

**Table 1.** Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3) \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Rh(1)	-0.0761 (1)	0	0	0.0224 (1)
Cl(1)	0	-0.0110 (2)	-1/4	0.0352 (1)
P(1)	-0.1847 (1)	0.0879 (1)	-0.0672 (1)	0.0275 (1)
P(2)	0.0306 (1)	0.1135 (1)	-0.0025 (2)	0.0276 (1)
C(1)	-0.1467 (5)	0.1577 (4)	-0.1589 (5)	0.0325 (2)
C(2)	-0.2569 (4)	0.1684 (4)	-0.0093 (7)	0.0359 (2)
C(3)	-0.3593 (5)	0.0213 (5)	-0.1152 (5)	0.0330 (2)
C(4)	-0.4151 (5)	-0.0371 (6)	-0.1635 (5)	0.0413 (2)
C(5)	-0.3797 (5)	-0.0988 (5)	-0.2200 (5)	0.0386 (2)
C(6)	-0.2858 (5)	-0.1030 (5)	-0.2309 (5)	0.0382 (2)
C(7)	-0.2291 (5)	-0.0441 (5)	-0.1850 (5)	0.0368 (2)
C(8)	-0.2647 (4)	0.0161 (5)	-0.1258 (5)	0.0309 (2)
C(9)	0.0905 (6)	0.1500 (5)	-0.1009 (5)	0.0387 (3)
C(10)	0.1254 (5)	0.0983 (5)	0.0733 (5)	0.0376 (2)
C(11)	-0.0290 (5)	0.2972 (4)	-0.0064 (8)	0.0455 (3)
C(12)	-0.0730 (7)	0.3707 (5)	0.0277 (7)	0.0623 (4)
C(13)	-0.1062 (6)	0.3689 (5)	0.1130 (7)	0.0547 (3)
C(14)	-0.0934 (6)	0.2919 (5)	0.1625 (6)	0.0522 (3)
C(15)	-0.0514 (5)	0.2158 (6)	0.1272 (5)	0.0420 (3)
C(16)	-0.0184 (5)	0.2176 (4)	0.0420 (5)	0.0301 (2)

**Table 2.** Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Rh(1)—P(1)	2.306 (2)	C(3)—C(8)	1.408 (9)
Rh(1)—P(2)	2.302 (2)	C(4)—C(5)	1.362 (11)
Rh(1)—P(1) <sup>i</sup>	2.306 (2)	C(5)—C(6)	1.396 (10)
Rh(1)—P(2) <sup>i</sup>	2.302 (2)	C(6)—C(7)	1.396 (11)
P(1)—C(1)	1.829 (7)	C(7)—C(8)	1.375 (11)
P(1)—C(2)	1.827 (8)	C(11)—C(12)	1.371 (12)
P(1)—C(8)	1.824 (7)	C(11)—C(16)	1.401 (11)
P(2)—C(9)	1.826 (8)	C(12)—C(13)	1.392 (15)
P(2)—C(10)	1.829 (8)	C(13)—C(14)	1.382 (12)
P(2)—C(16)	1.833 (7)	C(14)—C(15)	1.395 (12)
C(3)—C(4)	1.403 (10)	C(15)—C(16)	1.389 (11)
P(1)—Rh(1)—P(2)	93.2 (1)	C(10)—P(2)—C(16)	99.8 (3)
P(1)—Rh(1)—P(1) <sup>i</sup>	92.0 (1)	C(4)—C(3)—C(8)	119.2 (6)
P(2)—Rh(1)—P(1) <sup>i</sup>	153.4 (1)	C(3)—C(4)—C(5)	121.4 (7)
P(1)—Rh(1)—P(2) <sup>i</sup>	153.4 (1)	C(4)—C(5)—C(6)	119.1 (7)
P(2)—Rh(1)—P(2) <sup>i</sup>	93.7 (1)	C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	120.5 (7)
P(1)—Rh(1)—P(2) <sup>i</sup>	93.2 (1)	C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	120.4 (7)
Rh(1)—P(1)—C(1)	116.6 (2)	P(1)—C(8)—C(3)	123.6 (5)
Rh(1)—P(1)—C(2)	123.9 (3)	P(1)—C(8)—C(7)	117.0 (5)
C(1)—P(1)—C(2)	100.4 (4)	C(3)—C(8)—C(7)	119.3 (6)
Rh(1)—P(1)—C(8)	109.8 (2)	C(12)—C(11)—C(16)	121.4 (9)
C(1)—P(1)—C(8)	98.7 (3)	C(11)—C(12)—C(13)	120.5 (9)
C(2)—P(1)—C(8)	103.9 (3)	C(12)—C(13)—C(14)	118.7 (8)
Rh(1)—P(2)—C(9)	124.1 (3)	C(13)—C(14)—C(15)	121.0 (9)
Rh(1)—P(2)—C(10)	115.0 (2)	C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	120.2 (7)
C(9)—P(2)—C(10)	100.8 (4)	P(2)—C(16)—C(11)	123.8 (7)
Rh(1)—P(2)—C(16)	109.7 (2)	P(2)—C(16)—C(15)	118.0 (5)
C(9)—P(2)—C(16)	104.3 (3)	C(11)—C(16)—C(15)	118.1 (7)

Symmetry code: (i)  $x, -y, -z$ .

A suitable crystal was chosen and mounted on a glass fiber with epoxy cement at room temperature and cooled to 193 K in an  $\text{N}_2$  cold stream. Inspection of axial photographs about each of the three axes confirmed axis length and Laue symmetry.  $\omega$  scans of several intense reflections indicated acceptable crystal quality. The  $\theta$  scan width was  $1.2^\circ$  with a scan rate variable between  $2.0$  and  $14.6^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$  in  $\theta$ . The background was measured by the stationary crystal and stationary counter technique at the beginning and end of each reflection for half the total scan time. Intensities were corrected by a peak-profiling method (Diamond, 1969). Carbon-bound H atoms were placed in idealized positions [ $\text{C—H} = 0.96 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U(\text{H}) = 0.08 \text{ \AA}^2$  (fixed)]. The H atom parameters were not refined. The absolute configuration was determined (Rogers, 1981). The structure of the title compound

and the numbering scheme used are shown in Fig. 1. The title compound was obtained from Dr C. Ovalles and S. Taboada (INTEVEP, SA, Venezuela).

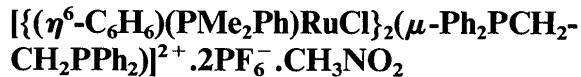
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## Abstract

In the title compound,  $[\mu\text{-ethylenebis(diphenylphosphine)-bis}[(\eta^6\text{-benzene})\text{chloro(dimethylphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II)}]\text{ bis(hexafluorophosphate)}]$  nitromethane solvate, the cation is crystallographically centrosymmetric about the midpoint of the  $\text{CH}_2\text{—CH}_2$  bond. The diphosphine ligand adopts a bridging function between the two  $\text{Ru}^{II}$  centres.

**Comment**

Although we recently reported an analogous centrosymmetric dinuclear cation in which dppe ( $\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2$ ) links two  $[(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{Et}_2\text{NCS}_2)]\text{Rh}$  units (Blake, Fotheringham, Stephenson, Hambling & Sawyer, 1991), we are also interested in the structures of 1:1 complexes in which only one P donor is coordinated; the remaining P is 'dangling' and available for coordination to another metal centre, providing a route to mixed-metal species. Using dppm ( $\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PPh}_2$ ) in place of dppe with the same rhodium starting material yields a 1:1 complex with such a structure (Blake, Fotheringham & Stephenson, 1992).

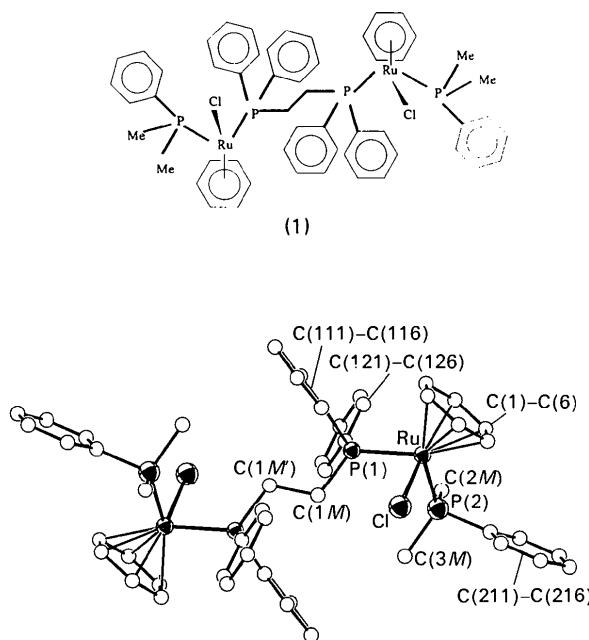


Fig. 1. View of the centrosymmetric dinuclear cation showing the labelling of the non-H atoms. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level; H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

**Experimental***Crystal data*

$[\text{Ru}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6)_2(\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{P})_2 \cdot (\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{P}_2)][\text{PF}_6]_2 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 1454.8$	$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 15 reflections
$I2/c$	$\theta = 3.5-17.5^\circ$
$a = 28.325 (6) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.799 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 9.790 (5) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 \text{ K}$
$c = 23.042 (6) \text{ \AA}$	Needle
$\beta = 105.999 (6)^\circ$	$0.64 \times 0.20 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$
$V = 6142 \text{ \AA}^3$	Yellow
$Z = 4$	
$D_x = 1.573 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	

**Data collection**

Stoe Stadi-2 diffractometer	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.012$
$\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$
Absorption correction:	$h = -32 \rightarrow 33$
none	$k = 0 \rightarrow 11$
5811 measured reflections	$l = 0 \rightarrow 27$
5313 independent reflections	No standard reflections
4031 observed reflections	
	$[F > 6.0\sigma(F)]$

**Refinement**

Refinement on $F$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F) + 0.000243F^2]$
Final $R = 0.0611$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.10$
$wR = 0.0753$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.98 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
$S = 1.406$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.64 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
4031 reflections	Atomic scattering factors
167 parameters	inlaid except for Ru
H atoms in calculated positions	(Cromer & Mann, 1968)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Ru	-0.129620 (20)	0.08718 (5)	0.360200 (20)	0.0314 (3)
Cl	-0.06788 (7)	0.26041 (20)	0.37346 (9)	0.0559 (12)
P(1)	-0.07333 (6)	-0.04528 (17)	0.43236 (8)	0.0312 (9)
P(2)	-0.15877 (8)	0.19502 (22)	0.43426 (9)	0.0523 (13)
C(1)	-0.12595 (15)	-0.0110 (5)	0.27282 (23)	0.0507 (19)
C(2)	-0.15011 (15)	-0.0992 (5)	0.30266 (23)	0.0524 (19)
C(3)	-0.19136 (15)	-0.0543 (5)	0.31912 (23)	0.0547 (20)
C(4)	-0.20840 (15)	0.0789 (5)	0.30576 (23)	0.0517 (19)
C(5)	-0.18424 (15)	0.1671 (5)	0.27594 (23)	0.0529 (20)
C(6)	-0.14301 (15)	0.1222 (5)	0.25946 (23)	0.0522 (20)
C(1M)	-0.02146 (23)	0.0462 (7)	0.4826 (3)	0.0354 (15)
C(111)	-0.04055 (16)	-0.1669 (4)	0.39713 (21)	0.0358 (15)
C(112)	-0.01479 (16)	-0.1116 (4)	0.35911 (21)	0.0442 (17)
C(113)	0.01443 (16)	-0.1956 (4)	0.33436 (21)	0.0622 (22)
C(114)	0.01786 (16)	-0.3349 (4)	0.34765 (21)	0.078 (3)
C(115)	-0.00790 (16)	-0.3902 (4)	0.38567 (21)	0.077 (3)
C(116)	-0.03712 (16)	-0.3062 (4)	0.41042 (21)	0.0561 (21)
C(121)	-0.10027 (17)	-0.1487 (5)	0.48165 (20)	0.0375 (16)
C(122)	-0.13601 (17)	-0.2446 (5)	0.45461 (20)	0.0495 (19)
C(123)	-0.15869 (17)	-0.3222 (5)	0.49004 (20)	0.0597 (22)
C(124)	-0.14559 (17)	-0.3041 (5)	0.55250 (20)	0.074 (3)
C(125)	-0.10983 (17)	0.2083 (5)	0.57954 (20)	0.072 (3)
C(126)	-0.08716 (17)	-0.1306 (5)	0.54411 (20)	0.0542 (20)
C(2M)	-0.1966 (4)	0.0850 (10)	0.4676 (4)	0.076 (3)
C(3M)	-0.1175 (3)	0.2706 (10)	0.4996 (4)	0.077 (3)
C(211)	-0.19950 (16)	0.3378 (4)	0.40264 (22)	0.0438 (17)
C(212)	-0.18479 (16)	0.4327 (4)	0.36592 (22)	0.0522 (19)
C(213)	-0.21555 (16)	0.5414 (4)	0.34106 (22)	0.0579 (21)
C(214)	-0.26102 (16)	0.5554 (4)	0.35295 (22)	0.0651 (24)
C(215)	-0.27572 (16)	0.4606 (4)	0.38966 (22)	0.0651 (24)
C(216)	-0.24496 (16)	0.3518 (4)	0.41451 (22)	0.0568 (21)
P(3)	-0.34688 (8)	-0.07148 (24)	0.30998 (12)	0.0627 (15)
F(1)	-0.30538 (21)	-0.1508 (6)	0.2902 (3)	0.101 (5)
F(2)*	-0.3613 (4)	-0.2199 (12)	0.3310 (6)	0.089 (3)
F(3)	-0.3183 (5)	-0.0862 (13)	0.3745 (4)	0.238 (12)
F(4)*	-0.3141 (4)	0.0667 (11)	0.3294 (6)	0.077 (3)
F(5)*	-0.3854 (6)	-0.1016 (18)	0.2482 (8)	0.132 (5)
F(6)*	-0.3913 (4)	0.0252 (10)	0.3160 (5)	0.058 (3)
F(2')*	-0.3823 (5)	-0.1966 (14)	0.2905 (7)	0.100 (4)
F(4')*	-0.3271 (5)	0.0658 (14)	0.2906 (7)	0.105 (4)
F(5')*	-0.3646 (6)	-0.0189 (17)	0.2391 (7)	0.121 (5)
F(6')*	-0.3842 (5)	-0.0115 (14)	0.3447 (6)	0.095 (4)
N(1)	0.0000	-0.1948 (11)	0.7500	0.065 (3)
O(1)	-0.0356 (3)	-0.1323 (8)	0.7217 (4)	0.096 (23)
C(1S)	0.0000	-0.3411 (17)	0.7500	0.099 (5)

\*Site occupancy 0.5.

Table 2. Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Ru—Cl	2.3944 (21)	Ru—P(2)	2.3421 (22)
Ru—C(1)	2.259 (5)	P(1)—C(1M)	1.834 (7)
Ru—C(2)	2.236 (5)	P(1)—C(111)	1.832 (5)
Ru—C(3)	2.227 (5)	P(1)—C(121)	1.837 (5)
Ru—C(4)	2.240 (5)	P(2)—C(2M)	1.831 (10)
Ru—C(5)	2.263 (5)	P(2)—C(3M)	1.792 (10)
Ru—C(6)	2.273 (5)	P(2)—C(211)	1.831 (5)
Ru—P(1)	2.3509 (18)		
Cl—Ru—P(1)	88.36 (7)	P(1)—C(111)—C(116)	123.5 (3)
Cl—Ru—P(2)	88.83 (7)	P(1)—C(121)—C(122)	117.9 (4)
P(1)—Ru—P(2)	92.29 (7)	P(1)—C(121)—C(126)	122.0 (4)
Ru—P(1)—C(1M)	116.49 (22)	Ru—P(2)—C(2M)	113.9 (3)
Ru—P(1)—C(111)	111.90 (16)	Ru—P(2)—C(3M)	121.3 (3)
Ru—P(1)—C(121)	115.15 (17)	Ru—P(2)—C(211)	111.36 (18)
C(1M)—P(1)—C(111)	100.4 (3)	C(2M)—P(2)—C(3M)	102.3 (5)
C(1M)—P(1)—C(121)	106.0 (3)	C(2M)—P(2)—C(211)	103.8 (4)
C(111)—P(1)—C(121)	105.27 (22)	C(3M)—P(2)—C(211)	102.3 (4)
P(1)—C(1M)—C(1M')	114.8 (5)	P(2)—C(211)—C(212)	119.3 (4)
P(1)—C(111)—C(112)	116.3 (3)	P(2)—C(211)—C(216)	120.7 (4)

C(1M') is related to C(1M) by inversion through (0, 0,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

The title compound was prepared by mixing  $[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{Me}_2\text{PPh})\text{RuCl}_2]$  and dppe (2:1 molar ratio) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$  (5:1 v/v) in the presence of  $\text{NH}_4\text{PF}_6$ ; crystals were grown from  $\text{MeNO}_2/\text{MeOH}$ . The crystal was pre-aligned using oscillation and Weissenberg photography and mounted with the *b* axis parallel to the spindle of the two-circle instrument. The  $\omega$ -scan width was  $[1.0 + 0.5(\sin\mu/\tan\theta)]^\circ$ . The structure was solved and refined using *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976). The metal position was deduced from a Patterson synthesis and the remaining non-H atoms located by subsequent refinement and  $\Delta F$  synthesis. Refinement was by full-matrix least squares. Disorder in the  $\text{PF}_6^-$  anion was modelled by allowing split occupancies for four of the F atoms.

Fig. 1 was produced using an interactive version of *ORTEPII* (Mallinson & Muir, 1985) and molecular-geometry calculations were performed using *CALC* (Gould & Taylor, 1985).

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## Dimeric Copper(II) 2,2-Dimethylpropanoate Adducts with 3- or 4-Picoline

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### Abstract

The structures of tetrakis( $\mu$ -2,2-dimethylpropanoato-*O,O'*)-bis(3- or 4-picoline)dicopper(II) benzene solvate,  $[\text{Cu}\{(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCOO}\}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{N}]_2 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The binuclear  $\text{Cu}^{II}$  complexes have a cage structure with a square-pyramidal coordination geometry around the Cu atoms. The Cu–Cu distances are 2.657 (3) and 2.648 (5)  $\text{\AA}$  for 3- and 4-picoline adducts, respectively. In the crystal, benzene molecules are accommodated statistically in a hollow running along the *c* axis. The magneto-structural correlation could not be determined because of the easy removal of the benzene molecules from the crystals under the reduced pressure conditions at which the magnetic susceptibility measurements were made.

### Comment

The magnetic properties of dimeric copper(II) 2,2-dimethylpropanoate complexes were reported by Muto, Hirashima, Tokii, Kato & Suzuki (1986), and some of them were remeasured later by one of the authors (TT). An unexpectedly small  $-2J$  value ( $325 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) was observed for the 4-picoline adduct compared with related compounds (pyridine  $368 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , 2- and 3-picoline adducts 372 and  $363 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively). The smaller  $-2J$  value of the 4-picoline adduct was tentatively attributed to the higher basicity of the 4-picoline compared with other similar ligands (Muto *et al.*, 1986). However, the  $-2J$  values of the 2-, 3- and 4-picoline adducts of