthesized by oxidation of the corresponding S2 complexes, and a few were prepared by S<sub>2</sub>O transfer reactions from 4,5-diphenyl-3,6-dihydro-1,2-dithiin 1-oxide<sup>[6,9,10]</sup> or reaction with S<sub>2</sub>O(THF)<sub>x</sub>.<sup>[2]</sup> On the other hand, the chemistry of sulfido complexes of platinum bearing the Pt<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> core (3) has also been drawing considerable interest. [16] Another recent topic in this field is oxidative additions of Pt<sup>0</sup> complex 4 to a thiosulfinate [-S-S(O)-] moiety in cyclic sulfur compounds.[17-21] We have been studying the synthesis and reactivities of cyclic polysulfides, and have reported on the chemistry of tetrathiolane 2,3-dioxide (5),[22,23] pentathiane 3-oxide (6),  $[^{24,25}]$  and  $S_8O$ ,  $[^{26}]$  all of which act as  $S_2O$  transfer reagents.<sup>[27–30]</sup> Recently we also reported the reaction of dithiirane 1-oxides 7 with 4.[31] Here, we report the reaction of 5, 6, and tetrathiolane 2-oxide (8)[23] with 4, where an  $S_2O$  transfer took place giving rise to  $[(Ph_3P)_2Pt(S_2O)]$ 

$$L_n M \begin{cases} S=O \\ S \end{cases}$$
  $M = Nb$ , Mo, Mn, Re, Rh, Os, Ir, Pt

$$ArMe_2P$$

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$$E$$

$$E = E' = S$$

$$E = S, E' = SO$$

$$E = E' = Se$$

$$E = Se, E' = SeO$$

Ar =  $2,4,6-[(Me_3Si)_2CH]_3C_6H_2$  (Tbt) or  $2,6-[(Me_3Si)_2CH]_2-4-[(Me_3Si)_3C]C_6H_2$  (Bbt)

L = phosphine ligands

1-Ad = 1-adamantyl

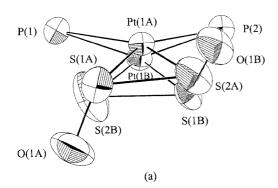
Tetrathiolane 2-oxide (8), prepared in situ by oxidation of tetrathiolane (9) with dimethyldioxirane  $(DMD)^{[32,33]}$  at -20 °C,  $^{[23]}$  was allowed to react with two molar equivalents of **4** in toluene at -20 °C to produce  $[(Ph_3P)_2Pt(S_2O)]$  (**10**; 0.80 molar equiv.),  $[(Ph_3P)_2Pt(S_3O)]$  (**11**; 0.19 molar equiv.),  $^{[34]}$  the dithiolato complex **12** (0.09 molar equiv.),  $[(Ph_3P)_2Pt\{(1-Ad)(tBu)C=S\}]$  (**13**; 0.31 molar equiv.),  $^{[31]}$  and  $^{[31]}$  and  $^{[31]}$  and  $^{[31]}$  consider the differential equivalent of  $^{[31]}$  and  $^{[31]}$  consider equivalent of  $^{[31]}$  and  $^{[31]}$  consider equivalent of  $^{[31]}$  and  $^{[31]}$  consider equivalent of  $^{[31]}$  consider equivalent of  $^{[31]}$  equation (1)].

which further reacted with 4 to yield the binuclear platinum complex  $[(Ph_3P)_4Pt_2(\mu-S)(\mu-SO)]$ .

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The structure of the  $S_2O$  complex 10 was determined by X-ray crystallography (Figure 1). The crystal contained one molecule of benzene — the recrystallization solvent — per two molecules of 10, and the  $Pt(S_2O)$  moiety was disordered as shown in Figure 1a: the occupancies of the set A [Pt(1A)S(1A)S(2A)O(1A)] and the set B [Pt(1B)S(1B)S(2B)O(1B)] were almost equivalent (0.515 and 0.485, respectively). Figure 1b shows the whole of the molecule



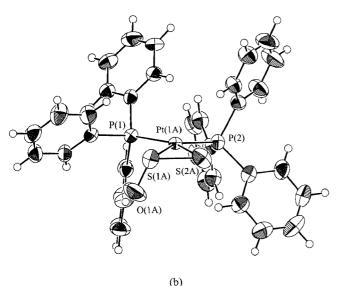


Figure 1. ORTEP drawings of  $(Ph_3P)_2Pt(S_2O)$  (10) (50% ellipsoidal probability): (a) disorder of the  $Pt(S_2O)$  moiety (phenyl groups are omitted for clarity), set A (0.515 occupancy) Pt(1A)S(1A)-S(2A)O(1A), set B (0.485 occupancy) Pt(1B)S(1B)S(2B)O(1B); (b) the whole of 10 drawn with the set A

with only the set A. In the  $^{31}P$  NMR spectrum, two doublets appear at  $\delta=18.2$  and 18.4 [ $^2J_{P,P}=7$  Hz] with satellite signals due to the  $^{195}Pt$  nucleus [ $^1J_{Pt,P}=4364$  and 3410 Hz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, respectively]. These coupling constant values are quite similar to those of the S<sub>2</sub>O complex **2** (Ar = Bbt, E = S, E' = SO) [ $^2J_{P,P}=8$ ,  $^1J_{Pt,P}=4263$  and 3254 Hz].[ $^{14}$ ] Shaver reported that the S<sub>3</sub>O complex **11** can be obtained by reaction of [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(SH)<sub>2</sub>] with SO<sub>2</sub>,[ $^{34}$ ] while we found that the reaction of S<sub>8</sub>O with **4** yields **11** in good yield.[ $^{36}$ ]

The reaction of tetrathiolane 2,3-dioxide (5) with an equimolar amount of 4 yielded the  $S_2O$  complex 10 (0.62 molar equiv.) along with  $(1R^*,3S^*)$ - and  $(1R^*,3R^*)$ -dithiirane 1-oxides (15)<sup>[22,23]</sup> (0.24 and 0.25 molar equiv., respectively) and thioketone 14 (0.21 molar equiv.) [Equation (2)]. Interestingly, when two molar equivalents of 4 were employed, binuclear platinum complex 16 was obtained. Indeed, the isolated  $S_2O$  complex 10 reacted with 4 very quickly to give 16 in high yield [Equation (3)]. Insertion reactions of 4 into the S-S bond of cyclic oligosulfide oxides<sup>[17-21]</sup> and Fe<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -S<sub>2</sub>)(CO)<sub>6</sub><sup>[37]</sup> have been reported. The properties of complex 16 will be described later in this paper.

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$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ \hline PhMe \\ 0 \text{ °C} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Ph_3P \\ Ph_3P \\ Ph_3P \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ S \\ Pt \\ PPh_3 \\ PPh_3 \end{array}$$
 (3)

Similarly, pentathiane 3-oxide (6) was treated with 4 (2 molar equiv.) to furnish the S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10 and the dithiolato-thiolato complex 17 in 0.70 and 0.85 molar equiv., respectively [Equation (4)]. The structure of 17 was determined by X-ray crystallography (Figure 2).<sup>[35]</sup>

Interestingly, complex 17 decomposes in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 65 °C (2 h) to give an alternative complex 18 (0.23 molar equiv.) and tBu(Ph)C=S (0.23 molar equiv.) [Equation (5)]. Complex 18 exhibits a singlet at  $\delta = 22.7$  ( ${}^{1}J_{\text{Pt,P}} = 3939$  Hz) in the  ${}^{31}$ P NMR spectrum of the mixture, and this  ${}^{1}J_{\text{Pt,P}}$  value is quite similar to that of 2 (Ar = Bbt, E = E' = S) ( $\delta = -32.2$  ppm,  ${}^{1}J_{\text{Pt,P}} = 3909$  Hz). [15] Thus, we tentatively as-

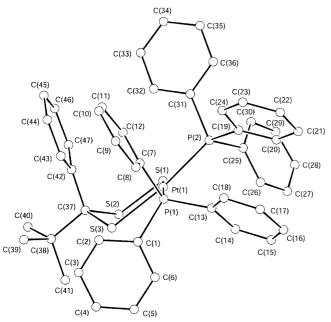


Figure 2. Molecular structure of [(tBu)(Ph)CS<sub>3</sub>]Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (17); hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; selected bond lengths [A] and angles [deg]: Pt(1)-P(1) 2.2854(19), Pt(1)-P(2) 2.297(3), Pt(1)-S(3) 2.307(2), Pt(1)-S(1) 2.3350(18), S(1)-S(2) 2.061(4), S(2)-C(37) 1.837(9), S(3)-C(37) 1.837(8); P(1)-Pt(1)-P(2)99.39(8), P(1)-P(1)-S(3) 86.99(8), P(2)-P(1)-S(3) 171.29(8), P(1)-P(1)-S(1) 174.65(9), P(2)-P(1)-S(1) 84.32(8), S(3)-S(1)-S(1) 84.32(8), S(3)-S(1)-S(1)-S(1) 84.32(8), S(3)-S(1)-S(1)-S(1) 84.32(8), S(3)-S(1)-S(1)-S(1)Pt(1) – S(1) 89,74(8), S(2) – S(1) – Pt(1) 106.27(12), C(37) – S(2) – S(1) 100.5(3), C(37) – S(3) – Pt(1) 103.6(3), C(7) – Pt(1) – Pt(1) 114.7(3), C(13)-P(1)-Pt(1) 111.5(3), C(1)-P(1)-Pt(1) 115.4(3), C(31)-P(2)-Pt(1) 112.7(4), C(25)-P(2)-Pt(1) 112.4(3), C(19)-P(2)-Pt(1) 112.4(3), C(19)-P(2)-Pt(1)120.3(3), S(2)-C(37)-S(3)105.3(5),C(37) - C(38) 112.1(8)

signed the S<sub>2</sub> complex structure 18 to this compound. However, the complex was not stable enough to be isolated; prolonged heating of the mixture or even allowing it to stand at room temperature for several hours led to complete disappearance of the signal. We also examined the reaction of tetrathiolane 9 with 4. The reaction yielded mainly the dithiolato complex 12 and the thioketone complex 13. In addition, <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy showed a small signal due to 18 [Equation (6)]. The dithiolato complex 12 was also formed by the reaction of dithiirane 19 with 4 in benzene. [38]

17 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{CDCl}_3}$$
 18 + 17 +  $\xrightarrow{\text{Ph}}$  S Ph S Ph 0.23 0.77 0.23 (5) molar equiv\* molar equiv\*  $*^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^{1}\text{H}$  NMR

9 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{(equimol)}}$$
 12 + 13 (+18)  
 $PhH, r.t.$  12 + 13 (+18)  
 $Ph_3P$   $Pt S$   $tBu$   $S$  (6)

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We tried to prepare the binuclear platinum complex 16 by oxidation of  $[(Ph_3P)_2Pt]_2(\mu-S)_2$  (3: L = PPh<sub>3</sub>). [39] It has been reported that oxidation of a binuclear platinum complex bridged by S gives the μ-SO complex.<sup>[40]</sup> However, 16 was not obtained because of the insolubility of  $[(Ph_3P)_2Pt]_2(\mu-S)_2$  in the usual organic solvents. Complex 16 decomposes upon heating at 50 °C in CDCl3 to yield the  $S_2O$  complex 10, the  $S_2O_2$  complex 20,[41] and [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>2</sub>] [Equation (7)]. The identification of the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex 20 was done by comparison of the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of an authentic sample prepared by the reported method.<sup>[41]</sup> The decomposition in the presence of (1-Ad)(tBu)C=S (14) in PhH yielded the thicketone complex 13 and the S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10 as the main products in 0.66 and 0.61 molar equiv., respectively, along with the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex 20 and recovered thicketone 14. The formation of the thioketone complex 13 indicates the intervention of  $(PPh_3)_2Pt.$ 

A plausible mechanism for the thermal decomposition of 16 is depicted in Scheme 1. Initially, 16 decomposes via two pathways: in Path A, it extrudes (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt, which is trapped by thioketone 14 to yield 13, to give the S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10; in Path B, 16 splits into the SO complex 21 and [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(S)]. Lorenz and Kull have reported that an attempt to prepare the SO complex 21 by thermolysis of the episulfoxide complex 22 results in the formation of the  $S_2O_2$  complex 20.<sup>[41]</sup> We propose that the SO complex 21 dimerizes to give another binuclear platinum complex 23 that readily extrudes (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt to furnish the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex **20**. This proposal is strongly supported by the fact that oxidation of 16 with

Scheme 1. Plausible mechanism for reactions of the platinum dinuclear complex 16

DMD yields the  $S_2O_2$  complex **20** in high yield, probably via **23**. The fate of [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(S)] is unclear, but the formation of [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>2</sub>] upon thermolysis in CDCl<sub>3</sub> implies the formation of [(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt]<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -S)<sub>2</sub> (3: L = PPh<sub>3</sub>), which reportedly reacts with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to give [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>2</sub>]. [16] Irradiation of **16** with light in CDCl<sub>3</sub> gave the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex **20**, [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], and Ph<sub>3</sub>P=X (X = O, S) indicating that Path B is dominant in the photolysis.

In summary, the platinum  $S_2O$  complex 10 was obtained by  $S_2O$  transfer reactions from tetrathiolane 2-oxide (8), tetrathiolane 2,3-dioxide (5) and pentathiane 3-oxide (6) to  $[(PPh_3)_2Pt(C_2H_4)]$  (4). The  $S_2O$  complex 10 further reacts with 4 to give a novel binuclear platinum complex 16, which is found to be a source of several platinum  $-S_nO_m$  complexes.

## **Experimental Section**

Reaction of Tetrathiolane 2-Oxide (8) with 4: An acetone solution of DMD (0.106 M, 0.30 mL, 0.032 mmol) was added to a solution of tetrathiolane 9 (10 mg, 0.031 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at -20 °C under argon. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature and then the solvent was removed in vacuo below −20 °C. The residue was dissolved in toluene (1 mL) at −20 °C and then treated with a solution of [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)] (4; 48 mg, 0.062 mmol) in toluene (2 mL). After stirring for 10 min, the solvent was evaporated to dryness and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 5:1) to elute first a mixture of 1adamantyl tert-butyl thioketone (14), the dithiolato complex (12), and  $[(PPh_3)_2Pt\{(1-Ad)(tBu)C=S\}]$  (13) and then  $[(PPh_3)_2Pt(S_3O)]$ (11; 4.9 mg, 0.19 molar equiv.) and  $[(PPh_3)_2Pt(S_2O)]$  (10; 19.7 mg, 0.80 molar equiv.) in this order. The mixture of 12, 13, and 14 was further subjected to gel permeation chromatography (GPC) with CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent to give a mixture (12.8 mg) of 12 (0.09 molar equiv.) and 13 (0.31 molar equiv.), and 1-adamantyl tert-butyl thioketone (14; 3.5 mg, 0.47 molar equiv.). The yields of 12 and 13 were estimated on the basis of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integral ratio. The crude S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10 was precipitated from a mixed solvent of dichloromethane and hexane, and the collected powder was washed with benzene several times to give the analytical sample. When the reaction was conducted using four molar equivalents of 4, the thioketone complex 13 was not formed and the dithiolato complex 12 was isolated in nearly pure form after chromatographic purification. The crude dithiolato complex 12 was washed with ethanol several times to give the analytical sample.

**10:** Yellow powder, m.p. 200 °C (dec.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.15 - 7.23$  (m, 12 H), 7.28 - 7.36 (m, 18 H) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 18.2$  (d,  $^2J_{\rm P,P} = 7$ ,  $^1J_{\rm Pt,P} = 4364$  Hz), 18.4 (d,  $^2J_{\rm P,P} = 7$ ,  $^1J_{\rm Pt,P} = 3409$  Hz) ppm. FAB MS (*m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol): m/z = 800 [M<sup>+</sup> + 1], 719. C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>30</sub>OP<sub>2</sub>PtS<sub>2</sub> (799.78): calcd. C 54.06, H 3.78; found C 53.58, H, 3.54.

**12:** Off-white powder, m.p. 225-226 °C (dec.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 1.20-1.40$  (m, 9 H), 1.52-1.68 (m, 6 H), 1.94 (br. s, 3 H), 2.21 (br. s, 6 H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12 H),

7.23 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6 H), 7.44–7.49 (m, 12 H) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 22.9$  (s,  $^{1}J_{\text{Pt,P}} = 2925$  Hz) ppm. FAB MS (*m*-nitrobenzyl alcohol): mlz = 989 [M<sup>+</sup> + 1], 931, 853. C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>54</sub>P<sub>2</sub>PtS<sub>2</sub> (988.14): calcd. C 61.99, H, 5.51; found C 62.00, H 5.62

#### Reaction of Tetrathiolane 2,3-Dioxide 5 with 4

Equimolar Amount of 4: Compound 4 (20.7 mg, 0.0277 mmol) was added to a solution of 5 (10.1 mg, 0.0277 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at -20 °C under argon. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature and the solvent was then evaporated to dryness. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 5:1) to give a mixture of thioketone 14 and the (1 $R^*$ ,3 $R^*$ )- and (1 $R^*$ ,3 $S^*$ )-dithiirane 1-oxides 15, and the S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10 (13.8 mg, 0.62 molar equiv.). The mixture of 14 and 15 was further subjected to HPLC (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane 1:1) to give the thioketone 14 (1.4 mg, 0.21 molar equiv.), (1 $R^*$ ,3 $R^*$ )-dithiirane 1-oxide [(1 $R^*$ ,3 $R^*$ )-15; 1.9 mg, 0.24 molar equiv.], and (1 $R^*$ ,3 $S^*$ )-dithiirane 1-oxide [(1 $R^*$ ,3 $S^*$ )-15; 2.0 mg, 0.25 molar equiv.].

Two Molar Equivalents of 4: Tetrathiolane 9 (10 mg, 0.031 mmol) was oxidized with four molar equivalents of DMD (0.102 M, 1.2 mL, 0.123 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) for 1 h at -20 $^{\circ}$ C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure below -20°C, and the resulting tetrathiolane 2,3-dioxide 5 was used without further purification. The 2,3-dioxide 5 was dissolved in toluene (2 mL) at  $-20 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and the solution was treated with a solution of 4 (45 mg, 0.060 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) at this temperature. The solution turned immediately from colorless to deep yellow and was stirred for 10 min at -20 °C. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure gave an orange residue, the <sup>31</sup>P NMR integral ratio of which indicated the formation of the thicketone complex 13,  $[(PPh_3)_4Pt_2-(\mu-S)(\mu-SO)]$  (16), the S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10, and the S-oxides of 12<sup>[31]</sup> in the molar ratio of 26:13:29:32, along with Ph<sub>3</sub>P= O and Ph<sub>3</sub>P=S. The molar ratio was obtained based on the <sup>31</sup>P NMR integral ratio. The S-oxides of 12 are considered to be formed by reactions of dithiirane 1-oxides 15 with 4.[31] The binuclear platinum complex 16 could not isolated in this experiment because it was not eluted from the silica-gel column.

Reaction of the  $S_2O$  Complex 10 with 4: A solution of 4 (21.7 mg, 0.029 mmol) in toluene (1.5 mL) was added at 0 °C to a solution of 10 (23.2 mg, 0.029 mmol) in toluene (1.5 mL) under argon. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C, and the solution was concentrated to ca. one-fourth of its original volume under reduced pressure. Diethyl ether was added to precipitate the product, and the resulting precipitates were collected by filtration to give 47.7 mg (0.71 molar equiv.) of [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>Pt<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -S)( $\mu$ -SO)] (16).

**16:** Yellow powder, m.p. 179 °C (dec.).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 6.97 - 7.02$  (m, 24 H), 7.11 - 7.18 (m, 12 H), 7.29 - 7.34 (m, 12 H), 7.47 - 7.52 (m, 12 H) ppm.  $^{31}$ P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 162 MHz):  $\delta = 21.0$  (m,  $^{1}J_{\text{Pt,P}} = 3394$  Hz), 21.8 (m,  $^{1}J_{\text{Pt,P}} = 2427$  Hz) ppm. IR (KBr):  $\tilde{\nu} = 1095$  cm $^{-1}$ . ESI MS: m/z = 1519.2 [M $^{+} + 1$ ].  $\text{C}_{72}\text{H}_{60}\text{OP}_{4}\text{Pt}_{2}\text{S}_{2}$  (1519.44): calcd. C 56.91, H 3.98; found C 56.13, H 3.94.

**Reaction of Pentathiane 3-Oxide 6 with 4:** A solution of **4** (84 mg, 0.113 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) was added over 15 min to a solution of **6** (18 mg, 0.056 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) at -15 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub> and then CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O 4:1) to give [(*t*Bu)(Ph)CS<sub>3</sub>]Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**17**; 46 mg, 0.85 molar equiv.) and the S<sub>2</sub>O complex **10** (31.3 mg, 0.70 molar equiv.). **17:** Yellow crystals, m.p. 143-147 °C (dec.) (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/EtOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta = 1.11$  (s, 9 H), 6.95–7.01 (m, 6 H),

7.03–7.09 (m, 6 H), 7.14–7.19 (m, 8 H), 7.26–7.38 (m, 7 H), 7.48–7.54 (m, 6 H), 8.08–8.11 (m, 2 H) ppm.  $^{31}P$  NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 18.5 (d,  $^2J_{P,P}$  = 23,  $^1J_{Pt,P}$  = 2754 Hz), 22.9 (d,  $^2J_{P,P}$  = 23,  $^1J_{Pt,P}$  = 3057 Hz) ppm.  $C_{47}H_{44}P_2PtS_3\cdot 2CHCl_3$  ( $C_{49}H_{46}Cl_6P_2PtS_3$ ; 1200.80): calcd. C 49.01, H 3.86; found C 49.06, H 3.75.

Reaction of Tetrathiolane 9 with 4: Compound 4 (6.1 mg, 0.0081 mmol) was added at room temperature to a solution of 9 (2.7 mg, 0.0081 mmol) in benzene (2 mL). The yellow mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The  $^{31}P$  NMR spectrum of the residue indicated the formation of the dithiolato complex 12, the thioketone complex 13, and a compound assigned tentatively to the S<sub>2</sub> complex 18 ( $\delta = 22.7$  ppm,  $^{1}J_{Pt,P} = 3939$  Hz) in the molar ratio of 32:57:11.

Thermal Decomposition of 16. In CDCl<sub>3</sub>: A solution of 16 (10 mg, 0.0065 mmol) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (4 mL) under argon was heated at 50 °C for 1.5 h. The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of an aliquot taken from the mixture indicated the formation of the S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10, the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex 20 (δ = 6.4,  $^1J_{\text{Pt,P}}$  = 4019 Hz), [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>2</sub>] (δ = 14.9,  $^1J_{\text{Pt,P}}$  = 3672 Hz), 16, Ph<sub>3</sub>P=S (δ = 44.0 ppm), and Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O (δ = 29.8 ppm) in the molar ratio of 33:11:21:11:14:11.

In Benzene in the Presence of Thioketone 14: A solution of 16 (23 mg, 0.015 mmol) and 14 (3.6 mg, 0.015 mmol) in benzene (4.5 mL) was heated at 50 °C for 4 h under argon, and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of the residue indicated the formation of the thioketone complex 13, the S<sub>2</sub>O complex 10, and the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex 20 in the molar ratio of 50:43:7. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 5:1) to give a mixture of 14 and 13 (14 mg), and 10 (7.4 mg, 0.61 molar equiv.). The S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex 20 was not eluted from the silica-gel column. The molar ratio of 14 and 13 was 31:69, giving calculated yields of 0.0042 mmol (0.28 molar equiv.) and 0.010 mmol (0.66 molar equiv.), respectively.

When a solution of **16** (10 mg, 0.0065 mmol) in benzene (1.5 mL) was heated at 50 °C, 1.0 mg of unidentifiable precipitates (ESI-MS: m/2z = 999.5) were collected by filtration.

**Photolysis of 16:** A solution of **16** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> in an NMR tube was irradiated with a high-pressure Hg lamp through a Pylex filter in an ice-water bath for 1 h. The <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum showed the formation of the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> complex **20**, [(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>2</sub>], Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O, and Ph<sub>3</sub>P=S in the molar ratio of 19:24:40:16. The signals due to the S<sub>2</sub>O complex **10** were not observed (it was verified by a controlled experiment that **10** barely decomposed under the conditions).

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tions for 442 parameters. Absorption corrections were done by a psi-scan method. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were placed at calculated positions. Final R1 = 0.0608 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ , 6880 reflections], wR2 =0.1465 (for all), GOF = 1.315; max/min residual density = 1.584/-2.129 e·Å<sup>-3</sup>. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg]: Pt(1A)-S(1A) = 2.34(2), Pt(1A)-S(2A) = 2.362(18), Pt(1A)-P(1) 2.286(6), Pt(1A)-P(2) 2.267(6), S(1A)-O(1A) 1.50(3), S(1A)-S(2A) 2.09(3), S(1A)-Pt(1A)-S(2A) 52.7(6), P(1)-Pt(1A)-S(1A) 102.0(5), P(2)-Pt(1A)-S(2A) 102.5(5), P(1)-Pt(1A)-P(2) 102.0(2), P(2)-Pt(1A)-S(1A) 153.4(5), P(1)-Pt(1A)-S(2A) 154.6(5), Pt(1B)-S(1B) 2.292(17), Pt(1B)-S(2B) 2.30(3), Pt(1B)-P(1) 2.270(7), Pt(1B)-P(2)2.320(6), S(1B)-O(1B) 1.456(17), S(1B)-S(2B) 2.09(3), S(1B)-Pt(1B)-S(2B) 54.1(7), P(1)-Pt(1B)-S(1B) 155.2(4), P(2)-P(1B)-S(2B) 157.9(7), P(1)-P(1B)-P(2) 100.9(3), P(2)-P(1B)-S(1B) 103.8(4), P(1)-P(1B)-S(2B) 101.2(7). Crystal data for 17: C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>44</sub>P<sub>2</sub>PtS<sub>3</sub>·2CHCl<sub>3</sub> (C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>46</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>P<sub>2</sub>PtS<sub>3</sub>),  $M_{\rm w} = 1200.855$ , yellow plate,  $0.18 \times 0.12 \times 0.06$  mm<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/n$ , a = 15.0340(9), b = 20.890(2), c =16.1150(10)  $\overset{\bullet}{A}$ ,  $\overset{\bullet}{\beta}$  = 98.270(3)°, V = 5008.5(6)  $\overset{\circ}{A}$ 3, Z = 4,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.593 \text{ g cm}^{-3}, \, \mu(\text{Mo-}K_{\alpha}) = 3.344 \text{ mm}^{-1}. 9865 \text{ inde-}$ pendent reflections were collected in the range of  $-19 \le h \le$ 16,  $0 \le k \le 26$ ,  $0 \le l \le 20$  with a Mac Science DIP3000 diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo- $K_{\alpha}$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ ) at 298 K. Absorption corrections were done by a multi-scan method (SORTAV<sup>[44]</sup>). 581 parameters,

R1 = 0.0606 [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ , 4874 reflections], wR2 = 0.1212 (for all), GOF = 0.888; max/min residual density = 0.807/-0.708 e·A<sup>-3</sup>.

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