

Fluorophosphine Complexes of Ruthenium and Osmium. Part 1. Syntheses and Stereochemistry of Dihydrido-complexes of Ruthenium(II) and Osmium(II) †

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The preparation of dihydrido-complexes of the type $[\text{MH}_2\text{L}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ and $[\text{MH}_2\text{L}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ [$\text{L} = \text{PF}_3$, $\text{M} = \text{Ru}$ or Os ; $\text{L} = \text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)$, $\text{M} = \text{Ru}$] and $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)\{\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)\}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ is described. Hydrogen-1, ^{19}F , and ^{31}P n.m.r. spectroscopy has established that all these complexes are *cis*-dihydrides with PPh_3 ligands occupying mutually *trans* positions. No evidence has been found for either inter- or intra-molecular ligand-exchange processes in these systems.

PREVIOUSLY we have described the high catalytic activity and specificity of $[\text{RhH}(\text{PF}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ and $[\text{RhH}(\text{PF}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ in olefin-hydrogenation and -isomerisation reactions¹ and it was of interest to synthesise a variety of fluorophosphine-containing dihydrido-complexes of ruthenium and osmium to see whether their catalytic activity was related to the type of fluorophosphine ligand involved and/or the degree of fluorophosphine substitution.

At the beginning of this present work the only reported hydrido-complexes of Ru and Os containing trifluorophosphine were $[\text{MH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_4]$ and $[\text{MH}(\text{PF}_3)_4]^-$ ($\text{M} = \text{Ru}$ or Os) prepared by Kruck and Prasch.² The former complexes were obtained by high-temperature reduction of the metal halide with copper under a high pressure of dihydrogen and PF_3 . Dihydrido-ruthenium(II) and -osmium(II) complexes containing tertiary phosphines and carbonyl ligands have been reviewed,^{3,4} and synthetic routes involve reduction of dihalogeno- or halogenohydrido-metal complexes with $\text{Li}[\text{AlH}_4]$ or $\text{Na}[\text{BH}_4]$,⁵⁻⁸ addition of hydrogen to metal(0) complexes,⁹⁻¹¹ or ligand substitution reactions of di- or tetra-hydrido-derivatives.¹²⁻²⁶ Robinson and his co-workers^{27,28} have developed single-step syntheses of *cis*- $[\text{MH}_2\text{L}_4]$ and *cis*- $[\text{MH}_2(\text{CO})_2\text{L}_2]$ ($\text{M} = \text{Ru}$ or Os ; $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$) using $\text{Na}[\text{BH}_4]$ and aqueous formaldehyde as the source of the hydrido- and carbonyl ligands respectively.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The tetrahydrido-complex $[\text{RuH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ ^{13,27} reacts readily with an equimolar amount of trifluorophosphine or (dimethylamino)difluorophosphine at room temperature to give high yields of the dihydrido-complexes $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{L})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ [$\text{L} = \text{PF}_3$ (1) or $\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)$ (2)]. Lower yields of (1) and (2) are obtained using the dihydrido-complex $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$. Complex (1) is also the major product from the reaction of $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ ²⁸ with PF_3 . The complex $[\text{OsH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ reacts with an excess of PF_3 at 60 °C to give $[\text{OsH}_2(\text{PF}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (3), no reaction occurring at room temperature even after several days. Complexes (1)–(3) readily undergo further phosphine substitution under more vigorous conditions (100 °C) and/or with an excess of fluorophosphine to give the disubstituted products $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (4), $[\text{RuH}_2\{\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)\}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (5), and $[\text{OsH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (6) respectively which do not undergo further substitution reactions. The mixed fluorophosphine complex $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)\{\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)\}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (7) is obtained either by treating (1) with $\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)$ or by treating (2) with PF_3 . Attempts to obtain (4) and (6) by reduction of the dichloro-analogues with sodium tetrahydroborate were unsuccessful.

The new dihydrido-ruthenium and -osmium complexes are colourless solids which are quite sensitive to oxygen and light even in the solid state and are best stored under nitrogen in a refrigerator. Solutions are less stable and the thermal and air stability of the

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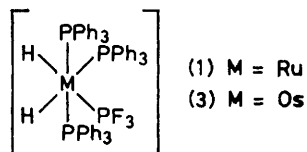
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complexes increases with the degree of fluorophosphine substitution (Os > Ru).

Stereochemistry.—The presence of hydrogen, fluorine, and phosphorus nuclei in the above complexes enables unambiguous assignment of their stereochemistry using ^1H , ^{19}F , and ^{31}P n.m.r. spectroscopy.

(a) *Mono-fluorophosphine complexes* (1)–(3). The ^1H n.m.r. spectra of (1) and (3) are similar, exhibiting two



separate high-field hydride resonances, indicating that they have the structure shown above. Decomposition of (2) in solution precluded observation of the hydride resonance. The lower-field hydride resonance of (1) shown in Figure 1, which appears as a widely spaced doublet, is assigned as arising from coupling to the

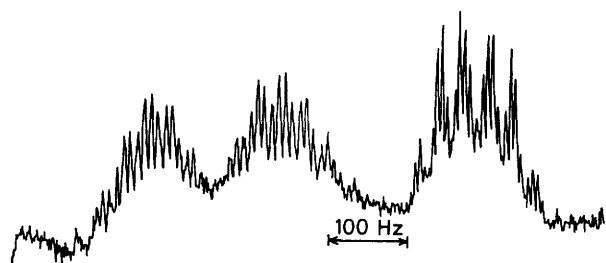
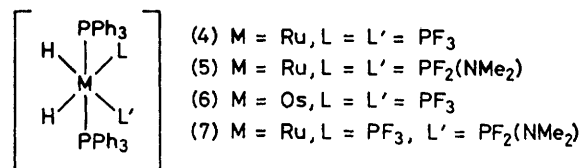


FIGURE 1 Hydrogen-1 n.m.r. hydride resonances of *cis*- $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (1)

trans-trifluorophosphine ligand, and the magnitude of the coupling constant is comparable with data reported

phosphine resonance, relative intensity 1, and two higher-field triphenylphosphine resonances of relative intensity 2:1 which are assigned to the axial and equatorial ligands. Phosphorus chemical-shift and coupling-constant data are recorded in Table 2. The PF_3 resonances of (1) and (3) appear as widely spaced quartets [$^1J(\text{PF})$] and each line shows a further quartet splitting from the fortuitous overlap of a doublet [$^2J(\text{PMP}'_{\text{eq}})$] of triplets [$^2J(\text{PMP}'_{\text{ax}})$]. The PPh_3 resonances in the ^{31}P n.m.r. spectra of (1) and (3) show a complicated pattern of lines making analysis of the spectra difficult; however, the ^{31}P - $\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectrum of (1) has been analysed using the L.A.M.E. computer program which is a modification of the iterative LAOCOON program developed by Castellano and Bothnerby.^{29,30} The observed and computed spectra are shown in Figure 2. Fluorine-19 n.m.r. spectra (Table 3) confirm the assignment for (1) and (3), and (2) is also assigned a similar stereochemistry on the basis of its ^{31}P and ^{19}F n.m.r. spectra.



(b) *Bis(fluorophosphine) complexes* (4)–(7). The di-substituted complexes (4)–(6) are $[\text{AMX}_n]_2$ ($n = 2$ or 3) spin systems³¹ ($A = \text{H}$, $M = \text{P}$, $X = \text{F}$). The high-field ^1H n.m.r. spectra of (4)–(6) exhibit a complicated symmetric doublet pattern indicating that both hydride ligands are chemical-shift equivalent, while the large coupling constant to phosphorus, $^2J(\text{PMH})$, suggests that the fluorophosphine ligands are *trans* to the two hydrides.

TABLE 1

High-field ^1H n.m.r. chemical-shift and coupling-constant data^a

Complex	τ	$^2J(\text{HMP}_{\text{trans}})$ ^b	$^2J(\text{HMPPh}_{3(\text{ax})})$ ^b	$^2J(\text{HMH})$ ^b	$^3J(\text{HMPF})$ ^b
(1) <i>cis</i> - $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$	{ 15.6 (<i>trans</i> PF_3) 19.1 (<i>trans</i> PPh_3)	{ 177.0 66.0	{ 27.1 23.5	6.5	{ 36.0 (<i>trans</i>) 5.5 (<i>cis</i>)
(4) <i>cis</i> - $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$	16.6	145.3	23.2		41.5 ^c
(5) <i>cis</i> - $[\text{RuH}_2\{\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)\}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ ^e	18.0	105.6	26.3		23.0 ^c
(7) <i>cis</i> - $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)\{\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)\}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ ^f	{ 16.4 (<i>trans</i> PF_3) 17.7 [<i>trans</i> $\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)$]	{ 173.0 122.5	{ ca. 29.1 ca. 24.5		{ 34.2 (<i>trans</i> PF_3) ^d 5.7 (<i>cis</i> PF_3)
(3) <i>cis</i> - $[\text{OsH}_2(\text{PF}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$	{ 17.6 (<i>trans</i> PF_3) 20.5 (<i>trans</i> PPh_3)	{ 141.0 48.2	{ 25.4 17.0	4.5	{ 34.2 (<i>trans</i>) 4.0 (<i>cis</i>)
(6) <i>cis</i> - $[\text{OsH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$	18.0	133.0	23.4		37.8 ^c

^a In CDCl_3 . ^b In Hz. ^c $^3J(\text{HMPF}_{\text{trans}} + \text{HMPF}_{\text{cis}})$. ^d Data from ^{19}F n.m.r. spectrum [coupling to $\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)$ not resolved]. ^e $\tau(\text{NMe}_2)$ 7.91; $^3J(\text{PNCH})$ 9.75, $^4J(\text{FPNCH})$ 3.8 Hz. ^f $\tau(\text{NMe}_2)$ 7.80; $^3J(\text{PNCH})$ 9.8, $^4J(\text{FPNCH})$ 3.0 Hz.

for the complexes *cis*- $[\text{MH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_4]$.² The high-field resonance assigned to the hydride ligand *trans* to a PPh_3 ligand exhibits a similar coupling constant to the analogous carbonyl complex.²⁷ A complete analysis of the ^1H n.m.r. spectrum of (1) is facilitated by fluorine- and phosphorus-decoupling experiments, the results of which are summarised in Table 1.

Further confirmation of the proposed stereochemistry comes from ^{31}P n.m.r. studies on (1) and (3). The ^{31}P - $\{^1\text{H}\}$ n.m.r. spectra consist of a low-field trifluoro-

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Irradiation at the resonance frequencies of the phosphorus and fluorine nuclei of the PF_3 ligands in (4) collapses the doublet pattern to a simple 1:2:1 triplet [$^2J(\text{PRuH}_{\text{cis}})$], while irradiation only at the resonance frequency of the fluorine nuclei changes the spectrum to the expected widely spaced doublet of triplets. These observations are only consistent with (4) having a *cis*-dihydride structure shown below in which the two PPh_3 ligands occupy axial positions on the octahedron. We recently established a similar type of structure for the

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TABLE 2

Phosphorus-31 n.m.r. chemical-shift and coupling-constant data				
Complex	$\delta(\text{PF}_3)^a$	$\delta(\text{PF}_2\text{NMe}_2)^a$	$\delta(\text{PPh}_3)^a$	$^2J[\text{P}(\text{F})\text{MPPPh}_3]^b$
(1) ^{c,d}	11.4		{ 84.2(2) 92.8(1)	28.3
(2) ^c		-50.0	{ 69.4(2) 79.5(1)	23.3
(4) ^c	4.7		85.3	29.2
(5) ^c		-49.5	66.9	24.4
(7) ^{c,e}	-6.2	-48.5	69.9	{ 27.5 (PF ₃) ^f 25.2 (PF ₂ NMe ₂) ^g
(3) ^g	50.5		{ 122.4(2) 124.2(1)	17.1
(6) ^h	42.5		121.9	18.5

^a P.p.m. upfield from P(OMe)₃. ^b In Hz. ^c In CDCl₃. ^d ²J(PPh₃RuPPh₃)_{cis} 17.4 Hz. ^e ²J(FPRuP'F) 47.5 Hz. ^f ³J(FPRuPF) 18.4 Hz. ^g ³J(FPRuPF) 12.4 Hz. ^h In CH₂Cl₂.

TABLE 3

Fluorine-19 n.m.r. chemical-shift and coupling-constant data ^a					
Complex	$\phi(\text{PF}_3)^b$	$\phi(\text{PF}_2\text{NMe}_2)^b$	¹ J(PF ₃) ^c	¹ J(PF ₂) ^c	³ J(FPMPPPh ₃) ^c
(1)	4.8		1 285		5.8
(2)		24.5		1 094	
(4)	6.8		1 291 ^d		5.1
(5)		30.8		1 082	6.0
(7)	6.2	27.9	1 300	1 096	5.7 (PF ₃)
(3)	7.4		1 248		ca. 2
(6)	8.3		1 296 ^d		ca. 2

^a In CDCl₃. ^b P.p.m. upfield from CFCl₃. ^c In Hz. ^d ¹J(PF) + ³J(PMPF'). ²J(PMP') is small and could not be accurately determined.

related dichloro-complex *cis*-[RuCl₂(PF₃)₂(PPh₃)₂] by X-ray crystallography.³² Complexes (5) and (6) are assigned a similar stereochemistry, as is the mixed fluorophosphine complex (7) although overlap of lines has prevented a complete analysis of its ¹H n.m.r. spectrum. Hydrogen-1 chemical-shift and coupling-constant data are listed in Table 1.

Support for the stereochemical assignments comes from the ³¹P-{¹H} n.m.r. spectra of (4)—(6) which exhibit the expected low-field quartet [(4) and (6)] or triplet [(5)] patterns, fluorophosphine resonances [¹J(PF)], and a high-field overlapping doublet of doublets for the PPh₃ ligands. Chemical-shift and coupling-constant data are listed in Table 2. The proton-undecoupled spectra show a further large doublet pattern [²J(PMH_{trans})] for the fluorophosphine resonance, confirming that both fluorophosphine ligands are *trans* to hydride ligands. For (4) and (6) a further smaller doublet splitting is also observed from coupling to the *cis*-hydride ligand. The ³¹P-{¹H} spectrum of (7) exhibits the expected resonances for the three types of phosphine ligands. There is considerable overlapping of lines but a complete analysis of the spectrum has been made using the L.A.M.E. computer program (Table 2). Fluorine-19 n.m.r. spectra provide further confirmation of the structures, and chemical-shift and coupling-constant data are summarised in Table 3.

The *cis*-dihydride stereochemistry established for complexes (1)—(6) is similar to that assigned to the

complexes [MH₂L₄] (M = Ru or Os; L = CO or PF₃) on the basis of vibrational spectroscopy.^{2,17} Complexes of the type [RuH₂(PR₃)₄] [PR₃ = PPh(OMe)₂, PPh(OEt)₂, or PPh(OPrⁱ)₂], exist as both *cis* and *trans* isomers,³³ while *trans* complexes are known when chelating ditertiary phosphines are used.^{34,35}

Infrared spectroscopy may be inconclusive in certain cases in assigning stereochemistry in this type of complex; for example, although the i.r. spectra of (1)—(3), (6), and (7) exhibit the expected two metal-hydrogen stretching bands in the 1 800—2 150 cm⁻¹ region only one band is resolved for complexes (4) and (5).

No evidence was found for intramolecular phosphine exchange or hydrogen 'tunnelling' in these complexes, and the ¹⁹F n.m.r. spectra of (1), (4), and (5) remained unchanged over the temperature range -50 to 80 °C. This contrasts with the fluxional behaviour established previously for the structurally related complexes [FeH₂L₄] [L = PPh(OEt)₂, PPh₂H, and P(OEt)₃],^{5,36-38} [FeH₂(CO)(PR₃)₃],³⁸ and [RuH₂(PMePh₂)₄] at 100 °C,¹⁶ although [RuH₂(CO)(PMePh₂)₃] is stereochemically rigid.⁵

Unlike certain rhodium(I) trifluorophosphine complexes,^{39,40} no intermolecular ligand exchange occurs in the ruthenium complexes as evidenced by ¹⁹F and ³¹P n.m.r. spectroscopy.

EXPERIMENTAL

Reactions were carried out in sealed evacuated Pyrex-glass tubes using a high-vacuum system. Solvents were rigorously dried and redistilled before use. Elemental

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analyses were by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Olney of this department. Trifluorophosphine was obtained from Ozark-Mahoning Co., carefully fractionated *in vacuo* before use, and its purity checked by molecular-weight and i.r. measurements. Hydrogen-1, ^{31}P , and ^{19}F n.m.r. spectra were recorded on a JEOL PFT 100 spectrometer, i.r. spectra on a Perkin-Elmer PE 157 spectrometer.

Although $[\text{RuH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ has been prepared by the reaction of $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{N}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ with molecular hydrogen¹⁰ or by reduction of RuCl_3 in the presence of PPh_3 ,⁷ we find

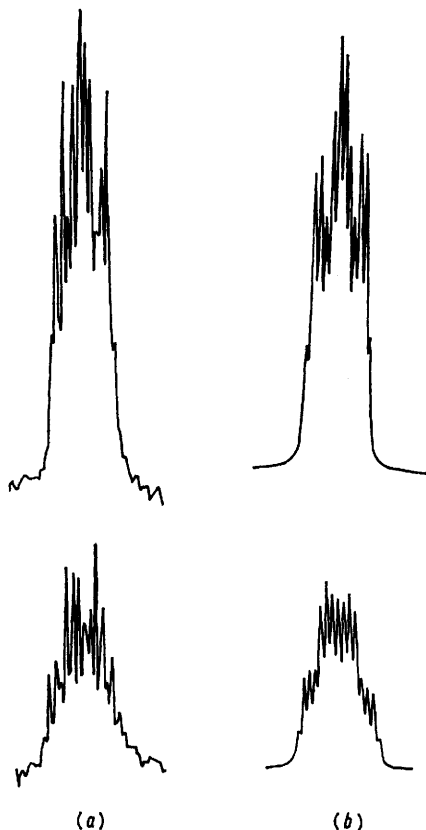


FIGURE 2 Comparison of recorded (a) and computed (b) ^{31}P n.m.r. triphenylphosphine resonances of *cis*- $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (1)

that treatment of $[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ with $\text{Na}[\text{BH}_4]$ in ethanol gives high yields of an analytically pure product. Other workers^{41,42} have also recently utilised this synthetic route with methanol as solvent.

Preparations.— *Tetrahydrido*tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium(IV). A solution of $\text{Na}[\text{BH}_4]$ (0.20 g, 5.3 mmol) in ethanol (20 cm³) was added to a suspension of $[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (1.27 g, 1.32 mmol) in ethanol (120 cm³) at room temperature. The resulting precipitate was filtered off, washed with methanol (50 cm³), water (100 cm³), and methanol (100 cm³), and dried *in vacuo* to give the white microcrystalline complex (0.610 g, 1.19 mmol, 90%), m.p. 130 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 71.5; H, 5.6. Calc. for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{49}\text{P}_4\text{Ru}$: C, 72.8; H, 5.5%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol mull: 1 950 cm⁻¹ [$\nu(\text{Ru}-\text{H})$] (lit.,²⁸ 1 950 cm⁻¹).

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ruthenium(II) (1). (i) From $[\text{RuH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$. A mixture of $[\text{RuH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (0.500 g, 0.56 mmol), PF_3 (0.0524 g, 0.595 mol), and benzene (25 cm³) was sealed off in an ampoule and shaken at room temperature for 16 h. After removal of solvent the resulting oil was washed with hexane (10 cm³) and recrystallisation from benzene-hexane gave colourless crystals of the complex isolated as the benzene solvate (0.512 g, 0.49 mmol, 86%), m.p. 171 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 68.8; H, 5.5. $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{53}\text{P}_4\text{Ru}$ requires C, 68.3; H, 5.0%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol: 3 060w, 1 970m, 1 944w, 1 586w, 1 480w, 1 432m, 1 187w, 1 160w, 1 090s, 1 032w, 1 002w, 904w, 834vs, 801vs, 758w, 745vs, 700vs,br, 627w, 611w, 525vs,br, 492w, 462w, 447w, 430w, and 420vw cm⁻¹.

(ii) From $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$. Similarly $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ (0.963 g, 0.92 mmol) and PF_3 (0.087 g, 0.99 mmol) in benzene (20 cm³) gave (1) after repeated recrystallisation from dichloromethane-hexane (0.300 g, 0.31 mmol, 33.7%), m.p. 170 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 65.0; H, 4.9. $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{47}\text{F}_3\text{P}_4\text{Ru}$ requires C, 66.3; H, 4.8%).

(iii) From $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$. Similarly, $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ and PF_3 in benzene (5 cm³) gave (1) as the major product (by ^{19}F n.m.r. spectroscopy).

The following complexes were obtained by a similar procedure from $[\text{RuH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ or $[\text{OsH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$.

cis- $[\text{RuH}_2\{\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)\}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (2), colourless crystals from benzene-hexane, 86%, m.p. 121 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 66.5; H, 5.1; N, 1.4. $\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{53}\text{F}_2\text{NP}_4\text{Ru}$ requires C, 67.1; H, 5.3; N, 1.4%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol: 3 050w, 1 972w, 1 880w, 1 585w, 1 570vw, 1 480w, 1 435m, 1 300w, 1 189m,br, 1 155vw, 1 086s, 1 030w, 1 000w, 948s, 769s, 755w, 749s, 740w, 724w, 708w, 695vs, 680vs, 635w, 620w, 544w, 520vs,br, 459w, 450w, 440w, and 424w cm⁻¹.

cis- $[\text{RuH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (4), colourless crystals from CH_2Cl_2 -hexane, 92%, m.p. 169–170 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 53.8; H, 3.5. $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{F}_6\text{P}_4\text{Ru}$ requires C, 53.8; H, 4.0%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol: 3 060w, 1 884w, 1 589vw, 1 572vw, 1 483w, 1 436m, 1 190w, 1 163w, 1 093m, 1 077vw, 1 031w, 1 001w, 876s, 846s,br, 827vs,br, 812s,br, 800s, 755m, 748m, 720w, 699s,br, 621w, 556w, 548w, 520vs,br, 447w, 430w, 413w, 408w, and 388w cm⁻¹; a sample recrystallised from benzene-hexane exhibited two Ru-H stretching modes at 1 965w and 1 889w cm⁻¹.

cis- $[\text{RuH}_2\{\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)\}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (5), colourless crystals from benzene-hexane, 91%, m.p. 184–185 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 57.0; H, 5.2; N, 3.2. $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{44}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{P}_4\text{Ru}$ requires C, 56.3; H, 5.2; N, 3.2%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol: 3 059w, 1 855m,br, 1 588w, 1 571w, 1 480w, 1 435w, 1 309m, 1 190s, 1 159vw, 1 090s, 1 074w, 1 029w, 1 000w (sh), 990vs,br, 819vs, 783vs, 750vs, 722w, 710vs, 700vs, 687w, 621w, 549w, 525vs,br, 460w, 447w, 430w, and 420vw cm⁻¹.

cis- $[\text{OsH}_2(\text{PF}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (3), colourless crystals from CH_2Cl_2 -hexane, 71%, m.p. 198 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 61.2; H, 4.6. $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{47}\text{F}_3\text{OsP}_4$ requires C, 60.8; H, 4.4%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol: 3 059w, 2 051m, 2 030w, 1 589w, 1 571vw, 1 482w, 1 435m, 1 189w, 1 160vw, 1 093m, 1 080vw, 1 033w, 1 004w, 890vw, 856m, 843vs, 824s, 810s, 801s, 758m, 751m, 747vs, 740w, 735w, 704vs, 697s, 690w, 630w, 617w, 530vs, 517m, 494w, 471w, 465w, 448w, 432w, and 389w cm⁻¹.

cis- $[\text{OsH}_2(\text{PF}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ (6), colourless crystals from CH_2Cl_2 -hexane gave the 2:1 dichloromethane solvate, 94%, m.p. 185–187 °C (Found: C, 46.9; H, 3.6. $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{33}\text{ClF}_6\text{OsP}_4$ requires C, 46.95; H, 3.6%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol: 3 055w, 2 070w, 1 975w, 1 583vw,

1 570vw, 1 480w, 1 435m, 1 187w, 1 161w, 1 092m, 1 073w, 1 029w, 1 000m, 920vw, 893vw, 882vw, 851s, 830vs,br, 753s, 744m, 702m, 697s, 618vw, 561w, 553w, 528vs, 516m, 453w, 441w, 435w, 386w, and 257w cm^{-1} .

cis-[(Dimethylamino)difluorophosphine]dihydrido(trifluorophosphine)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II) (7). Complex (1) (0.444 g, 0.45 mmol) and $\text{PF}_2(\text{NMe}_2)$ (0.056 g, 0.49 mmol) in benzene (10 cm^3) at room temperature for several hours gave, following removal of solvent, an oil which after washing with hexane (10 cm^3) and recrystallisation from benzene-hexane gave colourless crystals (0.306 g, 0.37 mmol, 82%), m.p. 175–176 °C (decomp.) (Found: C, 55.8; H, 4.7; N, 1.7. $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{38}\text{F}_5\text{NP}_4\text{Ru}$ requires C, 55.1; H, 4.6;

N, 1.7%). Infrared spectrum in Nujol: 3 079vw, 3 060w, 1 925w, 1 885w, 1 587w, 1 573vw, 1 482w, 1 437m, 1 313m, 1 190s, 1 161w, 1 095s, 1 075w, 1 030w, 998vs, 923w, 850vs, 830vs, 823vs, 783w, 760w, 752m, 744m, 732wm, 720s, 700vs, 640w, 620w, 550w, 525vs, 515vs, 465w, 450w, 529w, 391w, and 328w cm^{-1} .

In a similar way, (7) was obtained in 60% yield from the reaction of (2) and an equimolar amount of PF_3 .

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