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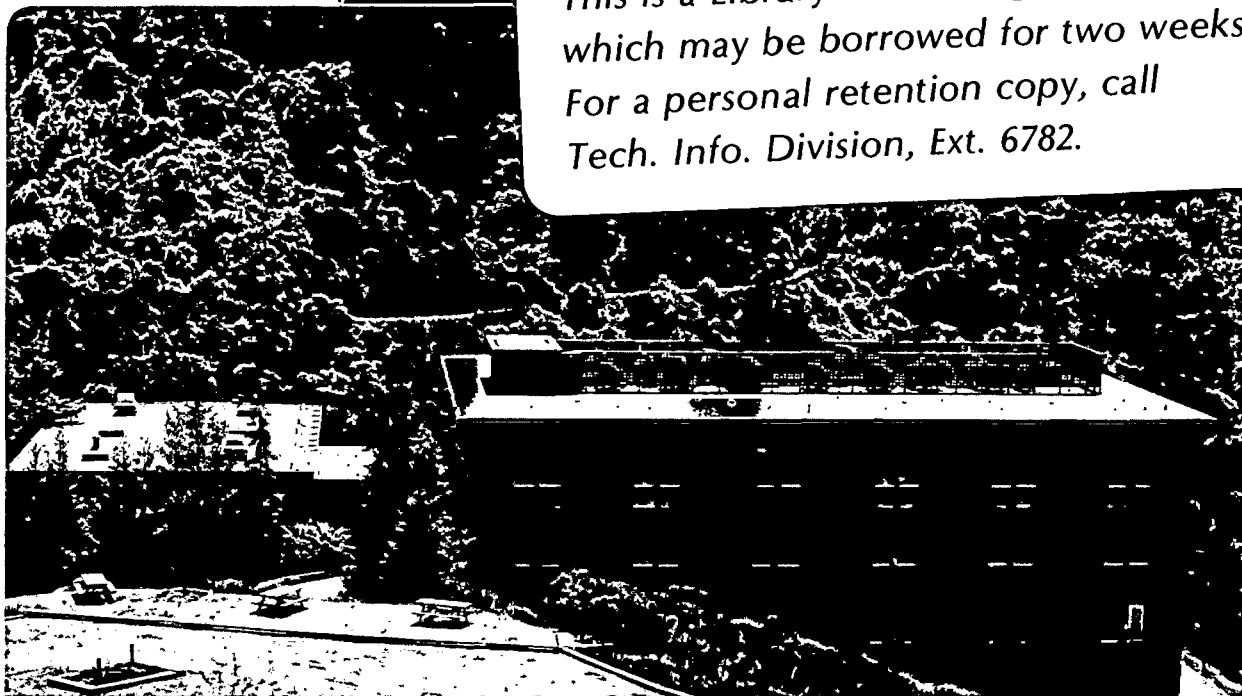
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Synthesis, Structure, and Photochemistry of Fulvalene Diruthenium  
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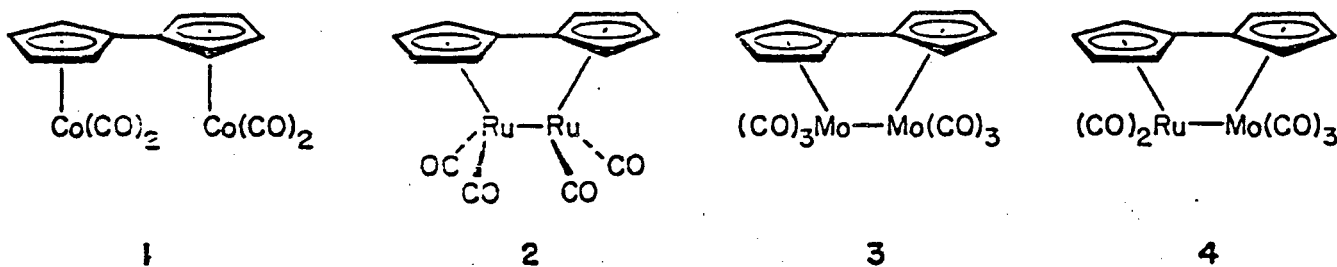
Abstract

The synthesis of several new fulvalene dimetal complexes has been accomplished by direct reaction of dihydrofulvalene with metal carbonyls. The X-ray structure of  $\eta^5:\eta^5$ -fulvalene diruthenium tetracarbonyl exhibits a bent  $\pi$ -ligand with a Ru-Ru bond length of 2.821(1)Å and four terminally bound carbonyl ligands. The complex undergoes a variety of substitution reactions. Upon irradiation at 350 nm it rearranges via cleavage of the Ru-Ru and carbon-carbon single bond to form an isomeric  $\eta^1:\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub> bridged complex. Upon heating this species reverts to starting material. Crossover experiments verify the intramolecularity of both the photochemical and thermal isomerizations.

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The  $\eta^5:\eta^5$ -fulvalene ligand constitutes an attractive matrix on which to firmly affix two metal atoms in close enough proximity to enable metal-metal bonding while allowing complexes to retain dinuclear character after potential metal-metal bond fission. We report here a new synthetic approach to dimetallafulvalenes,<sup>1</sup> some preliminary chemistry of a diruthenium derivative, and its unexpected photoreactions.

We have found that dihydrofulvalene, prepared in THF,<sup>1a</sup> becomes suitable for direct reaction with metal carbonyls after extraction into water washed heptane.<sup>2</sup> Addition of the latter to boiling solutions of  $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$  ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), or  $\text{Ru}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$  (glyme), and/or  $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$  (glyme) results in good yields of complexes 1-4.<sup>3</sup> The 18e-rule requires metal-metal bonds in



2-4, which, if present, necessitate significant deformations of the  $\pi$ -ligands from planarity.<sup>1c</sup> A single crystal X-ray diffraction study confirms this for 2 (Figure 1), its structure contrasting that of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2]_2$ , 5.<sup>4</sup>

Figure 1

The chemistry of 2 (and also 3 and 4)<sup>2</sup> is quite distinct from that of 5.<sup>5</sup> For example, iodine cleaves the Ru-Ru bond to the diiodide, which when treated with LiEt<sub>3</sub>BH even at -60°C gives 2 and none of the dihydride<sup>2</sup>, indicating the possible operation of a fast intramolecular H<sub>2</sub>-extrusion process, not available to (η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)Ru(CO)<sub>2</sub>H.<sup>6</sup> Complex 2, although thermally inert, undergoes photosubstitution by alkynes (including ethyne) to give ("parallel")<sup>7</sup> μ<sub>2</sub>η<sup>2</sup>-alkyne tricarbonyl complexes, characterized by a dirutheniacyclobutene nucleus and one bridging carbonyl group.<sup>2</sup> In the absence of added ligands irradiation of yellow 2 in THF with 350 nm or sun light leads to rapid formation of a new, thermally unstable, colorless compound 6.<sup>3</sup> X-ray analysis (Figure 2) reveals the occurrence of a remarkable (and possibly unprecedented)<sup>8</sup> dinuclear oxidative addition to an sp<sup>2</sup>-sp<sup>2</sup> hydrocarbon single bond.

### Figure 2

Structures related to 6 have been postulated as precursors to fulvalene dimetal complexes <sup>1m-t</sup>, the former reacting by the thermal reverse of the 2 → 6 interconversion, although reported cases have involved metal-hydride species at some stage of their formation. Nevertheless, 6 thermally reverts cleanly to 2 (THF, RT) following first order kinetics (E<sub>a</sub> = 21.9 ± 1.0 kcal mole<sup>-1</sup>, log A = 11.7). This also occurs sharply in the crystalline state (208°C; ΔG = -29.8 ± 1.5 kcal mole<sup>-1</sup> by DSC). The 2 → 6 → 2 sequence

represents a new photochemical energy storage cycle.

A crossover experiment involved a 1:1 mixture of 2 and 90% deuterated 2.<sup>9</sup> The absence of any cross-over was ascertained by mass spectral analyses of the resulting 6, and of subsequently regenerated 2. This rules out the presence of monomeric (metal-carbene?)<sup>10</sup> intermediates in either process.

Although the exact mechanistic details of the reported reactions are not understood, it is clear that hydrides are not necessary for their occurrence. It is tempting to postulate initial photocleavage of the Ru-Ru bond,<sup>4b</sup> followed by rotation and rearrangement, possibly involving bridging cyclopentadienylidenes.<sup>11</sup> Interestingly, 2 converts to 6 in the presence of chlorinated solvents, normally excellent traps for 17e metal centers,<sup>12</sup> making this pathway less attractive. An alternative is a concerted process through a tetrahedral transition state.<sup>10</sup>

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**Supplementary Material Available:** Spectral properties of all new compounds, details of the X-ray analysis, a listing of positional and thermal parameters, and tables of bond lengths and angles of 2 and 6 (10

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2.1), 4.40 (dd, 4H, J = 2.1, 2.1); IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) ν<sub>CO</sub>: 2020 (vs), 1952  
(vs) cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV λ<sub>max</sub> (THF) 243 (lg ε = 3.99), 273 (4.04), 329 (3.85), 388  
sh (3.18) nm. 3: purple crystals, 60%; mp 279-280°C (lit.<sup>1a</sup> mp not  
reported). 4: orange flakes, 18%; mp 256-258°C. 6: colorless  
plates, 62%; mp 208°C (isomerization point to 2); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ  
5.39 (dd, 4H, J = 2.1, 2.1), 4.68 (dd, 4H, J = 2.1, 2.1); IR (KBr) ν<sub>CO</sub>  
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### Figure Captions

**Figure 1.** ORTEP drawing showing the geometry, labeling, and important bond lengths (Å) for all non-hydrogen atoms in  $\eta^5:\eta^5$ -fulvalene diruthenium tetracarbonyl (2). Ellipsoids are scaled to represent the 50% probability surface.

**Figure 2.** ORTEP drawing of 6.

Figure 1

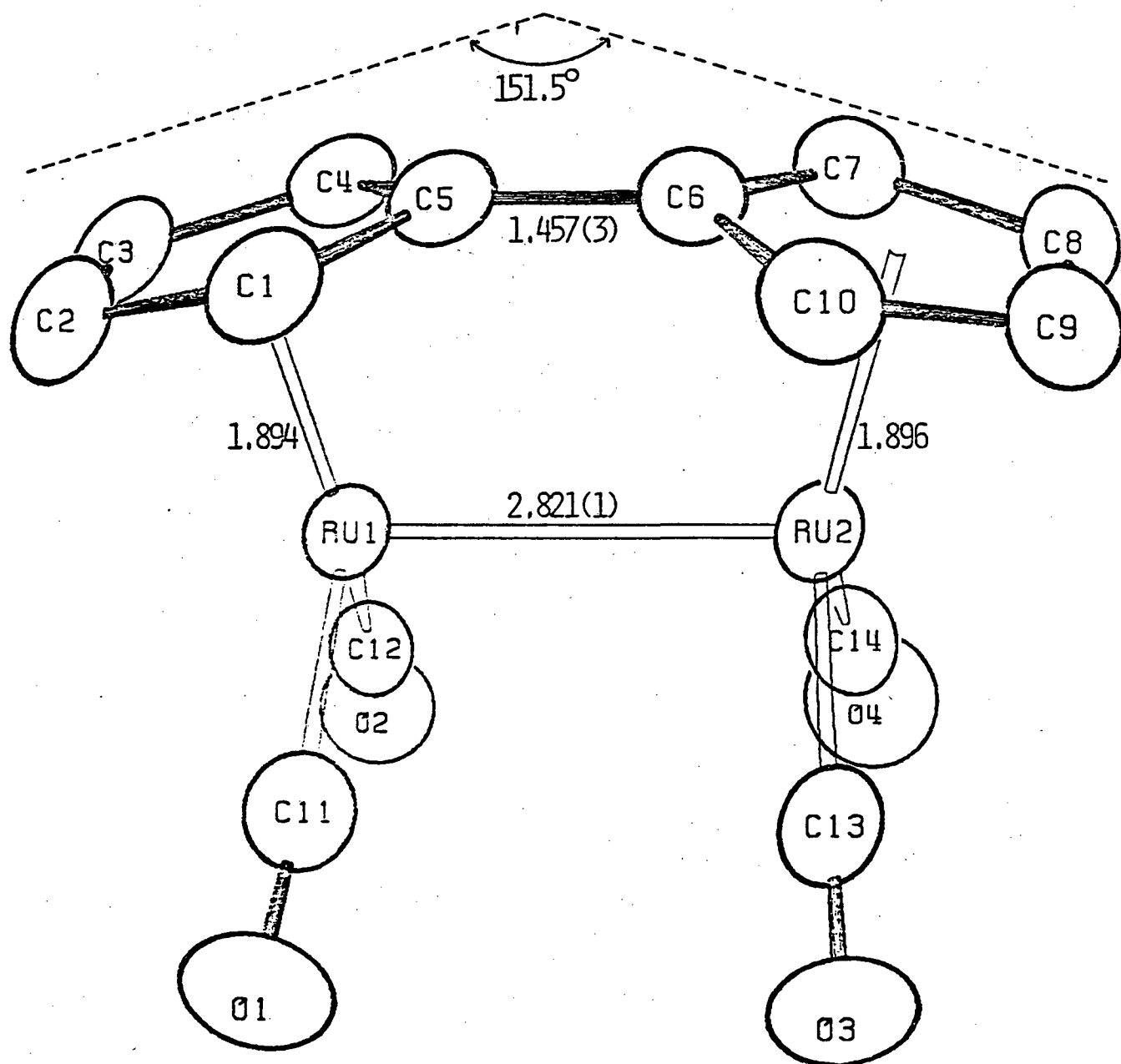
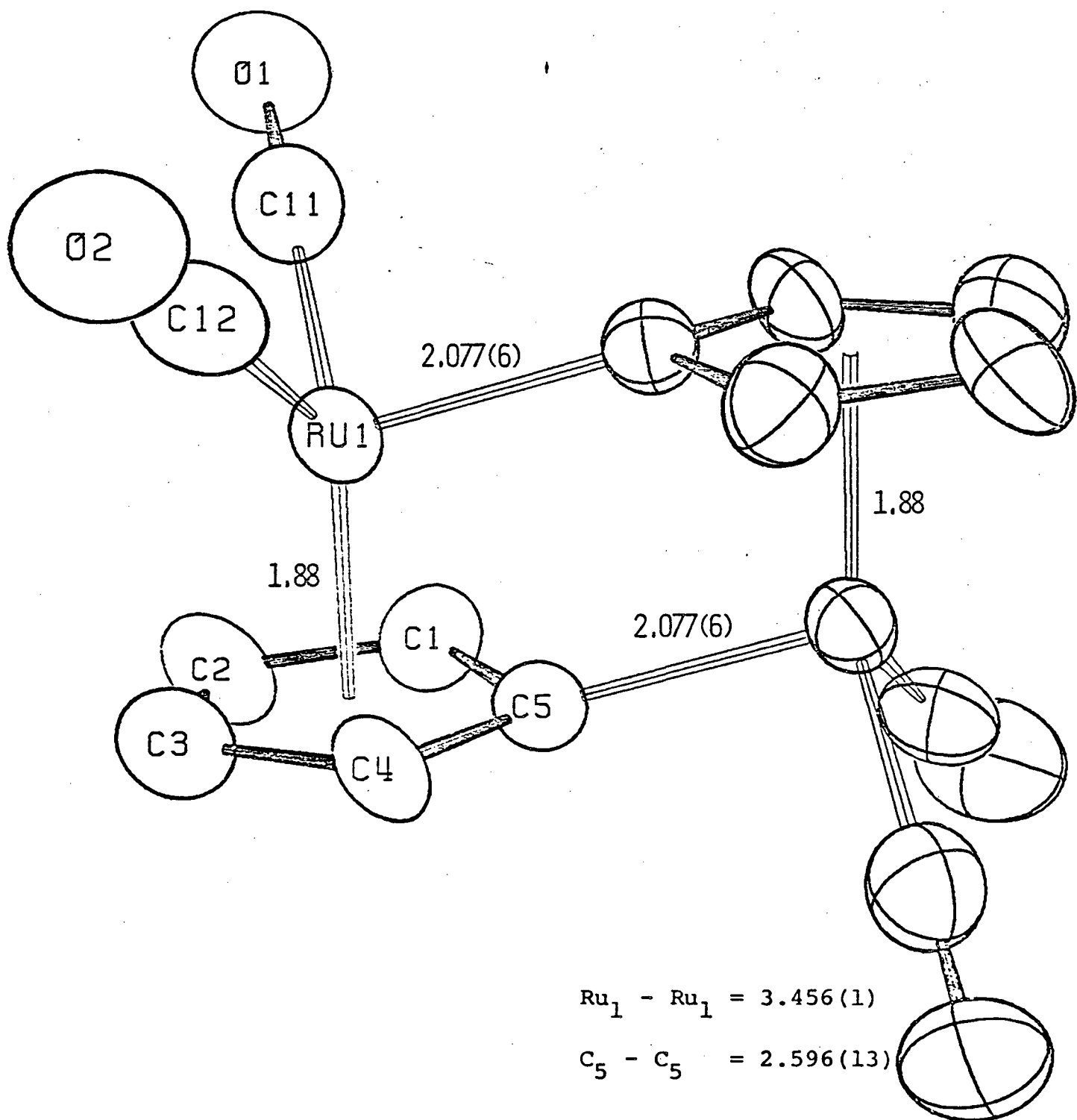


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Compound 2: crystal size 0.12 x 0.25 x 0.35 mm; monoclinic Laue symmetry;

space group  $P2_1/n$ ;  $a = 12.7489(5)\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 6.9816(5)\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 15.8212(12)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 112.360(5)^\circ$ ;  $V = 1302.4(3)\text{\AA}^3$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\mu_{\text{calc}} = 22.7\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; radiation = graphite monochromatized MoK $\alpha$ ; scan range =  $3^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 45^\circ$ ; reflections collected = 1958, 1702 unique with  $F_1^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)$ ,  $R = 0.0176$ ,  $R_w = 0.0320$ .

6: crystal size 0.13 x 0.14 x 0.28 mm; triclinic; space group P1;  $a = 7.0874(20)\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 8.5705(17)\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 12.8038(21)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 71.909(15)$ ,  $\beta = 79.752(18)$ ,  $\gamma = 64.418(19)$ ;  $V = 665.9(3)\text{\AA}^3$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $Z = 2$ ;  $\mu_{\text{calc}} = 22.3\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; radiation = graphite monochromatized MoK $\alpha$ ; scan range  $3^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 45^\circ$ ; reflections collected: 1734, unique = 1473 with  $F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)$ ,  $R = 0.0573$ ,  $R_w = 0.0746$ . The unit cell contains two chemically identical, crystallographically distinct molecules with very similar bond lengths and angles.



POSITIONAL AND THERMAL PARAMETERS AND THEIR ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS.

| ATOM | X          | Y          | Z           | B(1,1)     | B(2,2)     | B(3,3)     | B(1,2)      | B(1,3)     | B(2,3)      |
|------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| RU1  | 0.27193(2) | 0.04099(3) | 0.09500(1)  | 0.00456(1) | 0.01303(5) | 0.00236(1) | -0.00055(4) | 0.00203(2) | -0.00003(3) |
| RU2  | 0.23167(2) | 0.14210(3) | -0.00025(1) | 0.00501(1) | 0.01420(5) | 0.00246(1) | -0.00123(4) | 0.00332(2) | -0.00050(3) |
| O1   | 0.4510(2)  | -0.2476(3) | 0.1143(2)   | 0.0071(2)  | 0.0211(5)  | 0.0071(1)  | 0.0064(5)   | 0.0055(2)  | 0.0021(4)   |
| O2   | 0.0064(2)  | -0.2463(3) | 0.0450(1)   | 0.0067(1)  | 0.0100(5)  | 0.0054(1)  | -0.0071(4)  | 0.0045(2)  | -0.0010(4)  |
| O3   | 0.3920(2)  | -0.1572(3) | -0.1040(2)  | 0.0105(1)  | 0.0227(5)  | 0.0074(1)  | 0.0102(5)   | 0.0110(2)  | 0.0010(4)   |
| O4   | 0.0345(2)  | -0.1305(3) | -0.1666(2)  | 0.0076(2)  | 0.0262(6)  | 0.0061(1)  | -0.0129(5)  | 0.0017(2)  | -0.0001(5)  |
| C1   | 0.3707(2)  | 0.3104(4)  | 0.1544(2)   | 0.0063(2)  | 0.0175(6)  | 0.0034(1)  | -0.0030(6)  | 0.0025(2)  | -0.0042(5)  |
| C2   | 0.3530(2)  | 0.2193(5)  | 0.2251(2)   | 0.0067(2)  | 0.0232(7)  | 0.0026(1)  | -0.0021(7)  | 0.0025(2)  | -0.0030(5)  |
| C3   | 0.2362(2)  | 0.2246(4)  | 0.2003(2)   | 0.0075(2)  | 0.0200(7)  | 0.0031(1)  | -0.0019(7)  | 0.0051(2)  | -0.0045(5)  |
| C4   | 0.1050(2)  | 0.3140(4)  | 0.1146(2)   | 0.0053(2)  | 0.0153(6)  | 0.0036(1)  | 0.0008(6)   | 0.0036(2)  | -0.0039(5)  |
| C5   | 0.2733(2)  | 0.3665(4)  | 0.0047(2)   | 0.0052(2)  | 0.0135(6)  | 0.0030(1)  | -0.0003(5)  | 0.0022(2)  | -0.0036(4)  |
| C6   | 0.2503(2)  | 0.4157(3)  | -0.0007(2)  | 0.0061(2)  | 0.0116(5)  | 0.0035(1)  | -0.0006(6)  | 0.0037(2)  | -0.0005(5)  |
| C7   | 0.1514(2)  | 0.4254(4)  | -0.0032(2)  | 0.0060(2)  | 0.0149(6)  | 0.0040(1)  | 0.0023(6)   | 0.0017(2)  | 0.0015(5)   |
| C8   | 0.1710(2)  | 0.4195(4)  | -0.1650(2)  | 0.0007(2)  | 0.0160(6)  | 0.0029(1)  | 0.0010(7)   | 0.0032(3)  | 0.0021(5)   |
| C9   | 0.2090(2)  | 0.4039(4)  | -0.1425(2)  | 0.0007(2)  | 0.0160(6)  | 0.0043(1)  | -0.0026(7)  | 0.0064(3)  | 0.0026(5)   |
| C10  | 0.3431(2)  | 0.3997(4)  | -0.0467(2)  | 0.0050(2)  | 0.0155(6)  | 0.0044(1)  | -0.0045(6)  | 0.0034(2)  | 0.0007(5)   |
| C11  | 0.3011(2)  | -0.1352(4) | 0.1040(2)   | 0.0057(2)  | 0.0177(7)  | 0.0030(1)  | -0.0037(6)  | 0.0039(2)  | -0.0002(5)  |
| C12  | 0.1576(2)  | -0.1350(4) | 0.0624(2)   | 0.0055(2)  | 0.0177(7)  | 0.0027(1)  | 0.0016(6)   | 0.0030(2)  | 0.0019(5)   |
| C13  | 0.3313(2)  | -0.0462(4) | -0.0971(2)  | 0.0065(2)  | 0.0103(7)  | 0.0033(1)  | -0.0025(6)  | 0.0040(2)  | -0.0004(5)  |
| C14  | 0.1006(2)  | -0.0200(5) | -0.1365(2)  | 0.0067(2)  | 0.0205(7)  | 0.0032(1)  | 0.0027(7)   | 0.0035(2)  | 0.0020(5)   |
| CP1  | 0.2056(0)  | 0.2069(0)  | 0.1550(0)   | 4.000(0)   |            |            |             |            |             |
| CP2  | 0.2429(0)  | 0.4129(0)  | -0.0093(0)  | 4.000(0)   |            |            |             |            |             |

THE FORM OF THE ANISOTROPIC THERMAL PARAMETER IS:  
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Supplementary Material - 2

Compound 2: Interatomic Distances and Angles with Estimated Standard Deviations in Parentheses.

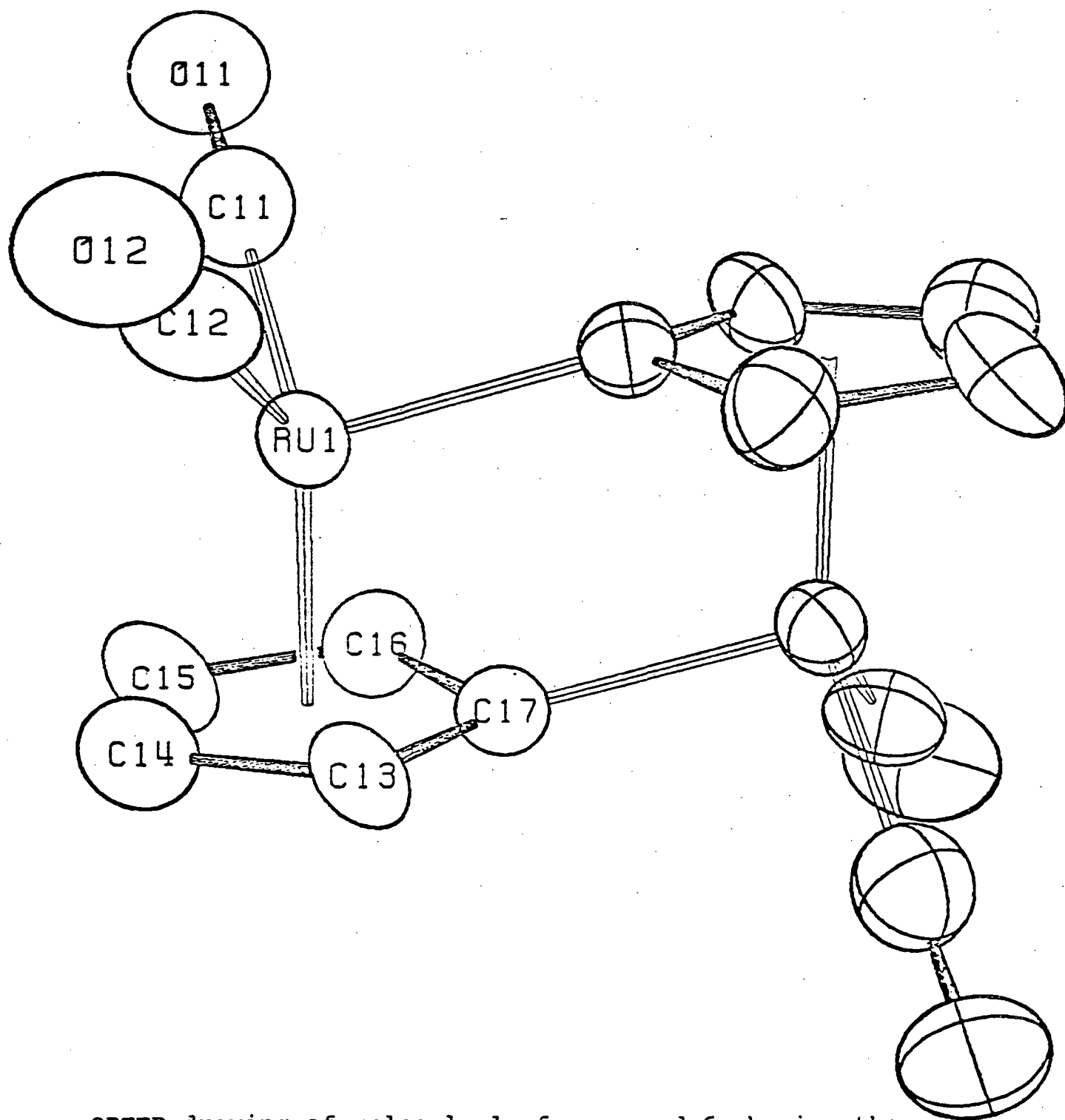
INTERATOMIC DISTANCES  
ATOM 1 ATOM 2 DISTANCE

|     |     |          |
|-----|-----|----------|
| RU1 | RU2 | 2.821(1) |
| RU1 | C11 | 1.868(3) |
| RU1 | C12 | 1.866(3) |
| RU1 | C1  | 2.257(2) |
| RU1 | C2  | 2.268(2) |
| RU1 | C3  | 2.251(2) |
| RU1 | C4  | 2.232(2) |
| RU1 | C5  | 2.223(2) |
| RU1 | CP1 | 1.894 *  |
| RU2 | C13 | 1.878(3) |
| RU2 | C14 | 1.886(3) |
| RU2 | C6  | 2.241(2) |
| RU2 | C7  | 2.242(2) |
| RU2 | C8  | 2.259(2) |
| RU2 | C9  | 2.268(2) |
| RU2 | C18 | 2.238(2) |
| RU2 | CP2 | 1.896 *  |
| C11 | O1  | 1.151(3) |
| C12 | O2  | 1.143(3) |
| C13 | O3  | 1.129(3) |
| C14 | O4  | 1.132(3) |
| C1  | C2  | 1.425(3) |
| C1  | C5  | 1.431(3) |
| C2  | C3  | 1.398(3) |
| C3  | C4  | 1.487(3) |
| C4  | C5  | 1.417(3) |
| C5  | C6  | 1.457(3) |
| C6  | C7  | 1.424(3) |
| C7  | C8  | 1.415(3) |
| C8  | C9  | 1.411(3) |
| C9  | C18 | 1.473(3) |
| C18 | C6  | 1.427(3) |

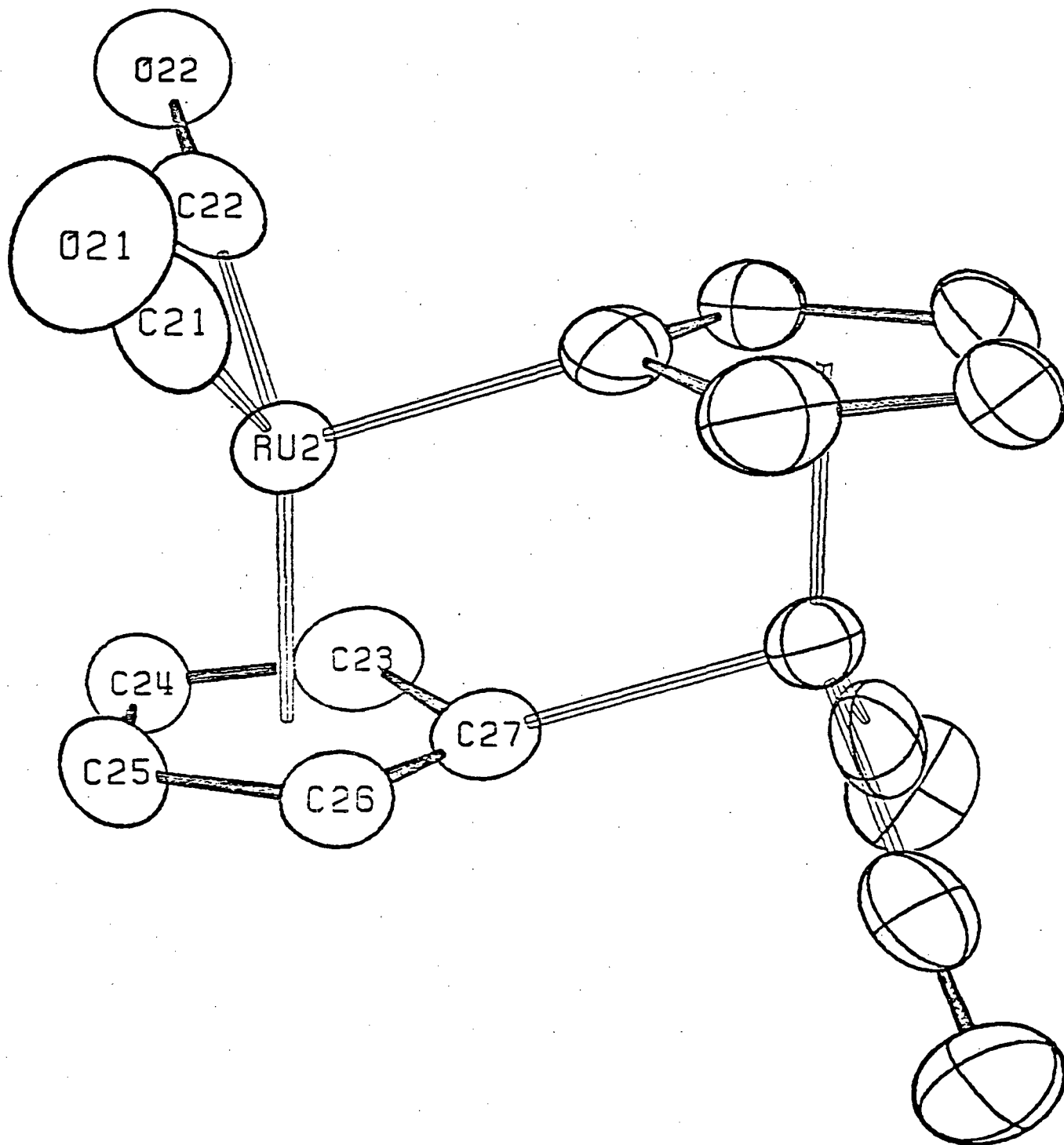
INTRAMOLECULAR ANGLES  
ATOM 1 ATOM 2 ATOM 3 ANGLE

|     |     |     |            |
|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| RU2 | RU1 | C11 | 94.48(8)   |
| RU2 | RU1 | C12 | 93.32(7)   |
| RU2 | RU1 | CP1 | 105.4 *    |
| C11 | RU1 | C12 | 91.49(11)  |
| C11 | RU1 | CP1 | 138.2 *    |
| C12 | RU1 | CP1 | 131.1 *    |
| RU1 | RU2 | C13 | 92.96(7)   |
| RU1 | RU2 | C14 | 93.97(8)   |
| RU1 | RU2 | CP2 | 104.7 *    |
| C13 | RU2 | C14 | 98.58(11)  |
| C13 | RU2 | CP2 | 138.1 *    |
| C14 | RU2 | CP2 | 132.9 *    |
| RU1 | C11 | O1  | 176.54(22) |
| RU1 | C12 | O2  | 176.86(21) |
| RU2 | C13 | O3  | 178.26(21) |
| RU2 | C14 | O4  | 179.28(23) |
| C5  | C1  | C2  | 107.66(19) |
| C1  | C2  | C3  | 107.67(28) |
| C2  | C3  | C4  | 109.28(28) |
| C3  | C4  | C5  | 107.97(28) |
| C4  | C5  | C1  | 107.48(28) |
| C4  | C5  | C6  | 125.73(18) |
| C1  | C5  | C6  | 124.69(19) |
| C5  | C6  | C7  | 124.38(21) |
| C5  | C6  | C18 | 125.51(19) |
| C18 | C6  | C7  | 107.17(21) |
| C6  | C7  | C8  | 107.67(21) |
| C7  | C8  | C9  | 108.71(22) |
| C8  | C9  | C18 | 107.79(21) |
| C9  | C18 | C6  | 108.65(28) |

\* CP1 and CP2 are the geometric centroids of each five member ring of the fulvalene.



ORTEP drawing of molecule 1 of compound 6 showing the labeling scheme used in the positional and thermal parameters and bond lengths and angles tables.



ORTEP drawing of molecule 2 of compound 6 showing the labeling scheme used in positional and thermal parameter and bond length and angles tables.

Table of Positional and Thermal Parameters and Their Estimated Standard Deviations.

| Atom | x         | y          | z          | B(1,1)    | B(2,2)    | B(3,3)     | B(1,2)    | B(1,3)    | B(2,3)    |
|------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| RU1  | 0.2586(1) | 0.1787(18) | 0.08920(6) | 0.020(2)  | 0.0187(1) | 0.08471(6) | 0.0188(2) | 0.0822(2) | 0.0032(1) |
| RU2  | 0.2968(1) | 0.20787(9) | 0.49991(6) | 0.0269(2) | 0.0183(1) | 0.08415(5) | 0.0155(3) | 0.0819(2) | 0.0038(1) |
| O11  | 0.062(1)  | 0.1673(11) | 0.1814(6)  | 0.039(2)  | 0.029(2)  | 0.0888(6)  | 0.029(3)  | 0.015(2)  | 0.009(2)  |
| O12  | 0.036(1)  | 0.2528(12) | 0.1776(7)  | 0.042(2)  | 0.038(2)  | 0.0188(7)  | 0.042(3)  | 0.015(2)  | 0.001(2)  |
| O21  | 0.138(1)  | 0.2238(11) | 0.5996(10) | 0.032(2)  | 0.026(1)  | 0.0133(8)  | 0.027(3)  | 0.082(2)  | 0.013(2)  |
| O22  | 0.389(1)  | 0.4383(9)  | 0.0391(6)  | 0.053(2)  | 0.028(1)  | 0.0893(5)  | 0.038(2)  | 0.088(2)  | 0.012(1)  |
| C11  | 0.059(2)  | 0.171(1)   | 0.1072(9)  | 0.029(3)  | 0.019(2)  | 0.0878(8)  | 0.015(4)  | 0.083(3)  | 0.004(2)  |
| C12  | 0.075(2)  | 0.222(1)   | 0.1107(9)  | 0.032(3)  | 0.021(2)  | 0.0860(8)  | 0.028(3)  | 0.082(3)  | 0.002(2)  |
| C13  | 0.522(2)  | 0.222(1)   | 0.1168(8)  | 0.027(3)  | 0.011(1)  | 0.0868(7)  | 0.014(3)  | 0.088(2)  | 0.001(2)  |
| C14  | 0.383(2)  | 0.398(1)   | 0.0948(18) | 0.031(3)  | 0.018(2)  | 0.0882(9)  | 0.019(4)  | 0.086(3)  | 0.006(2)  |
| C15  | 0.378(2)  | 0.378(1)   | 0.0179(11) | 0.039(3)  | 0.014(1)  | 0.0118(18) | 0.028(3)  | 0.081(3)  | 0.007(2)  |
| C16  | 0.586(2)  | 0.188(1)   | 0.0784(8)  | 0.024(2)  | 0.017(1)  | 0.0878(7)  | 0.015(3)  | 0.081(2)  | 0.012(1)  |
| C17  | 0.606(1)  | 0.097(1)   | 0.0158(8)  | 0.019(2)  | 0.013(1)  | 0.0849(6)  | 0.012(3)  | 0.083(2)  | 0.004(1)  |
| C21  | 0.031(2)  | 0.219(1)   | 0.5641(9)  | 0.035(3)  | 0.013(2)  | 0.0878(8)  | 0.021(3)  | 0.018(2)  | 0.008(2)  |
| C22  | 0.388(2)  | 0.344(1)   | 0.5878(8)  | 0.048(3)  | 0.016(2)  | 0.0844(7)  | 0.024(4)  | 0.088(3)  | 0.002(2)  |
| C23  | 0.568(2)  | 0.281(1)   | 0.3793(9)  | 0.048(3)  | 0.017(2)  | 0.0862(8)  | 0.036(3)  | 0.086(3)  | 0.005(2)  |
| C24  | 0.381(2)  | 0.353(1)   | 0.3332(8)  | 0.034(3)  | 0.013(2)  | 0.0845(7)  | 0.015(3)  | 0.081(2)  | 0.001(2)  |
| C25  | 0.239(2)  | 0.298(1)   | 0.3181(8)  | 0.032(3)  | 0.016(2)  | 0.0848(7)  | 0.011(4)  | 0.088(3)  | 0.001(2)  |
| C26  | 0.329(2)  | 0.096(1)   | 0.3588(8)  | 0.029(3)  | 0.015(2)  | 0.0845(6)  | 0.015(3)  | 0.088(2)  | 0.005(2)  |
| C27  | 0.536(2)  | 0.039(1)   | 0.3911(7)  | 0.036(3)  | 0.012(1)  | 0.0836(6)  | 0.018(3)  | 0.086(2)  | 0.003(1)  |

| Atom | x        | y        | z          | B.A | Occ.     |
|------|----------|----------|------------|-----|----------|
| RU1' | 0.158(2) | 0.320(1) | 0.0842(18) | 3.0 | 0.065(2) |
| RU2' | 0.149(1) | 0.331(1) | 0.4963(8)  | 3.0 | 0.001(2) |
| CP1  | 0.4791   | 0.2635   | 0.0275     |     |          |
| CP2  | 0.4106   | 0.1950   | 0.3559     |     |          |

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The form of the anisotropic thermal parameter is:

$$\text{expt}[-(B(1,1)h^2 + B(2,2)k^2 + B(3,3)l^2 + B(1,2)hk + B(1,3)hl + B(2,3)kl)].$$

Estimated standard deviations in the least significant digits are shown in parentheses

\* CP1 and CP2 are the centroids of cyclopentadienyl rings C13-C17 and C23-C27 respectively.

Intramolecular Angles (deg.)

| ATOM 1 | ATOM 2 | ATOM 3 | ANGLE    |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| CP1 *  | RU1    | C11    | 138.8    |
| CP1 *  | RU1    | C12    | 129.3    |
| CP1 *  | RU1    | C17    | 106.9    |
| C17    | RU1    | C11    | 93.7(3)  |
| C17    | RU1    | C12    | 95.1(3)  |
| C11    | RU1    | C12    | 92.1(3)  |
| CP2 *  | RU2    | C21    | 129.6    |
| CP2 *  | RU2    | C22    | 130.9    |
| CP2 *  | RU2    | C27    | 107.9    |
| C27    | RU2    | C21    | 94.6(3)  |
| C27    | RU2    | C22    | 94.2(3)  |
| C21    | RU2    | C22    | 89.8(3)  |
| RU1    | C17    | C13    | 123.9(5) |
| RU1    | C17    | C16    | 125.1(5) |
| C16    | C17    | C13    | 106.7(6) |
| C17    | C13    | C14    | 100.0(7) |
| C13    | C14    | C15    | 107.7(7) |
| C14    | C15    | C16    | 109.3(7) |
| C15    | C16    | C17    | 107.2(6) |
| RU2    | C27    | C23    | 122.6(6) |
| RU2    | C27    | C26    | 125.1(5) |
| C26    | C27    | C23    | 107.1(7) |
| C27    | C23    | C24    | 107.4(7) |
| C23    | C24    | C25    | 108.7(6) |
| C24    | C25    | C26    | 108.4(6) |
| C25    | C26    | C27    | 108.2(6) |
| RU1    | C11    | O11    | 178.8(8) |
| RU1    | C12    | O12    | 176.8(7) |
| RU2    | C21    | O21    | 177.1(8) |
| RU2    | C22    | O22    | 176.9(7) |
| RU1'   | RU1    | C11    | 68.5(5)  |
| RU1'   | RU1    | C12    | 89.6(5)  |
| RU1'   | RU1    | C17    | 161.8(4) |
| RU1'   | RU1    | CP1    | 83.2(4)  |
| RU2'   | RU2    | C21    | 53.4(4)  |
| RU2'   | RU2    | C22    | 67.6(4)  |
| RU2'   | RU2    | C27    | 141.1(4) |
| RU2'   | RU2    | CP2    | 109.9(3) |

\* CP1 and CP2 are the centroids of the cyclopentadiene ligands.

Intramolecular distances.

| ATOM 1 | ATOM 2 | DISTANCE  |
|--------|--------|-----------|
| RU1    | C11    | 1.878(9)  |
| RU1    | C12    | 1.849(9)  |
| RU1    | C17    | 2.077(6)  |
| RU1    | CP1 *  | 1.882     |
| RU1    | C13    | 2.287(7)  |
| RU1    | C14    | 2.249(8)  |
| RU1    | C15    | 2.278(8)  |
| RU1    | C16    | 2.221(7)  |
| RU1    | C17    | 2.242(7)  |
| RU2    | C21    | 1.889(10) |
| RU2    | C22    | 1.868(9)  |
| RU2    | C27    | 2.899(7)  |
| RU2    | CP2 *  | 1.891     |
| RU2    | C23    | 2.233(8)  |
| RU2    | C24    | 2.248(7)  |
| RU2    | C25    | 2.278(7)  |
| RU2    | C26    | 2.238(7)  |
| RU2    | C27    | 2.277(7)  |
| C11    | O11    | 1.163(9)  |
| C12    | O12    | 1.155(9)  |
| C21    | O21    | 1.143(10) |
| C22    | O22    | 1.158(9)  |
| C13    | C14    | 1.429(10) |
| C14    | C15    | 1.393(12) |
| C15    | C16    | 1.438(10) |
| C16    | C17    | 1.443(9)  |
| C17    | C13    | 1.425(9)  |
| C23    | C24    | 1.455(11) |
| C24    | C25    | 1.397(11) |
| C25    | C26    | 1.452(9)  |
| C26    | C27    | 1.435(11) |
| C27    | C23    | 1.454(10) |

\* CP1 and CP2 are the centroids of the cyclopentadiene rings.

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