

# Polynuclear cyanoruthenate chromophores based on hexaaza-triphenylene containing up to twelve cyanides: photophysical and structural properties

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## *Supporting information*

Table S1: Analytical,  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and IR spectroscopic data for the  $\text{Ru}_x$ -HAT complexes

Complex	Elem analysis (%C, %H, %N) <sup>a</sup>	$^1\text{H}$ -NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) $\delta$ (ppm)	Principal IR spectral peaks ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) <sup>c</sup>
$\text{Na}_2[\text{Ru}(\text{C}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{CN})_4].4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	33.9 (34.4) 2.3 (2.5) 25.0 (25.1)	9.18 (2H, s) 9.25 (2H, d, $J$ 2.75 Hz) 9.74 (2H, d, $J$ 2.75 Hz)	3431, 2105, 2073, 2062, 1629, 1384
$\text{PPN}_2[\text{Ru}(\text{C}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{CN})_4].5\text{H}_2\text{O}^{\text{b}}$	65.6 (65.8) 4.5 (4.7) 10.3 (10.5)	7.55 (60H, multiplet) 9.02 (2H, d, $J$ 2.85Hz) 9.21 (2H, s) 10.00 (2H, d, $J$ 2.9Hz)	3435, 2099, 2071, 1639, <b>1438, 1289,</b> <b>1265, 1115, 724, 693,</b> <b>548, 534</b>
$\text{Na}_4[\text{Ru}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{CN})_8].8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	26.2 (27.2) 2.4 (2.51) 21.9 (22.2)	9.33 (2H, d, $J$ 2.75Hz) 9.64 (2H, s) 9.77 (2H, d, $J$ 2.75Hz)	3436, 2099, 2068, 2057, 1632, 1387
$\text{PPN}_4[\text{Ru}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{CN})_8].14\text{H}_2\text{O}^{\text{b}}$	64.6 (64.5) 4.8 (5.1) 8.22 (8.26)	7.55 (120H, multiplet) 8.90 (2H, d, $J$ 2.75Hz) 9.60 (2H, s) 9.93 (2H, d, $J$ 2.75Hz)	3435, 2097, 2069, 1636, <b>1437, 1262,</b> <b>1115, 724, 694, 549,</b> <b>533</b>
$\text{Na}_6[\text{Ru}_3(\text{C}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{CN})_{12}].12\text{H}_2\text{O}$	23.0 (23.94) 2.4 (2.51) 20.0 (20.94)	9.66 (6H,s)	3436, 2102, 2070, 1630, 1390
$\text{PPN}_6[\text{Ru}_3(\text{C}_{12}\text{N}_6\text{H}_6)(\text{CN})_{12}].10\text{H}_2\text{O}^{\text{b}}$	67.6 (67.6) 4.9 (4.8) 8.1 (7.9)	7.55 (180H,multiplet) 9.54 (6H, s)	3434, 2093, 2068, 1634, <b>1437, 1263,</b> <b>1114, 723, 692, 548,</b> <b>534</b>

<sup>a</sup> calculated figures are in parentheses.

<sup>b</sup> PPN salts are hygroscopic, elemental analysis have been done on samples which had attained a final steady weight in air

<sup>c</sup> PPN bands are in red.

*Table S2: UV-vis absorption spectra of Ru<sub>x</sub>-HAT derivates*

<b>Sodium salts</b>				
<b>Compounds</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>		<b>CH<sub>3</sub>OH</b>	
	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Na <sub>2</sub> [Ru(C <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )(CN) <sub>4</sub> ].4H <sub>2</sub> O	443	8.2	482	8.8
Na <sub>4</sub> [Ru <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )(CN) <sub>8</sub> ].8H <sub>2</sub> O	478	14.1	520	15.9
	516 (sh)	13.7	571 (sh)	13.9
Na <sub>6</sub> [Ru <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )(CN) <sub>12</sub> ].12H <sub>2</sub> O	524	28.0	575	28.3

<b>PPN salts</b>						
<b>Compounds</b>	<b>CH<sub>3</sub>CN</b>		<b>DCM</b>		<b>DMF</b>	
	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda$ (nm)	$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
PPN <sub>2</sub> [Ru(C <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )(CN) <sub>4</sub> ].5H <sub>2</sub> O	527	11.7	523	11.4	546	11.3
PPN <sub>4</sub> [Ru <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )(CN) <sub>8</sub> ].14H <sub>2</sub> O	578(sh)	8.5	579(sh)	8.1	618(sh)	7.1
	576	21.1	572	22.2	596	22.8
	657(sh)	14.1	644(sh)	14.2	692	12.6
PPN <sub>6</sub> [Ru <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )(CN) <sub>12</sub> ].10H <sub>2</sub> O	780sh	5.7	744(sh)	6.1	805	6.4
	602sh	27.2	593sh	26.4	610sh	26.3
	666	34.8	632	32.6	692	36.4
	739sh	21.1	705sh	21.1	762sh	20.95

Table S3: Bond lengths in the crystal structure of  $Nd_2[\{Ru(CN)_4\}_3(\mu^3-HAT) \bullet 23H_2O$

Nd(1)-O(55')	2.425(17)
Nd(1)-O(51)	2.482(8)
Nd(1)-O(54)	2.496(6)
Nd(1)-N(34)#1	2.515(8)
Nd(1)-O(55)	2.518(14)
Nd(1)-N(46)#2	2.525(9)
Nd(1)-O(53)	2.528(7)
Nd(1)-N(44)	2.555(7)
Nd(1)-N(48)#3	2.571(9)
Nd(1)-O(52)	2.59(3)
Nd(1)-O(52')	2.62(2)
Ru(2)-C(33)#4	1.970(9)
Ru(2)-C(33)	1.970(9)
Ru(2)-C(35)	2.022(15)
Ru(2)-C(31)	2.032(17)
Ru(2)-N(15)#4	2.104(7)
Ru(2)-N(15)	2.104(7)
Ru(3)-C(45)	1.975(10)
Ru(3)-C(43)	1.978(9)
Ru(3)-C(47)	1.998(10)
Ru(3)-C(41)	2.040(10)
Ru(3)-N(22)	2.111(8)
Ru(3)-N(12)	2.115(7)

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 x+1,y,z-1 #2 -x+2,-y+1,-z+1 #3 x+1,y,z  
#4 x,-y+1/2,z #5 x-1,y,z+1 #6 x-1,y,z #7 -x+2,-y+1,-z+2