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**PHOSPHINE COMPLEXES OF SILYL RUTHENIUM HYDRIDES.  
 INTERACTION OF SILICON HYDRIDE WITH  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ ,  
 AND  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$**

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**Summary**

The reaction of  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  with a variety of organosilicon hydrides,  $\text{R}_3\text{SiH}$ , gave the complexes  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  where  $\text{R}_3\text{Si} = \text{Et}_3\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Si}$ ,  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{HSi}$ ,  $\text{PhMeHSi}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_2\text{HSi}$ ,  $\text{cyclo-C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{H}_2\text{Si}$ , and  $\text{PhH}_2\text{Si}$ . Without solvent  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  reacted with  $\text{R}_3\text{SiH}$ , where  $\text{R}_3\text{Si} = \text{Cl}_3\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2\text{MeSi}$ ,  $\text{ClMe}_2\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Si}$ ,  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{Si}$ , and  $(\text{MeO})_3\text{Si}$ , to give  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ; in benzene solution, however, hydrides such as  $\text{ClMe}_2\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{SiH}_2$ ,  $\text{Ph}_2\text{SiH}_2$ , and  $\text{cyclo-C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{SiH}_3$ , afforded  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  was reduced by  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$ , and  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$  in organic solvents to give  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{solvent}$ . These silylruthenium hydride complexes were characterized by IR, NMR, and elemental analyses. The reactions of some silylruthenium hydride complexes were also investigated.

**Introduction**

A large number of silyl derivatives of transition metals has been prepared by the reaction of low valent metal complexes with silicon hydrides [1]. In particular, the oxidative addition of silicon hydrides to phosphine complexes of Group VIII elements such as cobalt [2], rhodium [3], iridium [4], nickel [5], palladium [6], and platinum [7] has been well studied in connection of hydrosilylation.

Previously we found that a silicon hydride reacts with  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  to give an apparently seven-coordinate silylruthenium hydride complex,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  [8]. It was therefore of interest to examine extensively the reaction of silicon hydrides with  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . Quite recently, Svoboda, Řeřicha, and Hetflejš used ruthenium–phosphine complexes as catalysts for hydrosilylation without success and instead observed the formation of five-co-

ordinate silylruthenium complexes such as  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{Ru}(\text{SiR}_3)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  where  $\text{R} = \text{EtO}$  and  $\text{Cl}$  [9].

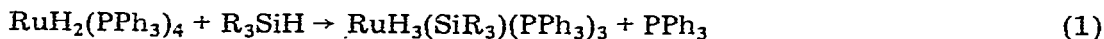
In this paper we present our observations on the interaction of silicon hydrides with phosphine complexes of ruthenium(II) including  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , and  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , and describe the preparation and properties of a series of silylruthenium hydride complexes.

## Results and discussion

Although the phosphine complexes of silylruthenium hydrides here prepared were characterized by IR, NMR, and analytical data, the poor solubility and instability of some of the compounds in organic solvent made it impossible to obtain NMR data and to purify the complexes for accurate analytical data.

### *I. Interaction of silicon hydrides with $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$*

As described briefly in a previous paper [8], tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)-ruthenium dihydride,  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ , reacted with silicon hydrides, such as  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$ ,  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{SiH}_2$ ,  $\text{PhMeSiH}_2$ , cyclo- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{SiH}_3$ , and  $\text{PhSiH}_3$ , to afford seven-coordinate silylruthenium compounds of general formula  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .



The complexes have been prepared at room temperature by the direct reaction of finely divided  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  with an excess of the silane in an evacuated tube or under an atmosphere of argon. Normally silicon hydrides reacted completely in 3–48 hours. Neither gas evolution nor exothermicity were observed during the course of reaction. Neat triethylsilane and triphenylsilane in degassed hexane reacted slowly and these reactions took several months for completion, as in the case of  $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , as reported by Haszeldine et al. [3]. Infrared and analytical data are summarized in Table 1.

The infrared spectra of the solid complexes indicated strong or medium bands due to  $\nu(\text{Ru}-\text{H})$  [9] at  $1995-1880 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The spectra of hydrosilylruthenium complexes showed two bands due to  $\nu(\text{Si}-\text{H})$  in a KBr disk spectrum, i.e., an absorption at  $2135-2030 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which presumably depends on crystalline forms and was not detectable in a nujol mull spectrum, and one at  $2060-1966 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (sharp). The assignment of  $\text{Ru}-\text{H}$  and  $\text{Si}-\text{H}$  stretching absorption bands was confirmed by infrared measurements of  $\text{RuH}_2\text{D}(\text{SiDPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , which exhibited characteristic absorption bands at  $1970 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $(\text{Ru}-\text{H})$ ,  $1920 \text{ (br), (Ru}-\text{H})$ ,  $1472 \text{ s, (Si}-\text{D})$ , and  $1418 \text{ s, (Ru}-\text{D}) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in KBr disk. As typical examples, infrared spectra of  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiPh}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{RuH}_2\text{D}(\text{SiDPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , and  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiH}_2\text{Ph})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (nujol mull) in the region  $2100-1800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  are shown in Fig. 1.

Immediate NMR measurement in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  afforded legitimate support for the seven coordinate structure of the silylruthenium complexes, as inferred from an NMR spectrum of  $\text{RuH}_3[\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (Fig. 2). Table 2 lists NMR signals due to  $\text{RuH}_3$  of the silylruthenium complexes appearing in the high field (about  $\tau$  20)

TABLE I  
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE PHOSPHINE COMPLEXES OF SILYLRUTHENIUM TRIHYDRIDE

Compound	Decomp. point(°C)	IR (KBr disk) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )				Analyses: Found (calcd.) (%)	
		Ru—H		Si—H		C	H
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiEt <sub>3</sub> )	101—104	1995	1975	1965		71.27 (71.62)	6.17 (6.31)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiEtMe <sub>2</sub> )	131—133	1993	1952			71.47 (71.57)	5.62 (6.01)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiPhMe <sub>2</sub> )	121—123	1982	1958	1948		72.32 (72.56)	5.99 (5.79)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiPh <sub>3</sub> )	130—132	1970	1948			75.31 (75.18)	5.58 (5.52)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> [Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub> ]	131—134	1975	1965			68.00 (68.36)	6.01 (6.02)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiHEt <sub>2</sub> )	103—105	1967	1942		2030 1996	69.94 (71.57)	5.92 (6.01)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiHMePh)	110—112	1980	1948		2120 2000	72.09 (72.38)	5.82 (5.68)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiHPh <sub>2</sub> )	143—145	1975	1963	1918	2125 2010	72.66 (73.79)	5.49 (5.54)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> )	119—121	1935			2120 2040	70.96 (71.76)	6.42 (6.12)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RuH <sub>3</sub> (SiH <sub>2</sub> Ph)	131—133	1958	1934	1883	2100 2065	71.33 (72.20)	5.53 (5.55)

## II. Interaction of silicon hydrides with RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> without solvent

The reactions of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> with a variety of silicon hydrides were found to depend on the nature of the hydrides and also on the

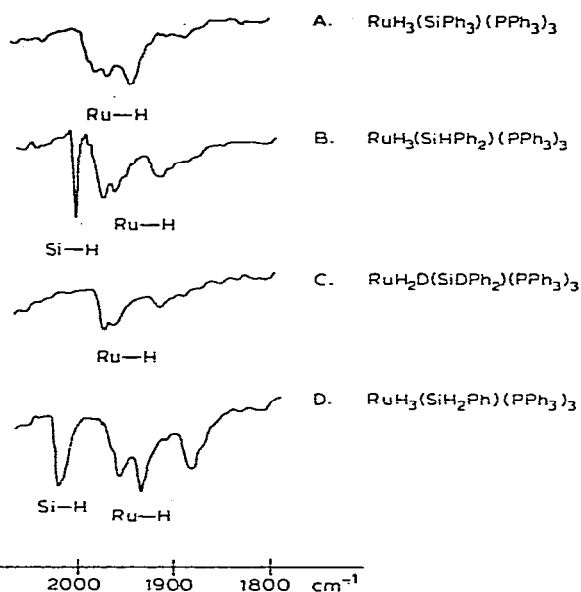


Fig. 1. Infrared spectrum (Nujol mull) in the region 2100—1800 cm<sup>-1</sup> of the phosphine complexes of phenylsilylruthenium trihydride.

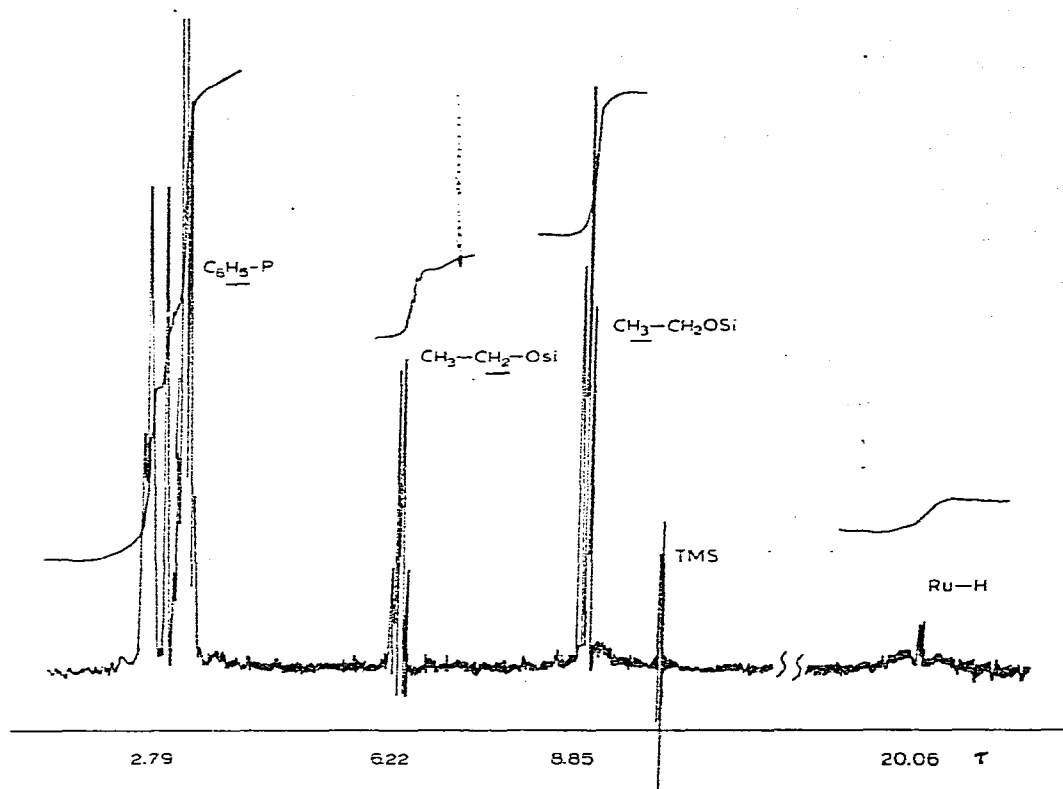


Fig. 2. NMR spectrum of  $\text{RuH}_3[\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_3$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

solvent. In the absence of solvent, the ruthenium halides reacted with the chlorohydrosilanes, such as  $\text{Cl}_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2\text{MeSiH}$ , and  $\text{ClMe}_2\text{SiH}$  and alkoxyhydrosilanes, such as  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{SiH}$ ,  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiH}$ , and  $(\text{MeO})_3\text{SiH}$ , to give solid products which were formulated as  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  on the basis of IR and analytical data (Table 3). The reaction was carried out with vigorous stirring at room temperature using excess silicon hydride under an atmosphere of argon or in an evacuated tube. Initial evolution of some gas was observed and the starting ruthenium compound gradually dissolved in the silicon hydride. Finally a pale brown solid was precipitated. The isolated complexes were sparingly soluble in organic sol-

TABLE 2

$^1\text{H}$  NMR DATA OF THE PHOSPHINE COMPLEXES OF SILYL RUTHENIUM TRIHYDRIDE

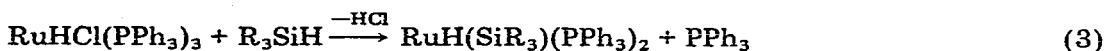
Compound	Ru-H ( $\tau$ in $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiEtMe}_2)$	19.4
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiPhMe}_2)$	19.7
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3[\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3]$	20.1
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHEt}_2)$	19.9
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHPhMe})$	19.9
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHPh}_2)$	19.9
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})$	19.7
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiH}_2\text{Ph})$	19.5

TABLE 3  
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE BIS-PHOSPHINE COMPLEXES OF SILYL RUTHENIUM HYDRIDE

Compound	Decomp. point (°C)	IR (KBr disk) (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) Ru—H	Analyses Found (calcd.) (%)		
			C	H	Cl
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RuH(SiCl <sub>3</sub> )	165–167	1978	56.52 (56.81)	4.58 (4.11)	
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RuH(SiMeCl <sub>2</sub> )	145–147	1945	59.02 (60.00)	4.82 (4.63)	9.87 (9.57)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RuH(SiMe <sub>2</sub> Cl)	130–132	1955	63.61 (63.37)	5.23 (5.18)	4.96 (4.92)
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RuH[SiPh(OMe) <sub>2</sub> ]	140–142	1967	66.59 (66.57)	5.05 (5.33)	
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RuH[Si(OEt) <sub>3</sub> ]	128–132	1969	64.18 (63.86)	5.58 (5.87)	
(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RuH[Si(OMe) <sub>3</sub> ]	124–127	1970	63.05 (62.47)	5.59 (5.39)	

vents including CHCl<sub>3</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, and benzene, and stable in air in the solid phase. The infrared spectra of RuH(SiR<sub>3</sub>)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> exhibited a medium broad band due to  $\nu$ (Ru—H) at 1980–1945 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Table 3), but the far-infrared spectra of the compounds showed no absorption band assignable to  $\nu$ (Ru—Cl).

Triorganomonohydrosilanes such as Et<sub>3</sub>SiH, EtMe<sub>2</sub>SiH, and PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiH did not react with the ruthenium complexes even at elevated temperature.



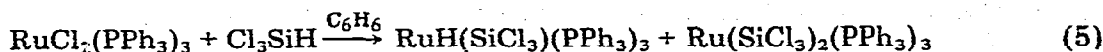
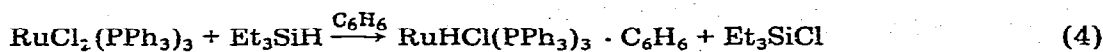
R<sub>3</sub> = Cl<sub>3</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>Me, ClMe<sub>2</sub>, Ph(OMe)<sub>2</sub>, (OEt)<sub>3</sub>, (OMe)<sub>3</sub>

With silicon di- and tri-hydrides, such as Et<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub>, PhMeSiH<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub>, cyclo-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>SiH<sub>3</sub>, and PhSiH<sub>3</sub>\*, solid products which are very sensitive to air were also readily obtained. The IR spectrum of each showed all the characteristic absorptions due to the triphenylphosphine complex of a silylruthenium hydride. However, at the present time, characterization of the products remains incomplete.

### III. Interaction with RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in benzene

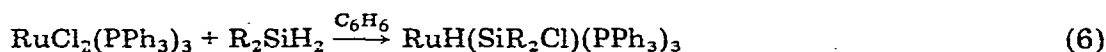
Recently we used Et<sub>3</sub>SiH and Et<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> as reducing agents for the reduction of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, RuBr<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, and RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in the presence of triethylamine in benzene [10]. In this respect, the observation of Hetflejš and his colleagues is worthy of note: they reported that by the action of Et<sub>3</sub>SiH in benzene RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> was converted to RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> · C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (eq. 4), and that the reaction with (EtO)<sub>3</sub>SiH gave a mixture of RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and RuH[Si(OEt)<sub>3</sub>](PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. However, in the case of Cl<sub>3</sub>SiH, RuH(SiCl<sub>3</sub>)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and Ru(SiCl<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (eq. 5) were obtained [9].

\* We observed that in the presence of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> or RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> the trihydride PhSiH<sub>3</sub> spontaneously disproportionated to Ph<sub>2</sub>SiH<sub>2</sub> and SiH<sub>4</sub>.



In accordance with their observations, we found that  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$  and  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$  also reacted with the ruthenium compound to give  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , whereas  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{SiH}$  and  $\text{ClMe}_2\text{SiH}$  afforded  $\text{RuH}[\text{SiPh}(\text{OMe})_2](\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiMe}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , respectively. The reaction of  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  with  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$ , and  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$ , even at elevated temperature, gave only recovered  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , but with  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{SiH}$  and  $\text{ClMe}_2\text{SiH}$  afforded the silyl complex,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , as in the case of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .

Analogous reactions of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  in benzene with the di- and tri-hydrides, such as  $\text{Et}_2\text{SiH}_2$ ,  $\text{Ph}_2\text{SiH}_2$ , and cyclo- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{SiH}_3$  gave an unexpected product,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , which was characterized on the basis of the presence of a Ru—H band and absence of Ru—Cl absorption in the infrared spectrum, as well as elemental analyses. The physical data are summarized in Table 4.



$\text{R}_2 = \text{Et}_2, \text{Ph}_2, \text{cyclo-C}_6\text{H}_{11} \text{H}$

The infrared spectrum of  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , which was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  with  $\text{Et}_2\text{SiH}_2$  and  $\text{Ph}_2\text{SiH}_2$ , showed strong or medium broad absorption bands at  $1980\text{--}1910 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{Ru—H})$ , but no band in the region of  $2200\text{--}2000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  assignable to  $\nu(\text{Si—H})$ . The spectrum of  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiHCl} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  showed a broad band at  $1980 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{Ru—H})$  and a medium sharp band at  $2045 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{Si—H})$ . The assignment of Ru—H stretching absorption bands was confirmed by an infrared study of  $\text{RuD}(\text{SiPh}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . The spectrum exhibited three characteristic bands which might be assignable to  $\nu(\text{Ru—D})$  at  $1420, 1415, \text{ and } 1373 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , in place of three due to  $\nu(\text{Ru—H})$  at  $1980, 1968, \text{ and } 1910 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which were observed in the spectrum of  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiPh}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . The infrared spectra (KBr disk) of  $\text{RuD}$ —

TABLE 4

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE TRIS-PHOSPHINE COMPLEXES OF SILYL RUTHENIUM HYDRIDE

Compound	Decomp. point(°C)	IR (KBr disk) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )		Analyses Found (calcd.) (%)		
		Ru—H		C	H	Cl
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}[\text{SiPh}(\text{OMe})_2]$	134—135	1972	1955	70.18 (70.52)	5.90 (5.44)	
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}(\text{SiMe}_2\text{Cl})$	137—139	1998	1917 1940	67.73 (68.46)	5.33 (5.33)	4.32 (3.61)
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}(\text{SiEt}_2\text{Cl})$	107—108	1963(br)		69.40 (68.93)	6.11 (5.59)	3.00 (3.51)
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}(\text{SiPh}_2\text{Cl})$	161—163	1980	1968 1910	71.16 (71.63)	5.33 (5.10)	2.78 (3.20)
$(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{RuH}(\text{SiHClC}_6\text{H}_{11})^a$	127—129	1980(br)		68.75 (69.54)	5.89 (5.64)	4.51 (3.36)

<sup>a</sup>  $\nu(\text{Si—H}) 2048 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

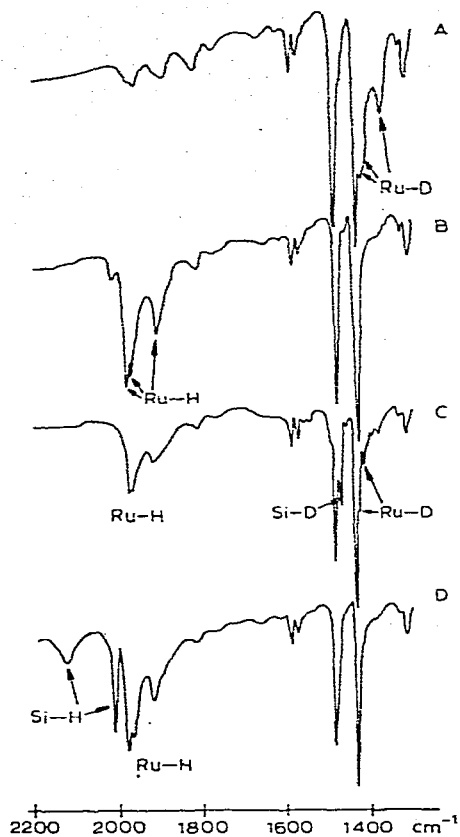


Fig. 3. Infrared spectrum (KBr disk) in the region  $2200\text{--}1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of the phosphine complexes of phenylsilylruthenium hydride: A:  $\text{RuD}(\text{SiClPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , B:  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , C:  $\text{RuH}_2\text{D}(\text{SiDPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , D:  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .

$(\text{SiPh}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiPh}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , together with those of  $\text{RuH}_2\text{D}(\text{SiPh}_2\text{D})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiPh}_2\text{H})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , are shown in Fig. 3.

The NMR spectrum of  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiEt}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  showed multiplet signals at  $\tau$  2.5–3.3 (phenyl protons of triphenylphosphine, 45 H), multiplets at  $\tau$  8.9–9.6 (ethyl protons of triethylsilyl, 10 H) and in the high field, multiplets centered at  $\tau$  22.1 ppm (Ru–H, 1 H).

The reaction of  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  with  $\text{Et}_2\text{SiH}_2$  also afforded a brown solid product. The IR spectrum of the compound was very similar to that of  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiEt}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , but halogen analyses showed less than the theoretical content of halogen.

#### IV. Reduction of $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ with $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ in a variety of solvents

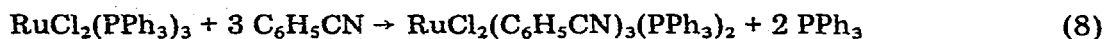
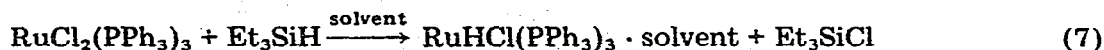
To examine the solvent dependence of the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  with  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ , we carried out this reaction in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Me}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OMe}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NMe}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature. The reduction product,  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , was obtained as the solvated complex except for the reaction in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$ . The physical properties of  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{solvent}$  are summarized in Table 5. In  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NMe}_2$ , an additional unknown ruthenium complex was isolated as a by-product. In  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  was not reduced, but instead gave a ligand-

TABLE 5  
 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{solvent}$

Product	Decomp. point( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	IR (in KBr disc) ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )		Analyses Found (calcd.) (%)			
		Ru-H	Others	C	H	N	Cl
$\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$	102-104	2020	1598 1490	71.61 (72.07)	5.40 (5.35)	—	3.68 (3.40)
$\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$	108-110	2020	1525 1349 848 790	68.26 (68.80)	4.89 (4.91)	1.19 (1.34)	3.33 (3.36)
$\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OMe}$	109-112	2020	1598 1495 1247	70.90 (70.96)	5.49 (5.27)	—	3.61 (3.43)
$\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NMe}_2$	9-108	2020	1600 1503 1340	70.51 (71.22)	5.49 (5.49)	1.35 (1.34)	3.67 (3.30)

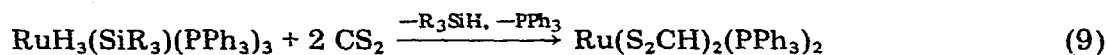


exchange product,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  \*.



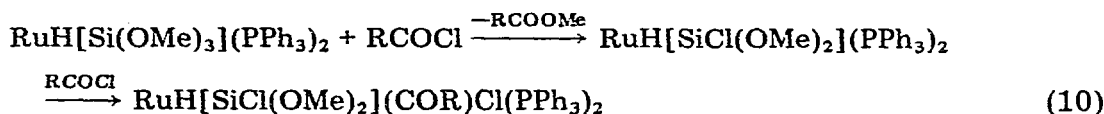
#### V. The reactions of silylruthenium hydride complexes

$\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiMe}_2\text{Ph})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  reacted with carbon disulfide at room temperature to give a red-orange crystalline solid, m.p. 178–181°C, which was identified as  $\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CH})_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  by its IR spectrum which was in accordance with the one reported [12] and also by elemental analysis.

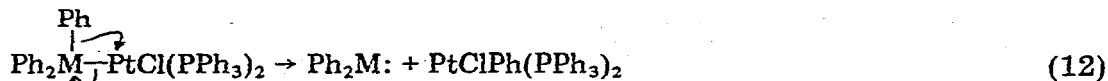
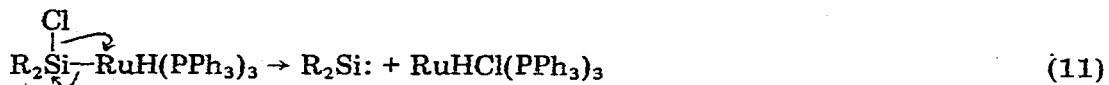


No reaction occurred between  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_2$  and carbon disulfide at room temperature, and the silylruthenium hydride was recovered quantitatively.

With acyl chlorides, such as  $\text{MeCOCl}$  and  $\text{PhCOCl}$ ,  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_2$  reacted readily to give brown products. The IR spectrum of each showed  $\nu(\text{Ru}-\text{H})$ , ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}$ ; 1955  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ; 1970  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}$ ; 1810  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ; 1773  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) bands together with the characteristic bands of triphenylphosphine and the methoxysilyl ligands. On the basis of these results and the elemental analyses obtained, the products may be formulated as  $\text{RuH}[\text{SiCl}(\text{OMe})_2](\text{COR})\text{Cl}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . The formation of the acyl(silylruthenium(IV)) complexes can be rationalized in terms of the following equation:



Chlorosilylruthenium hydrides such as  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClEt}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , and  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  decomposed easily in excess benzene to give  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ . The formation of  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  possibly can be accounted for in terms of the migration of a chlorine atom from the silyl ligand to the ruthenium, followed by fission of the Si–Ru bond which resembles the disproportionation of  $\text{PtCl}(\text{MPh}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Sn}, \text{Pb}$ ) to  $\text{PtClPh}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  [13] (eq. 12).



Thus, this reaction strongly suggests the elimination of a silylene (or silenoid) species from  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_2\text{Cl})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . However, when  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  was treated with excess  $\text{MeOSiMe}_2\text{SiMe}_2\text{OMe}$  [14] or  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  [15] in benzene, the reaction mixture was found by GLC analysis to contain a number of products, so that the effort to isolate each product was abandoned for the present.

\* Gilbert and Wilkinson obtained  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN})_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  by the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  with  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$  in acetone [11].

## Conclusions

Our investigation finds the following notable features:

1. Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II) dihydride,  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ , reacts oxidatively with a silicon hydride to give a series of seven-coordinate silylruthenium(IV) complexes,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (eq. 1).
2. Without solvent, ruthenium(II) halide complexes,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , react with a silicon hydride to afford a variety of four-coordinate silylruthenium(II) complexes,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ , (eq. 2 and 3).
3. In benzene solution, the ruthenium(II) halide complexes react with  $\text{Cl}_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{Me}_2\text{ClSiH}$ , and  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{SiH}$  to give five-coordinate silylruthenium(II) complexes,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (eq. 5).
4. In benzene solution, tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II) dihalides,  $\text{RuX}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , react with  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$ , and  $\text{PhMe}_2\text{SiH}$ , respectively, to give the reductive product,  $\text{RuHX}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  (eq. 4).
5. In benzene solution, ruthenium(II) halide complexes,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  and  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , react with silicon di- and tri-hydrides to afford five-coordinate chlorosilylruthenium(II) complexes,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClR}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (eq. 6).
6. The Ru—Si bond in  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiR}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  is readily reactive toward carbon disulfide (eq. 9).
7. The complexes,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClR}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , easily lose  $\text{R}_2\text{Si}$  upon treatment with benzene to give  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ , (eq. 11).
8.  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_2$  is stable in carbon disulfide and oxidatively reacts with acyl chlorides to afford six-coordinate acyl(silylruthenium(IV)) complexes,  $\text{RuH}[\text{SiCl}(\text{OMe})_2](\text{COR})\text{Cl}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  (eq. 10).

## Experimental

The melting and decomposition points are uncorrected. The infrared spectra were recorded as KBr disks or Nujol mulls on a Hitachi EPI-G3 spectrometer. The nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were obtained by use of a Varian HA-100 or a Varian T-60 spectrometer, using TMS as the internal standard.

Hydrosilanes were prepared by known methods. Dihydridotetrakis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_3$ , triphenylphosphine, and  $\text{Et}_3\text{Al}$  in THF [16], or the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , triphenylphosphine, and sodium borohydride in ethanol [17]. Dichlorotris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and triphenylphosphine in methanol [18]. Hydrido-chlorotris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium was obtained by the reduction of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  with hydrogen in the presence of triethylamine [19] or with triethylsilane as described in previous papers [9,10].

All the reactions were carried out under argon or in an evacuated tube. Solvents were dried and distilled before use under argon.

### *The reaction of silicon hydrides with dihydridotetrakis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium(II)*

A typical procedure is described for the reaction of ethyldimethylsilane with  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ .

$\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (0.5 g) was sealed in an evacuated tube with  $\text{EtMe}_2\text{SiH}$  (2 ml)

and the tube was kept at room temperature for 24 hours. Hexane (10 ml) was added to the resulting reaction mixture, and white powdery crystals of trihydrido(ethyldimethylsilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiMe}_2\text{Et})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , were filtered, washed with hexane and dried in vacuo, yield 87%, IR (KBr disk): 3040, 3000, 2990, 2925, 2870, 1993, 1952 s, 1484, 1435, 1245, 1236, 1090, 918, 845, 757, 748, 700, 522  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

By a procedure similar to that described above, the following trihydrido(silyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium complexes were obtained in reactions of  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  with the corresponding silicon hydride.

*Trihydrido(phenyldimethylsilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiPhMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . White powder, yield 94%, IR (KBr disk): 3045, 2940, 2875, 1982, 1958, 1948, 1480, 1430, 1242, 1234, 1084, 822, 803, 739, 694, 514  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\tau$  2.1–3.4 (50 H), 8.5–9.5 (multiplet 6 H), 19.7 (Ru–H, 3 H).

*Trihydrido(triethoxysilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3[\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . White powder, yield 91%, IR (KBr disk): 3035, 2945, 2900, 2850, 1975, 1965, 1480, 1433, 1100, 1085, 1068, 940, 744, 695, 510  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\tau$  2.4–3.7 (45 H), 6.2 (quartet 6 H), 8.9 (triplet 9 H), 20.1 (Ru–H, 3 H).

*Trihydrido(diethylhydrosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHET}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . White powder, yield 70%, IR (KBr disk): 3025, 2910, 2840, 2030, 1996, 1967, 1942 s, 1478, 1429, 1087, 966, 885, 845, 746, 697, 515  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\tau$  2.2–3.2 (45 H), 4.6 (Si–H, 1 H), 8.2–9.6 (multiplet 10 H), 19.9 (Ru–H, 3 H).

*Trihydrido(phenylmethylhydrosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHPhMe})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . White powder, yield 80%, IR (KBr disk): 3020, 2960, 2020, 2000, 1980, 1948, 1478, 1430, 1238, 987, 890, 747, 695, 515  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\tau$  2.4–3.4 (50 H), 4.9 (Si–H, singlet 1 H), 9.3–9.7 (multiplet 3 H) 19.9 (Ru–H, 3 H).

*Trihydrido(diphenylhydrosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiHPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . White powder, yield 82%, IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2980, 2120, 2010, 1975, 1963, 1918, 1485, 1432, 1090, 885, 847, 747, 703, 523, 515  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\tau$  2.8–3.4 (55 H), 4.4 (Si–H, 1 H), 19.9 (Ru–H, 3 H).

*Trihydrido(cyclohexyldihydrosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . White powder, yield 61%, IR (KBr disk): 3025, 2890, 2820, 2120, 2040, 2010, 1935 (br), 1477, 1432, 1085, 974, 920, 748, 697, 518  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\tau$  2.5–3.4 (45 H), 4.9 (Si–H, 2 H), 7.8–9.4 (11 H), 19.7 (Ru–H, 3 H).

*Trihydrido(phenyldihydrosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiH}_2\text{Ph})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ . White powder, yield 77%, IR (KBr disk): 3030, 2975, 2135, 2065, 1958, 1934, 1883, 1478, 1430, 1090, 952, 922, 746, 697, 518  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\tau$  2.3 (5 H), 2.6–3.4 (45 H), 4.3 (Si–H, doublet 2 H), 19.5 (Ru–H, 3 H).

*Trihydrido(triethylsilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiEt}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (0.5 g) was sealed in an evacuated tube with triethylsilane (3 ml) and maintained at room temperature for 6 months. The pale yellow solid product was filtered, washed with hexane and dried in vacuo, yield 69%, IR (KBr disk): 3050, 2945, 2860, 1995, 1975, 1965, 1480, 1433, 1087, 748, 700, 515  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Trihydrido(triphenylsilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}_3(\text{SiPh}_3)\text{-(PPh}_3)_3$ . A mixture of  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (0.3 g) and triphenylsilane (0.65 g) in 5 ml of hexane was sealed in an evacuated tube and maintained at room temperature for 6 months. The pale brown solid product was filtered, washed with hexane and ether, and dried in vacuo, yield 98%, IR (KBr disk): 3048, 3010, 2947, 1970, 1948, 1478, 1431, 1115, 1085, 800, 743, 695, 513, 502  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*The reaction of silicon hydrides with dichlorotris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium or hydrido(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium without solvent*

Silicon hydrides reacted with  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  or  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  without solvent to give hydrido(silyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium complexes in high yield (90–96%).

In a typical procedure,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (250 mg, 0.27 mmol) was treated with stirring under argon with an excess of dimethylchlorosilane (2 ml). A gas was evolved as the ruthenium complex dissolved to give a brown solution. After stirring for 2 hours at room temperature, hexane (5 ml) was added and the white solid was filtered, washed with more hexane ( $3 \times 5$  ml) and dried in vacuo to give hydrido(dimethylchlorosilyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ , yield 96%. The complex was prepared similarly from  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , yield 92%, IR (KBr disk): 3030, 2930, 1955, 1483, 1436, 1264, 1090, 810, 748, 700, 520  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

The other hydrido(silyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium complexes were prepared similarly, but with minor variations in the reaction time in the cases of  $\text{Cl}_3\text{SiH}$  (2 days),  $(\text{MeO})_3\text{SiH}$  (1 week), and  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiH}$  (1 week).

*Hydrido(trichlorosilyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . Pale brown powder, IR (KBr disk): 3060, 1978, 1485, 1437, 1115, 1095, 745, 696, 572, 520, 497  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Hydrido(methyldichlorosilyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiCl}_2\text{Me})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ , pale brown powder, IR (KBr disk): 3025, 2935, 1945, 1482, 1435, 1275, 1250, 1125, 1090, 796, 748, 700, 520  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Hydrido(trimethoxysilyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . White powder, IR (KBr disk): 3030, 2920, 2820, 1960, 1482, 1431, 1082, 890, 750, 704, 525, 480  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Hydrido(triethoxysilyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3](\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . White powder, IR (KBr disk): 3030, 2910, 2810, 1969, 1484, 1435, 1090, 753, 704, 523, 514  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Hydrido(phenyldimethoxysilyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_2\text{Ph}](\text{PPh}_3)_2$ . White powder, IR (KBr disk): 3025, 2900, 2800, 1967, 1481, 1433, 1188, 987, 845, 750, 700, 520, 510  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*The reaction of silicon hydrides with dichlorotris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium in benzene*

In benzene solution, silicon hydrides reacted with  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  to afford hydrido(silyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium complexes.

*Hydrido(phenyldimethoxysilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium*,  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_2\text{Ph}](\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (500 mg, 0.52 mmol) was treated with  $\text{Ph}(\text{MeO})_2\text{SiH}$  (1 ml) in benzene (3 ml) under argon at room temperature. After stirring for 5 hours, 10 ml of hexane was added to the homogeneous reaction

mixture and the pale brown solid was filtered off. It was washed with hexane (2 X 10 ml) and dried in vacuo to give  $\text{RuH}[\text{Si}(\text{OMe})_2\text{Ph}](\text{PPh}_3)_3$  as white powder, yield 70%, IR (KBr disk): 3030, 2920, 2905, 1972, 1955, 1479, 1432, 1173, 1087, 1070, 748, 697, 680, 514  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\tau$  2.7–3.4 (50 H), 6.9 (singlet 6 H).

*Hyrido(dimethylchlorosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .* As described above,  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (2.35 g, 2.45 mmol) was treated with  $\text{Me}_2\text{ClSiH}$  (4 ml) in benzene (5 ml) for 4 hours to give  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , white powder, yield 98%, IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2945, 2880, 1998, 1957, 1940, 1480, 1433, 1246, 1084, 837, 806, 743, 697, 516  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Hyrido(diethylchlorosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClEt}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .*  $\text{Et}_2\text{SiH}_2$  (2 ml) was added to  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (2.0 g, 2.09 mmol) suspended in benzene (10 ml), with stirring. The complex dissolved and the initial dark brown solution became light brown with concomitant evolution of a gas. After stirring for 5 hours at room temperature, hexane (10 ml) was added and the complex,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClEt}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , was collected as pale brown needles, washed with hexane, and dried in vacuo, yield 52%, IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2945, 2860, 1963, 1480, 1432, 1087, 845, 747, 696, 516  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\tau$  2.66–3.25 (45 H), 8.92–9.64 (10 H), 20.26 (Ru–H, 1 H).

*Hyrido(diphenylchlorosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .* The complex,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClPh}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ , was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (500 mg, 0.52 mmol) and  $\text{Ph}_2\text{SiH}_2$  (5 ml) in benzene (2 ml), tan powder, yield 97%. IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2000, 1980, 1968, 1910, 1480, 1432, 1087, 743, 697, 506  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

*Hyrido(cyclohexylchlorohydrosilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium,  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiHClC}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ .* By a similar procedure to that described above, the complex  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiHClC}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  was obtained by the reaction of  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (500 mg, 0.52 mmol) and cyclo- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{SiH}_3$  (1 ml) in benzene (5 ml), white powder, yield 39%, IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2910, 2840, 2045, 1980, 1478, 1431, 1084, 745, 696, 515  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\tau$  2.75–3.26 (45 H), 8.10–9.43 (11 H), 20.04 (Ru–H, 1 H).

#### *The reaction of $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ with $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$ in a variety of solvents*

$\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (400 mg, 0.41 mmol) was treated with  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  in a solvent such as toluene, nitrobenzene, anisole, or *N*-dimethylaniline with stirring at room temperature for 20 hours to afford the corresponding solvated  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  as a violet powder which is listed in Table 5. Respective yields were 75% ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$ ), 45% ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$ ), 69% ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OCH}_3$ ), and 71% ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NMe}_2$ ).

(a) In  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  was reduced in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to give less pure  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  in a yield 36%, IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2020, 1480, 1423, 1265, 1180, 1118, 1090, 850, 748, 695, 540, 520  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . (Found: C, 64.17; H, 4.88; Cl, 8.23.  $\text{C}_{55}\text{H}_{48}\text{P}_3\text{Cl}_3\text{Ru}$  calcd.: C, 65.47; H, 4.79; Cl, 10.54%).

(b) In  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ .  $\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (400 mg, 0.41 mol) was treated with  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  (0.2 ml) in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  (4 ml) for 20 hours at room temperature.  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  was filtered and the filtrate gave an unknown orange crystalline product (30 mg) m.p. 166–168°C, IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2990, 2940, 2870, 1480, 1450, 1430, 1187, 1090, 740, 695, 515, 498  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . (Found: C, 58.84; H, 4.85%).

(c) *In C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN*. A mixture of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (400 mg, 0.41 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>SiH (0.2 ml) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN (4 ml) was stirred for 5 hours at room temperature. To the reaction mixture was added 15 ml of hexane and the yellow solution was cooled to give an orange crystalline product (180 mg) which was characterized by IR and elemental analysis as RuCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, m.p. 163–165°C (decomp.), IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2210, 1483, 1443, 1432, 1088, 744, 695, 515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. (Found: C, 68.09; H, 4.91; N, 4.52; Cl, 6.38. C<sub>57</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>3</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Ru calcd.: C, 68.06; H, 4.51; N, 4.18; Cl, 7.01%).

*The reaction of trihydrido(phenyldimethylsilyl)tris(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium with carbon disulfide.*

A mixture of RuH<sub>3</sub>(SiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (100 mg) and carbon disulfide (2 ml) was cooled in liquid nitrogen, degassed, and stirred under an atmosphere of nitrogen at room temperature for 3 hours. To the reaction mixture was added hexane (5 ml) and it was cooled to give a red-orange crystalline product which was collected, washed with hexane, and dried in vacuo. The compound decomposed above its melting point (178–181°C) with evolution of CS<sub>2</sub> and was identified as Ru(S<sub>2</sub>CH)<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> on the basis of the complete accordance of its infrared spectrum with that in the literature [12] and its elemental analysis. (Found: C, 58.13; H, 3.94; S, 16.77. C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>32</sub>S<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Ru calcd.: C, 58.52; H, 4.14; S, 16.44%).

*The reaction of hydrido(trimethoxysilyl)bis(triphenylphosphine)ruthenium with acetyl chloride.*

A mixture of RuH[Si(OMe)<sub>3</sub>](PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (250 mg) and acetyl chloride (2 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. Filtration of the reaction mixture gave a pale brown powder (210 mg) which was characterized as RuH[SiCl(OMe)<sub>2</sub>](COPh)Cl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> by its IR spectrum and elemental analysis, m.p. 121–122°C (decomp.), IR (KBr disk): 3030, 2960, 2810, 1955, 1810, 1710, 1482, 1434, 1088, 746, 697, 520 cm<sup>-1</sup>. (Found: C, 58.49; H, 4.92; Cl, 7.71. C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>SiRu calcd.: C, 57.83; H, 4.85; Cl, 8.53%).

*The reaction with benzoyl chloride.*

By a similar procedure to that described above, the treatment of RuH[Si(OMe)<sub>3</sub>](PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (250 mg) with benzoyl chloride (1 ml) afforded RuH[SiCl(OMe)<sub>2</sub>](COPh)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (180 mg) as an orange-brown powder, m.p. 126–127°C (decomp.), IR (KBr disk): 3040, 2940, 2850, 1970, 1773, 1482, 1436, 1295, 1090, 850, 744, 694, 542, 524, 500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. (Found: C, 61.94; H, 5.07; Cl, 9.61. C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>SiRu calcd.: C, 60.54; H, 4.74; Cl, 7.95%).

*The formation of RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> from RuH(SiClMe<sub>2</sub>)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>*

(a) *In benzene*. RuH(SiClMe<sub>2</sub>)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (150 mg), suspended in benzene (3 ml), was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. An insoluble violet precipitate was filtered, washed with hexane, and dried in vacuo to give RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> · C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (80 mg) (which was identified by its IR spectrum).

In the presence of MeOSiMe<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>2</sub>OMe (1 ml), RuH(SiClMe<sub>2</sub>)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (500 mg) was treated with benzene (2 ml) at 60°C for 4 hours to give RuHCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> · C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (330 mg). GLC analysis indicated the residue was a complex mixture.

Also, in the presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{SiH}$  (2 ml), the treatment of  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (2 g) in benzene afforded  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  (1.2 g) and a complex mixture.

(b) *In toluene.*  $\text{RuH}(\text{SiClMe}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_3$  (300 mg) in toluene (2 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 20 hours to give  $\text{RuHCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$  (260 mg) [20].

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