

***trans*-[Ru^{II}Cl(MeCN)₅][Ru^{III}Cl₄(MeCN)₂]: A Reactive Intermediate in the Homogeneous Catalyzed Hydrosilylation of Carbon Dioxide[†]**

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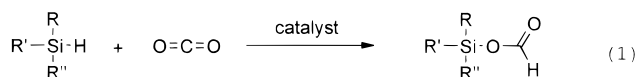
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RuCl₃·*n*H₂O in MeCN catalyzes the hydrosilylation of carbon dioxide with *n*-Hex₃SiH into *n*-Hex₃SiOOCH and, with Me₂PhSiH, into Me₂PhSiOOCH. The initial catalyst formed is *trans*-[Ru^{II}Cl(MeCN)₅][Ru^{III}Cl₄(MeCN)₂], the synthesis and structural characterization of which are described. With [Ru^{II}Cl(MeCN)₅][Ru^{III}Cl₄(MeCN)₂] as a catalyst, Me₂PhSiOOCH is produced at 313 K. Analogously, Et₂SiH₂, Ph₂SiH₂, and *p*-C₆H₄-(Me₂SiH)₂ yield Et₂Si(OOCH)₂, Ph₂Si(OOCH)₂, and *p*-C₆H₄-(Me₂SiOOCH)₂, respectively. When exposed to air, the latter compounds hydrolyze spontaneously into mixtures of silanediols, linear siloxane oligomers and polymers, and cyclic siloxane oligomers with the release of formic acid.

Introduction

One research area recently attracting increasing attention is the use of carbon dioxide as a C₁-building block.¹ The main criteria favoring this use are the conservation of organic resources and the availability of carbon dioxide. Catalytic hydrosilylation of multiple bonds is an important route to functionalized organic compounds.² Independently, two groups in 1981 reported the hydrosilylation of carbon dioxide into formoxysilanes of the type R₂R'SiOOCH (R,R': alkyl) catalyzed by transition metal complexes, preferably based on ruthenium.³ The general reaction type is provided in eq 1. Fourteen catalytic cycles at a turnover frequency (TOF) of 0.7 h⁻¹ were achieved with RuCl₂-(PPh₃)₃.^{3a} Recently, some initial results were published concerning hydrosilylations in supercritical carbon dioxide used as the solvent and substrate.⁴



Little is known about possible uses of formoxysilanes, which are available from stoichiometric conversion of chlorosilanes with suitable formic acid derivatives.⁵ Applications discussed include the precipitation of thin SiO_x layers by controlled thermal decomposition of Si(OOCH)₄.⁶ Another potential application is the use of multiply formoxy-functionalized silanes, R_nSi(OOCH)_{4-n} (*n*: 0–2) as a cross-linking component in RTV silicones.⁷

This study focuses on the development of a powerful and economically efficient catalyst system for the synthesis of singly and multiply formoxy-functionalized silanes.

Results and Discussion

We started our studies with investigations on the catalytic activity of RuCl₃·*n*H₂O (**1**) in MeCN as a low-cost commercially available ruthenium compound.⁸ A summary of the results of the catalytic reactions is provided in Table 1. At 373 K, 1 mol % of **1** achieves a nearly complete conversion of Hex₃SiH (**2a**) within 62 h (Table 1, entry 1). Distillation of the crude product affords 84% Hex₃SiOOCH (**3a**). Me₂PhSiH (**2b**) reacts more rapidly to afford Me₂PhSiOOCH (**3b**) (Table 1,

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Table 1. Hydrosilylation of Carbon Dioxide^d

entry	substrate	catalyst (mol % Ru)	reaction time (h)	temp (K)	product (%)
1 ^a	<i>n</i> -Hex ₃ SiH 2a	1 (1.0)	62	373	3a (84)
2 ^a	Me ₂ PhSiH 2b	1 (0.2)	20	353	3b (90)
3 ^a		1 (0.2)	20	313	no conversion
4 ^a		4 (0.2)	20	353	3b (91)
5 ^a		4 (0.2)	2	353	3b (93)
6 ^{a,b}		4 (0.2)	20	333	3b (33)
7 ^{a,b}		4 (0.2)	20	313	3b (15)
8 ^c	Et ₂ SiH ₂ 5a	4 (0.5)	6	333	6a (80)
9 ^a	Ph ₂ SiH ₂ 5b	4 (0.5)	20	343	6b (39)
10 ^a	<i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ -(Me ₂ SiH) ₂ 5c	4 (0.5)	4	333	6c (87)

^a Reaction performed in MeCN solution. ^b Yield determined by ¹H NMR. ^c Reaction performed in 3-phenylpropionitrile solution. ^d For Details of the procedure refer to the Experimental Section.

entry 2). The rate increase of **2b** compared to **2a** is probably steric in origin. The reaction of **2b** is the first example of the reaction of carbon dioxide with an aryl hydrosilane. Consequently, it should be possible to produce a multitude of functionalized formoxysilane derivatives in a similar way. As secondary products which were identified by NMR spectroscopy and gas chromatography, the respective disiloxanes are formed by hydrolysis of **3a,b** with the water contained in **1**.

When the reaction temperature is 313 K, no conversion of silane takes place (Table 1, entry 3). This finding may be related to the observation that the initially intensely dark reaction solution does not begin to brighten until 353 K. This prompted us to consider whether a reduction is the initiating reaction in the formation of the active catalyst. For this purpose, we reacted **1** with 1 equiv of **2b** in MeCN in the absence of carbon dioxide. The characteristic brightening encountered under conditions of catalysis was also observed at 353 K for this stoichiometric reaction of **1**. With a yield of 79%, a complex of the composition Ru₂Cl₅(MeCN)₇ (**4**) was isolated. No further products were obtained using a 10-fold excess of **2b** and longer reaction times. Also, no reaction took place by refluxing **4** with **2b** in MeCN. The constitution of **4** was determined by single-crystal X-ray structural analysis (Figure 1). The ionic compound **4** crystallizes in the *P* $\bar{1}$ space group and is made up of one Ru(III) anion and one Ru(II) cation, both of octahedral symmetry (refer to the Experimental Section). The cation of **4** has the constitution [RuCl(MeCN)₅]⁺. The average Ru–N bond distance value, 2.03(3) Å, is similar to that bond in the anion. The Ru–N bond distance of the MeCN ligand trans to the chloro ligand is not extended. In the anion *trans*-[RuCl₄(MeCN)₂][−], which has a *C*₂-symmetry, two MeCN ligands in the axial positions are coordinated linearly at the ruthenium center [average angle for N–C–C 178.8(5)°, average angle Ru–N–C 176.3(3)°]. Average bond distances Ru–Cl [2.36(1) Å] and Ru–N [2.02(4) Å] are as expected.

The same anion has been reported in the complexes *n*-Bu₄N[RuCl₄(MeCN)₂]⁹ and Et₄N[RuCl₄(MeCN)₂].¹⁰ The synthesis of **4**·H₂O as a byproduct of the synthesis

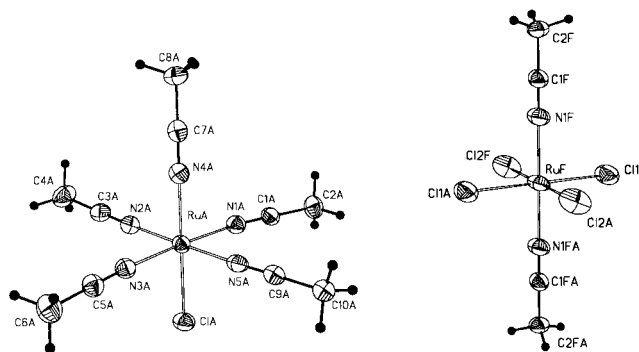


Figure 1. ORTEP plot of **4** showing 50% probability ellipsoids for non-H atoms (see Experimental Section). Selected bond distances (Å): RuA–N1A 2.035(3), RuA–N4A 2.024(3), RuF–N1F 2.020(4), RuA–ClA 2.3984(11), RuF–Cl1F 2.3550(13). Selected bond angles (deg): RuA–N1A–C1A 166.7(3), RuA–N4A–C7A 172.2(3), RuF–N1F–Cl1F 179.0(4), N4A–RuA–ClA 177.20(10), N1A–RuA–N2A 95.20(14), N1F–RuF–Cl1F 90.04(11), Cl1F–RuF–Cl2F 90.51(6).

of RuCl₃[MeCN]₃·H₂O and studies on its physical and electronic properties were described by Dehand et al.¹¹

4 is moderately soluble in MeCN and chloroform, insoluble in hydrocarbons, and gradually decomposes in water, releasing MeCN. We suspect that the comparatively weak coordination of the MeCN ligands in **4** plays a key role in the formation of the active catalyst.

The easy preparation of **4**, even in large quantities, suggests its use as an anhydrous single-component catalyst. It is shown that **4**, at 353 K, is just as active as **1** in the conversion of **2b** to **3b** (Table 1, entry 4). Multiple replications at different reaction times led to an optimized yield (93%) of **2b** within 2 h, corresponding to a TON of 465 and a TOF of 233 h^{−1} (Table 1, entry 5). To date, **4** is the most active catalyst for the hydrosilylation of carbon dioxide yet reported. Unlike the case with **1**, hydrosilylation with **4** as a catalyst is possible at temperatures of 333 and 313 K (Table 1, entries 6 and 7). This allows the conclusion that the reaction temperature of 353 K required for the use of **1** is needed to generate **4**.

4 also catalyzes the conversion of Et₂SiH₂ **5a**, Ph₂SiH₂ **5b**, and *p*-C₆H₄-(Me₂SiH)₂ **5c** to the bis(formoxy)silanes Et₂Si(OOCH)₂ **6a**, Ph₂Si(OOCH)₂ **6b**, and *p*-C₆H₄-(Me₂SiOOCH)₂ **6c** with isolated yields between 39% and 87% (Table 1, entries 8–10). Purification, especially of **6b**, by distillation is aggravated by thermal decomposition. The yields as determined by NMR spectroscopy are above 90% in each case. The ¹H NMR spectrum of a raw product solution of **6b** (Table 1, entry 9) shows a complete conversion of **3b**. Unreacted **3b** would give a singlet for the Si,H protons at 4.96 ppm. A small resonance at 8.70 ppm probably corresponds to condensation products of **6b** such as [Ph₂Si(OOCH)₂]₂O, which could not be isolated.

6a–c, when in contact with atmospheric humidity, very quickly condense into linearly and cyclically cross-linked silicone oligomers and polymers, respectively, in a manner similar to the hydrolysis of Ph₂SiCl₂.¹² The characteristic odor of formic acid disappears after only

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a few minutes. The hydrolysis products, HOSiR₂OH, HOSiR₂O(SiR₂O)_{*n*}SiR₂OH (*n* = 0, 1, ...) and (SiR₂O)_{*n*} (*n* = 2, 3, ...) with R = Et, Ph and HOSiMe₂C₆H₄SiMe₂O-(SiMe₂C₆H₄SiMe₂O)_{*n*}SiMe₂C₆H₄SiMe₂OH (*n* = 0, 1, ...) consist of a mixture of monomeric, oligomeric, and polymeric compounds. The molar mass distributions were determined by GPC and had molecular weights of up to 80 000 g/mol.¹³ Single crystals of (SiPh₂O)₃ were isolated from the hydrolysis product of **6b** and identified by their cell parameters.¹⁴ Thus, the basic suitability of this class of compounds for use in single-component RTV silicones is demonstrated. Continuing studies of the elementary steps of the reaction mechanism and of the possibilities of catalyst recycling are currently underway.

Experimental Section

All manipulations were carried out under an atmosphere of dry argon by standard Schlenk techniques except the hydrolyses of **6a–c**. Reactions under CO₂ pressure were performed in 80 cm³ stainless steel reactors equipped with manometer, thermoelement, and magnetic stirrer. Isolated yields of formoxysilanes were based on the corresponding starting silanes.

Solvents were distilled prior to use using standard methods. Commercially available reagents were used as received and freshly degassed.

NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker AC 200 spectrometer (¹H NMR, 200.13 MHz; ¹³C NMR, 50.32 MHz; ²⁹Si NMR, 39.76 MHz). Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm and were referenced to internal or external SiMe₄ (¹H, ¹³C, ²⁹Si), respectively. Assignments were confirmed by ¹³C-DEPT experiments. Elemental analyses were measured by the Microanalytical Laboratory Kolbe (Mülheim a. d. R., Germany). The molecular weight measurements (refer to ref 13) were performed on a GPC JASCO equipped with three columns (PSSSDV 10² nm, PSS 10³ nm, PSS 10⁵ nm) calibrated with polystyrene standard; eluent THF; flow rate 1 cm³ min⁻¹.

Syntheses of Formoxysilanes 3a,b and 6a–c. Formoxytri-*n*-hexylsilane, (n-C₆H₁₃)₃Si(OOCH), **3a.** RuCl₃·*n*H₂O **1** (0.0990 g, 0.4 mmol) was dissolved in 30 cm³ of MeCN. The solution was transferred to a reactor equipped with a magnetic stirrer and an internal thermometer. (n-C₆H₁₃)₃SiH **2a** (11.38 g, 40.0 mmol) and CO₂ (26.4 g, 0.6 mol) were added, and the mixture was vigorously stirred at 373 K for 62 h. Unreacted CO₂ was carefully removed by stirring at 298 K. Volatile components were removed in a vacuum of less than 8 mbar. Purification was performed by vacuum distillation, affording 11.02 g (83.3%) of **3a** (bp: 388 K at 1.0 × 10⁻⁵ mbar). ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃): 8.08 (s, 1H, O₂CH), 1.29 (complex pattern, 24H, CH₂), 0.82 (complex pattern, 15H, CH₂/CH₃). ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃): 160.9 (O₂CH), 33.0 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 22.5 (CH₂), 13.1 (CH₃), 13.4 (SiCH₂). ²⁹Si NMR data (CDCl₃): 25.2. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₉H₄₀SiO₂ (*M*_r = 328.61): C, 69.45; H, 12.27; Si, 8.55. Found: C, 69.53; H, 12.36; Si, 8.47. IR ν_{CO}(film/NaCl): 1714 (vs) cm⁻¹. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) = 243 (45) [M⁺ - C₆H₁₃], 197 (9) [M⁺ - C₆H₁₃ - HCOOH], 157 (48) [M⁺ - C₆H₁₄ - C₆H₁₃], 113 (58) [M⁺ - 2 C₆H₁₃ - COOH], 101 (21), 85 (54), 75 (100), 61 (34), 41 (77).

(13) Gel permeation chromatography (refer to Experimental Section) of a THF solution of the products derived from hydrolysis of **6a–c** reveals (relative to polystyrene): (from **6a**) *M*_w 580, *M*_n 390, *M*_w/*M*_n = 1.5. (from **6b**) *M*_w 320, *M*_n 220, *M*_w/*M*_n = 1.5. (from **6c**) *M*_w 14 000, *M*_n 5600, *M*_w/*M*_n = 2.5.

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Dimethylformoxyphenylsilane, Me₂PhSi(OOCH), 3b. Analogous to the procedure described for the synthesis of **3a**, Ru₂Cl₅(MeCN)₇ **4** (0.0269 g, 0.0401 mmol), Me₂PhSiH **2b** (5.45 g, 40 mmol), and CO₂ (3.5 g, 80 mmol) were reacted at 353 K for 20 h to afford 6.53 g (90.6%) of **3b** (bp: 367 K at 23 mbar). ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 8.12 (s, 1H, O₂CH), 7.65 (complex pattern, 2H, *Ph*), 7.43 (complex pattern, 3H, *Ph*), 0.63 (s, 6H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 160.8 (O₂CH), 134.8 (C_q), 133.5 (C_o), 130.4 (C_p), 128.0 (C_m), -1.7 (CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 14.2. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₉H₁₂SiO₂ (*M*_r = 180.28): C, 59.96; H, 6.71; Si, 15.58. Found: C, 59.86; H, 6.79; Si, 15.46. IR ν_{CO}(film/NaCl): 1709 (vs) cm⁻¹. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) = 180 (6) [M⁺], 165 (100) [M⁺ - CH₃], 152 (6) [M⁺ - 2 CH₂], 137 (99) [MH⁺ - CO₂], 103 (10) [M⁺ - Ph], 91 (13), 77 (11), 51 (7), 45 (19).

Diethyldiformoxysilane, Et₂Si(OOCH)₂, 6a. Analogous to the procedure described for the synthesis of **3a**, **4** (0.1345 g, 0.202 mmol), Et₂SiH₂ **5a** (3.52 g, 40 mmol), and CO₂ (7.0 g, 160 mmol) were reacted in 30 cm³ of 3-phenylpropionitrile at 333 K for 6 h to afford 5.64 g (80.1%) of **6a** (bp: 343 K at 10 mbar). ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 8.06 (s, 2H, O₂CH), 0.98 (complex pattern, 10H, CH₂/CH₃). ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 159.3 (O₂CH), 5.2 (CH₃), 4.9 (CH₂). ²⁹Si NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 6.7. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₂H₁₂Si₂O₄ (*M*_r = 276.39): C, 40.89; H, 6.86; O, 36.31; Si, 15.94. Found: C, 40.78; H, 6.81; Si, 15.99. IR ν_{CO}(film/NaCl): 1714 (vs) cm⁻¹. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) = 147 (28) [M⁺ - C₂H₅], 131 (2) [M⁺ - COOH], 119 (43) [MH⁺ - 2 C₂H₅], 102 (7) [M⁺ - HCOOH - C₂H₄], 91 (48) [C₃H₁₁-OSi⁺], 75 (11) [(CH₃)₂SiOH⁺], 63 (100), 45 (58).

Diformoxydiphenylsilane, Ph₂Si(OOCH)₂, 6b. Analogous to the procedure described for the synthesis of **3a**, **4** (0.1345 g, 0.202 mmol), Ph₂SiH₂ **5b** (3.69 g, 20 mmol), and CO₂ (3.5 g, 80 mmol) were reacted in 30 cm³ of MeCN at 343 K for 20 h to afford 2.13 g (39.1%) of **6b** (bp: 378 K at 1.0 × 10⁻⁵ mbar). ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 8.24 (s, 2H, O₂CH), 7.82 (complex pattern, 4H, *Ph*), 7.52 (complex pattern, 6H, *Ph*). ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 158.7 (O₂CH), 134.9 (C_o), 131.9 (C_p), 128.2 (C_m), 127.5 (C_q). ²⁹Si NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): -26.8. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₄H₁₀Si₂O₄ (*M*_r = 298.40): C, 61.75; H, 4.44; Si, 10.31. Found: C, 61.78; H, 4.41; Si, 10.37. IR ν_{CO}(film/NaCl): 1719 (vs) cm⁻¹. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) = 272 (66) [M⁺], 243 (13) [M⁺ - CHO], 227 (52) [M⁺ - COOH], 195 (64) [M⁺ - C₆H₅], 167 (61) [M⁺ - C₇H₅O], 150 (14) [M⁺ - C₆H₅ - COOH], 139 (100), 121 (14), 105 (3) [C₇H₅O⁺], 94 (8) [C₆H₆O⁺], 77 (42), 51 (19), 45 (25).

1,4-Bis(dimethylformoxysilyl)benzene, p-C₆H₄-(Me₂SiOOCH)₂, 6c. Analogous to the procedure described for the synthesis of **3a**, **4** (0.1345 g, 0.202 mmol), p-C₆H₄-(Me₂SiH)₂ **5c** (7.78 g, 40 mmol), and CO₂ (7.0 g, 160 mmol) were reacted in 30 cm³ of MeCN at 333 K for 4 h to afford 9.88 g (87.4%) of **6c** (bp: 390 K at 2.0 × 10⁻⁵ mbar). ¹H NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 8.10 (s, 2H, O₂CH), 7.69 (s, 4H, *Ph*), 0.62 (s, 12H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 160.6 (O₂CH), 137.2 (C_q), 132.8 (C_o), -1.9 (CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR data (CDCl₃, 298 K): 14.0. Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₂H₁₂Si₂O₄ (*M*_r = 276.39): C, 51.03; H, 6.42; Si, 19.89. Found: C, 50.91; H, 6.48; Si, 19.92. IR ν_{CO}(film/NaCl): 1709 (vs) cm⁻¹. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) = 282 (0.2) [M⁺], 267 (17) [M⁺ - CH₃], 237 (3) [M⁺ - COOH], 223 (1) [M⁺ - HCOOH - CH₃], 193 (4) [M⁺ - HCOOH - COOH], 133 (10) [M⁺ - HCOOH - COOH, -4CH₃], 121 (14) [C₆H₅SiHCH₃⁺], 103 (40) [(CH₃)₂Si(O₂CH)⁺], 91 (25), 75 (100) [(CH₃)₂SiOH⁺], 45 (83).

Synthesis of trans-[Ru^{II}Cl(MeCN)₅]/[Ru^{III}Cl₄(MeCN)₂], **4.** A mixture of RuCl₃·*n*H₂O **1** (4.95 g, 20 mmol) and Me₂PhSiH **2a** (2.73 g, 20 mmol) in 100 cm³ of MeCN was refluxed for 4 h. After an initial period, the color of the reaction mixture changed from dark purple to yellow, and a yellow precipitate was formed. The precipitate was filtered off, washed four times with diethyl ether and pentane, and dried in high vacuum to yield 5.29 g (79.3%) of **4** (>443 K decomp). Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₄H₂₁N₇Cl₅Ru₂ (*M*_r = 666.77): C, 25.22; H, 3.17; Cl, 26.59; N, 14.70. Found: C, 25.09; H, 3.18; Cl, 25.83; N, 14.79. IR

Table 2. Crystal Data, Data Collection, and Refinement Parameters for Complex 4

empirical formula	C ₁₄ H ₂₁ N ₇ Cl ₅ Ru ₂
molecular weight	666.77
temp (K)	183(2)
wavelength (Å)	0.71073
cryst syst	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$ (No. 2)
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	12.2606(3), 14.3523(3), 17.035(3)
α , β , γ (deg)	103.705(1), 91.841(1), 113.451(1)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	2644.7(5)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>d</i> _{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	1.675
abs coeff (mm ⁻¹)	1.661
<i>F</i> ₀₀₀	1308
cryst size (mm ³)	0.20 × 0.20 × 0.10
θ for data collection (deg)	3.29–26.34
limiting indices	–15 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 15, –17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, –21 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 21
no. of reflns collected	18 342
no. of ind reflns	10 704 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0378)
completeness to $\theta = 26.34^\circ$ (%)	99.1
refinement method	full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
no. of data/restraints/params	10 704/0/511
goodness of fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.020
final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0393, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0884
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0563, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0954
largest diff peak and hole	2.213 and –0.879 e Å ⁻³

(KBr): 2969 (vs), 2912 (vs), 2275 (s), 1625 (m), 1425 (s), 1362 (s), 1262 (m), 1040 (s), 944 (s) cm⁻¹.

X-ray Crystallographic Analysis of 4. Orange crystals of [Ru^{II}Cl(MeCN)₅][Ru^{III}Cl₄(MeCN)₂] **4** were grown from a MeCN solution (see Table 2). The intensity data for the compound were collected on a Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer, using graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation. Data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and absorption effects.¹⁵

The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS)¹⁶ and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques against *F*_o² (SHELXL-97).¹⁷ The hydrogen atoms of the structure were included at calculated positions with fixed thermal parameters. All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The asymmetric unit of the cell contains two cations on general and four half-anions on special positions (1). The different cations and anions, respectively, showed no significant differences. XP (SIEMENS Analytical X-ray Instruments, Inc.) was used for structure representations.¹⁸

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