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Reaction of tetrakis(pivalato)diruthenium(II,III) cation dimer and 9,10-anthraquinone (aq) gave two kinds of adducts,  $\{[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2(\text{aq})\}-(\text{BF}_4)_2$  (**1**) (pivH = pivalic acid) and  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{aq})]_n$  (**2**), depending on the condition. Very weak antiferromagnetic interaction was observed for **1**. The X-ray crystal structure of **2** shows an one-dimensional chain structure.

**Keywords:** ruthenium(II, III) pivalate; 9,10-anthraquinone; crystal structure; magnetic property

### INTRODUCTION

There has been considerable interest in molecular magnetic materials<sup>[1]</sup>. One of the fascinating strategies toward the design of molecular magnetic materials is the use of metal carboxylates with a metal-metal bond as a building block. However, most of them were unsuccessful in producing one-dimensional ferro- or ferrimagnetic compounds based on the interaction between the paramagnetic metal carboxylates through the bridging ligands<sup>[2-8]</sup>. Electron acceptors such as 7,7,8,8-tetracyanoquinodimethane (abbreviated as tcnq) and 9,10-

anthraquinone (abbreviated as *aq*) are quite interesting as bridging ligands for paramagnetic metal dimers. Recently, we succeeded in isolating an adduct of ruthenium(II,III) pivalate with *tcnq*<sup>[9]</sup>, although the complex was found to be a tetranuclear species of “dimer-of-dimers”. In this paper, we report synthesis and magnetic property of a diruthenium(II,III) complex with *aq*,  $[\{\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}_2(\text{aq})](\text{BF}_4)_2$  (**1**). The X-ray crystal structure of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{aq})]_n$  (**2**), which has been found out during the crystallization process, is also reported.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Synthesis

The starting material  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{BF}_4$  was prepared by the method described elsewhere<sup>[6]</sup>. 9,10-Anthraquinone (*aq*) was recrystallized from ethanol before use. Benzene was dried over  $\text{CaH}_2$  and distilled according to the standard method.

$[\{\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}_2(\text{aq})](\text{BF}_4)_2$  (**1**).

A benzene solution (5 cm<sup>3</sup>) of *aq* (10 mg) was added to a benzene solution (5 cm<sup>3</sup>) of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4]\text{BF}_4$  (30 mg) under argon. The solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solution gave green precipitate which was filtered off and washed with benzene and dried *in vacuo*: Yield, 21 mg (60%). Found: C, 39.71; H, 5.07%. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{84}\text{H}_{84}\text{B}_2\text{F}_8\text{O}_{20}\text{Ru}_4$ : C, 39.76; H, 5.19 %.

$[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{aq})]_n$  (**2**).

$[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4]\text{BF}_4$  (30 mg) and *aq* (10 mg) was slowly diffused into 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of benzene by using an H-type tube at room temperature. After several days reddish-brown crystals of **2** were deposited.

### Measurements

Elemental analyses for carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen were carried out using a Yanaco CHN corder MT-5. Infrared spectra were measured with a Jasco FT/IR350 in the 4600—400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region on a KBr disk. Diffused reflectance spectra were measured with a Shimadzu UV-3100 Spectrometer with ISR-3100, using barium sulfate ( $\text{BaSO}_4$ ) as reference. Magnetic susceptibilities were measured over the 4—300 K temperature range by the Faraday method.

X-Ray Crystal Structure Analysis.

A crystal of **2** was sealed in a glass capillary together with mother liquor and mounted on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation at 25±1°C. Unit-cell

parameters were determined by a least-squares refinement based on 25 reflections with  $20 < 2\theta < 30^\circ$ . Crystallographic data for **2**;

$C_{14}H_{44}O_{10}Ru_2$ ,  $F.W. = 814.9$ , triclinic, space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 9.450(4)$ ,  $b = 9.634(5)$ ,  $c = 10.646(7)$  Å,  $\alpha = 81.61(4)$ ,  $\beta = 70.78(4)$ ,  $\gamma = 72.41(4)^\circ$ ,  $V = 871.2(9)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 1$ ,  $D_m = 1.55$ ,  $D_c = 1.55$  gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu(Mo K\alpha) = 9.02$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, crystal dimensions  $0.29 \times 0.17 \times 0.15$  mm, 3058 reflections measured ( $2\theta_{max} = 50^\circ$ ), 1819 [ $I \geq 3\sigma(I)$ ] used in the refinement,  $R = 0.060$ ,  $R_w = 0.075$ . The structure was solved by the direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method using MolEN program package<sup>[10]</sup>.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this study, we obtained complex **1** as green powder by stirring benzene solution of  $[Ru_2(piv)_4]BF_4$  and aq. The analytical and infrared spectral data suggest that this complex has a composition of  $\{[Ru_2(piv)_4(H_2O)]_2(aq)\}(BF_4)_2$ . The structure of **1** can be considered that both of the two oxygen atoms of aq are coordinated to one of the axial sites of the  $Ru_2$  units and the other axial sites are occupied by water molecules, like the "dimer-of-dimers" complex  $\{[Ru_2(piv)_4(H_2O)]_2(tcnq)\}(BF_4)_2$ <sup>[9]</sup>. The water molecules might come from the solvent or starting materials. Complex **1** was also obtained when excess amount of aq was added to a benzene solution of  $[Ru_2(piv)_4]BF_4$ .

In the infrared spectra of **1**,  $\nu(COO)$  peaks are found at 1482, 1453, and 1416 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which are almost in the same region as that of  $[Ru_2(piv)_4(H_2O)_2]BF_4$ . This suggests that  $Ru_2$  core in **1** maintains the dimer structure.  $\nu(C=O)$  peaks of aq, found at 1672, 1634, and 1569 cm<sup>-1</sup>, are not appreciably shifted compared with those of free aq.

The reflectance spectra of **1** and  $[Ru_2(piv)_4(H_2O)_2]BF_4$  are shown in FIGURE 1. Absorption band around 1000 nm may be attributed to the  $\delta - \delta^*$  transition of the  $Ru_2$  core, as in the case of  $[Ru_2(piv)_4(H_2O)_2]BF_4$ . The new bands at 607 and around 348 nm may be attributed to  $n - \pi^*$  and  $\pi - \pi^*$  transitions, respectively. The bands at 430 and 224 nm in  $[Ru_2(piv)_4(H_2O)_2]BF_4$  are hidden by the broad band around 348 nm.

The temperature dependence of effective magnetic moments ( $\mu_{eff}$ ) for **1** is shown in FIGURE 2. The  $\mu_{eff}$  value at 300K is 4.1 B.M., which is larger than that derived from spin-only equation, 3.87 B.M. When temperature is lowered,  $\mu_{eff}$  is gradually decreased to 3.1 B.M. at

4K. This behavior can be attributed to the zero-field splitting rather than an antiferromagnetic interaction between the  $\text{Ru}_2$  spins through the bridging ligand. The solid line is drawn with the parameters  $g$  ( $g$  factor for the  $\text{Ru}_2$  core) = 2.1 and  $D$  (zero-field splitting parameter) =  $70 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The good fitting shows that antiferromagnetic interaction of **1** between the two  $\text{Ru}_2$  cores through the bridging  $\text{aq}$  must be very weak. The weak antiferromagnetism has been also observed in  $[\{\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}_2(\text{tcnq})](\text{BF}_4)_2$  [9].

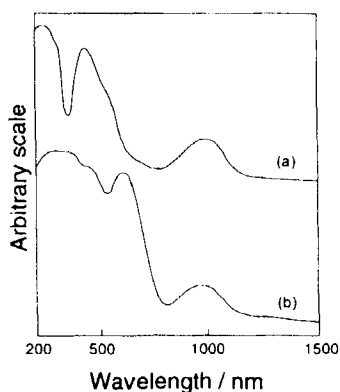


FIGURE 1 Diffused reflectance spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{BF}_4$  (a) and **1** (b)

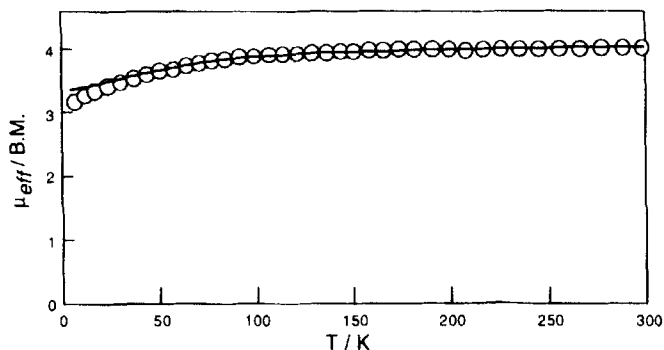


FIGURE 2 Temperature dependence of the effective magnetic moment of **1**.

On the other hand, complex **2** was obtained as reddish-brown crystals, when the reaction of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4]\text{BF}_4$  and aq was performed by the diffusion method in benzene.

The crystal structure of **2** is shown in FIGURE 3. Because there are no  $\text{BF}_4^-$  anions in the crystal, it is suggested that aq molecule becomes anion radical. The zig-zag chain structure is made up by the alternating arrangement of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{piv})_4]^+$  and  $\text{aq}^-$ . The Ru—Ru bond length is 2.248(2) Å, which is in the range of those reported for  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CR})_4]^+$  complexes (2.24—2.30 Å)<sup>[11]</sup>. The Ru—O5—C11 angle is 123.4(7)°. At present, it is not clear why the chain complex formed during the crystallization process. Further studies are in progress in our laboratories.

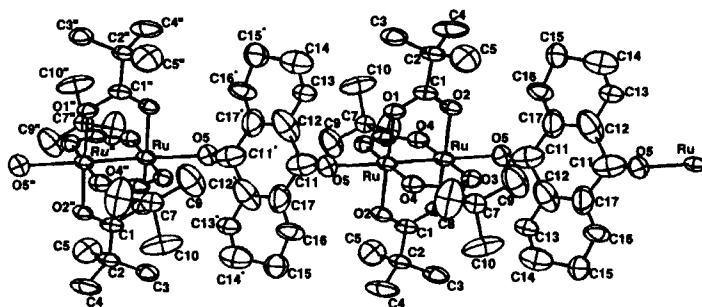


FIGURE 3 Molecular structure of **2**. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles(°) are as follows: Ru—Ru 2.248(2), Ru—O1 2.008(6), Ru—O2 2.013(6), Ru—O3 2.017(7), Ru—O4 2.010(7), Ru—O5 2.28(1); Ru—Ru—O1 89.4(3), Ru—Ru—O2 89.5(3), Ru—Ru—O3 89.0(3), Ru—Ru—O4 91.1(3), Ru—Ru—O5 175.4(2), O1—Ru—O2 178.4(3), O1—Ru—O3 91.8(3), O1—Ru—O4 88.8(3), O1—Ru—O5 91.2(3), O2—Ru—O3 89.3(3), O2—Ru—O4 90.1(3), O2—Ru—O5 89.9(3), O3—Ru—O4 179.4(2), O3—Ru—O5 86.4(3), O4—Ru—O5 93.5(3), Ru—O1—C1 120.0(8), Ru—O2—C1 120.0(7), Ru—O3—C6 118.6(8), Ru—O4—C6 117.6(8), Ru—O5—C11 123.4(7).

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