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Pentaammine- $2\kappa^5N$ -(μ -4,4'-bipyridine- $1\kappa N$: $2\kappa N'$)(2,2'-bipyridine- $1\kappa^2N,N'$)-(2,2':6',2''-terpyridine- $1\kappa^3N,N',N''$)di-ruthenium Tetrakis(hexafluorophosphate) Acetonitrile Solvate

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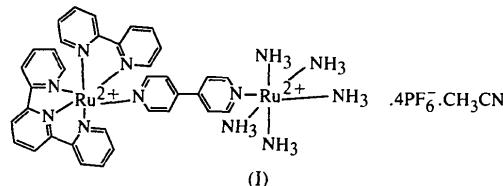
Abstract

In the title compound, $[Ru_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2(C_{15}H_{11}N_3)(NH_3)_5](PF_6)_4 \cdot CH_3CN$, the bridging Ru—N bond length in the Ru(2,2'-bipyridine)(2,2':6',2''-terpyridine)(4,4'-bipyridine) moiety is 2.112 (7) Å, whereas that in the Ru(NH₃)₅(4,4'-bipyridine) moiety is 2.052 (7) Å. The

difference arises from the fact that the [Ru^{II}(NH₃)₅]²⁺ group is a stronger π -donor than the [Ru^{II}(2,2'-bipyridine)(2,2':6',2''-terpyridine)]²⁺ moiety.

Comment

Ruthenium complexes of the tridentate 2,2':6'2''-terpyridine (terpy) ligand and of the bidentate 2,2'-bipyridine (bpy) ligand are attractive as potential photocatalysts (Constable, 1986; Hecker, Gushurst & McMillin, 1991; Petersen, Morgan, Hsu, Billadeau & Ronco, 1991), powerful electrocatalysts for oxidation of organic substrates (Moyer, Thompson & Meyer, 1980; Thompson & Meyer, 1982; Binstead & Meyer, 1987), effective agents for DNA cleavage (Grover, Gupta, Singh & Thorp, 1992) and building blocks for supramolecular species (Collin *et al.*, 1991). In the course of our studies of mono- and dinuclear complexes (Fagalde & Katz, 1993, 1995) derived from the photo-sensitizing [Ru^{II}(terpy)(bpy)]²⁺ unit, we have obtained crystals of the PF₆⁻ salt of the [(terpy)(bpy)Ru^{II}(μ -4,4'-bpy)Ru^{II}(NH₃)₅]⁴⁺ cation (where 4,4'-bpy is 4,4'-bipyridine), (I). These systems are important in mixed-valence chemistry (Creutz, 1983; Meyer, 1978) and structural data are necessary in the reorganizational energy calculations for intramolecular electron transfers.



An ORTEPIII (Burnett & Johnson, 1996) drawing of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The left-hand side of the molecule consists of an Ru atom coordinated to a 2,2'-bipyridine ligand, a 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine ligand and a 4,4'-bipyridine ligand which bridges the [Ru(bpy)(terpy)]²⁺ and [Ru(NH₃)₅]²⁺ metal centers. Both Ru atoms are in the +2 oxidation state. The asymmetric unit also contains four hexafluorophosphate anions, one of which is disordered. There is also one acetonitrile molecule of crystallization in the asymmetric unit which is also disordered. The acetonitrile molecule is disordered over at least two positions and displays weak hydrogen bonding with the ammine ligands and the anions in both positions. The hexafluorophosphate anions are also hydrogen bonded to the coordinated ammine ligands. The bond lengths and angles within the bipyridine and terpyridine ligands are normal. The [Ru(bpy)(terpy)]²⁺—N(4,4'-bpy) bond length of 2.112 (7) Å is very similar to that observed in [Ru(terpy)(bpy)(py)]²⁺ of 2.114 (6) Å (Hecker, Fanwick & McMillin, 1991). The [Ru(NH₃)₅]²⁺—N(4,4'-bpy) bond length of 2.052 (7) Å is significantly longer than the Ru—N(pz) bond length (pz is pyrazine) of 2.006 (6) Å observed in

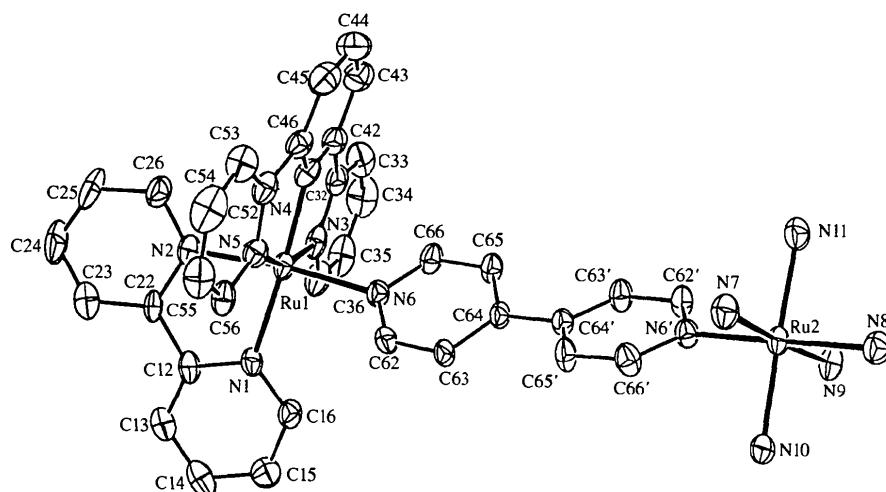


Fig. 1. An ORTEPIII (Burnett & Johnson, 1996) drawing of the $[(\text{bpy})(\text{terpy})\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-4,4'-bpy})\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_5]^{4+}$ cation. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

$[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Ru}(\text{pz})]^{2+}$ (Gress, Creutz & Quicksall, 1981) and the Ru—N(mepz) bond length (mepz is methyl-pyrazine) of 1.95(1) Å found in $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Ru}(\text{mepz})]^{3+}$ (Wishart, Bino & Taube, 1986). It is also longer than that found in $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{pz})\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{NH}_3)_5]^{4+}$ of 2.013(3) Å (Fürholz, Joss, Bürgi & Ludi, 1985) and in the Creutz-Taube complex $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Ru}(\text{pz})\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_5]^{5+}$ of 1.991(9) Å (Fürholz, Joss, Bürgi & Ludi, 1985), but shorter than the Ru—N(pz) bond length of 2.076 Å found in $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(\text{pz})]^{3+}$ (Gress, Creutz & Quicksall, 1981). These observations can be attributed to the stronger π -back-bonding interaction between Ru and pyrazine than between Ru and 4,4'-bipyridine.

In the title complex, the difference between the $[\text{Ru}(\text{terpy})(\text{bpy})]\text{—N}(4,4'\text{-bpy})$ bond length of 2.112(7) Å and the $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_5]\text{—N}(4,4'\text{-bpy})$ bond length of 2.052(7) Å in the same complex can be explained by the fact that the $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{NH}_3)_5]$ group has stronger π -donor abilities than the $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{terpy})(\text{bpy})]$ moiety due to the competition between the bpy and terpy ligands for the π -electron density of Ru in $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{terpy})(\text{bpy})]$. The Ru1 atom lies 0.44 Å out of the plane of the attached pyridine ring (N6, C61–C66) of the bridging 4,4'-bipyridine ligand, while the Ru2 atom lies in the plane of its attached pyridine ring (N6', C61'–C66'). This results in a bending of the Ru1—N(4,4'-bpy)—Ru2 backbone. The Ru1 atom lies 0.14 Å out of the plane defined by atoms N2, N3, N6 and N5, which is slightly tetrahedral, the N atoms being 0.25 Å above and below the plane. The associated pyridine ring of the bridging 4,4'-bipyridine ligand makes an angle of 45.1° with this plane. The Ru2 atom lies in the plane defined by atoms N6', N7, N8 and N9, and the associated pyridine ring (N6', C61'–C66') of the bridging 4,4'-bipyridine ligand makes an angle of 43.0° with this plane.

It is well known that the 2,2':6'2''-terpyridine ligand coordinates to ruthenium in a meridional fashion

(Grover, Gupta, Singh & Thorp, 1992). The steric limitations typical of the metal–terpy moiety are reflected in the Ru—N bonds to the central N atom of terpy [1.949(9) Å], which are shorter than the Ru—N bonds to the terminal N atom of terpy [2.076(7) Å]. The N—Ru—N angle formed by the terminal terpy N atoms [158.7(4)°] is typical (Leizing *et al.*, 1990). As found previously in $[\text{Ru}(\text{terpy})(\text{bpy})(\text{py})]^{2+}$ (Hecker, Fanwick & McMillin, 1991), there is a difference in the two Ru—N bond lengths of the bpy ligand.

The twisting of the rings of the 4,4'-bipy ligand in (1) by 18° is consistent with the theoretical calculations on the mixed-valent ion $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Ru}(4,4'\text{-bpy})\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_5]^{5+}$ (Woitellier, Launay & Joachim, 1989), which is a model system for molecular switching.

Experimental

Complex (1) was prepared as described previously (Fagalde & Katz, 1993). A sample (8 mg) was dissolved in 6 ml of an MeCN/toluene (1:1 *v/v*) solution, which was kept in the dark and left to evaporate slowly at room temperature for 5 d. The crystals obtained were washed with pentane and dried in air.

Crystal data

$[\text{Ru}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3)\text{(NH}_3)_5](\text{PF}_6)_4\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	Cu K α radiation
$M_r = 1453.88$	$\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$
Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$P2_1/n$	$\theta = 17\text{--}33^\circ$
$a = 8.7472(7) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 6.53 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 34.341(6) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 \text{ K}$
$c = 18.952(2) \text{ \AA}$	Needle
$\beta = 97.854(7)^\circ$	$0.52 \times 0.22 \times 0.04 \text{ mm}$
$V = 5639(1) \text{ \AA}^3$	Reddish-purple
$Z = 4$	
$D_x = 1.712 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	
D_m not measured	

The original data set, collected with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, resulted in too few observed reflections to complete the structure refinement (*SHELX76*; Sheldrick, 1976). A second data set, which was collected with Cu $K\alpha$ radiation, contained enough observed reflections to completely refine the structure (*SHELXL93*; Sheldrick, 1993) and resulted in a lower R value even though a large absorption correction had to be applied to the data. All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically, except for the set of F atoms with an occupancy factor of 0.3 and the atoms of the disordered acetonitrile molecule. A common isotropic U value was refined for all the bipyridine and terpyridine H atoms and a second common U value was refined for the ammine H atoms. The disordered acetonitrile molecule was refined using a model with two positions for the N atom and the methyl group, and a single atom representing the middle C atom. Weighted R factors, wR and all goodness-of-fit values, S , are based on F^2 , while conventional R factors, R , are based on F , with F set to zero for negative F^2 . Eight reflections were excluded from the refinement because $F_o^2 < F_c^2$. The observation criterion of $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R_{obs} , etc., and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F and R factors based on all data will be even larger.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Operations Manual* (Enraf–Nonius, 1976). Cell refinement: *CAD-4 Operations Manual*. Data reduction: *KAPPA CRYSNET* (Berman, Bernstein, Bernstein, Koetzle & Williams, 1976). Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELX76*. Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL93*. Molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996).

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A 1:2 Adduct of Tetrakis(μ -thiobenzoato-*O,S*)dimolybdenum(II)(Mo—Mo) with Triphenylphosphine Oxide, [Mo₂(C₇H₅OS)₄].2[(C₆H₅)₃OP]

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Abstract

The reaction of tetrakis(μ -thiobenzoato-*O,S*)dimolybdenum(II)(Mo—Mo) and triphenylphosphine oxide in a 1:2 stoichiometric ratio yields the title adduct. The dinuclear complex molecule, which has a quadruple Mo≡Mo bond bridged by four thiobenzoato ligands, is located on a centre of symmetry. This is the first structural example in which two quadruply bonded Mo atoms [2.152(1) Å] are coordinated by both O and S