

Supporting Information

for

Tetrametallic Rectangular Box Complexes Assembled from Heteroligated Macrocycles

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Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere in reagent grade solvents, using standard Schlenk or dry-box techniques.¹ All other solvents were purified by published methods.² Chemicals were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., unless otherwise mentioned or prepared by literature methods as referenced below. ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz spectrometer using deuterated solvents and H₃PO₄ as internal and external references, respectively. Electrospray mass spectra (ES MS) were recorded on a Micromas Quatro II triple quadrupole mass spectrometer. Electron ionization mass spectra (EIMS) were recorded on a Fisons VG 70-250 SE mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were obtained from Quantitative Technologies Inc. of Whitehouse, NJ. Crystallographic material can be found on the WWW.

4a. To a stirred solution of complex **3** · [BF₄]₂ (12.6 mg, 8.51 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), a solution of 1,4-dicyanobenzene (1.1 mg, 8.58 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added via syringe and the reaction stirred for 10 min. Pentane was then added to precipitate out the product. Filtering through a fritted funnel to remove solvent and subsequent drying *in vacuo* resulted in pure product **4a**. Yield 13.0 mg, 95%. ³¹P{¹H} NMR: (CD₂Cl₂) δ 67.3 (dd, *J*_{P-P} = 41 Hz, *J*_{Rh-P} = 166 Hz) and δ 26.7 (dd, *J*_{P-P} = 42 Hz, *J*_{Rh-P} = 164 Hz). ¹H NMR: (CD₂Cl₂) δ 8.27-6.71 (m, aromatic), 5.08 (m), 4.87 (m), 2.93 (m), 2.70 (m), 2.30 (m), 1.11 (m). Due to the labile nature of the Rh-N bond, ESI mass spectra of complex **4a**, showed complex **3** which presumably forms owing to the harsh ionization conditions within the mass spectrometer. Diffraction quality crystals were grown from a concentrated solution of **4a** in dichloromethane and layered with pentane. Elemental analysis for C₁₅₂H₁₃₆P₈S₄O₄N₄Rh₄B₄F₁₆ · 2CH₂Cl₂ calcd: 54.60% C, 4.17% H. Found: 54.58% C, 4.098% H.

4b. To a stirred solution of complex **3** · [BF₄]₂ (10.5 mg, 7.09 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), a solution of 4,4'-dicyanobiphenyl (1.45 mg, 7.10 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added via syringe and the reaction stirred for 10 min. Pentane was then added to precipitate out the product. Filtering through a fritted funnel to remove solvent and subsequent drying *in vacuo* resulted in pure product **4b**. Yield 11.2 mg, 94%. ³¹P{¹H} NMR: (CD₂Cl₂) δ 69.3 (dd, *J*_{P-P} = 42 Hz, *J*_{Rh-P} = 169 Hz) and δ 32.2 (dd, *J*_{P-P} = 41 Hz, *J*_{Rh-}

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$\nu_{\text{P}} = 164 \text{ Hz}$). ^1H NMR: (CD_2Cl_2) δ 8.17-6.76 (m, aromatic), 5.47 (m), 4.60 (m), 2.97 (m), 2.83 (m), 2.42 (m), 1.37 (m). Due to the labile nature of the Rh-N bond, ESI mass spectra of complex **4b**, showed complex **3** which presumably forms owing to the harsh ionization conditions within the mass spectrometer. Elemental analysis for $\text{C}_{164}\text{H}_{144}\text{P}_8\text{S}_4\text{O}_4\text{N}_4\text{Rh}_4\text{B}_4\text{F}_{16} \cdot 1\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ calcd: 57.36% C, 4.26% H. Found: 57.53% C, 4.25% H.

4c. To a stirred solution of complex **3** $\cdot [\text{BF}_4]_2$ (9.20 mg, 6.21 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL), a solution of zinc salen pyridyl terminated bridging ligand **5**⁴ (4.06 mg, 6.21 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added via syringe and the reaction stirred for 10 min. Pentane was then added to precipitate out the product. Filtering through a fritted funnel to remove solvent and subsequent drying *in vacuo* resulted in pure product **4c**. Yield 12.2 mg, 92%. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR: (CD_2Cl_2) δ 70.7 (dd, $J_{\text{P-P}} = 42 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 156 \text{ Hz}$) and δ 37.9 (dd, $J_{\text{P-P}} = 42 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 175 \text{ Hz}$). ^1H NMR: (CD_2Cl_2) δ 8.19-6.42 (m, aromatic), 5.80 (m), 4.60 (m), 3.19 (m), 2.90 (m), 2.42 (m), 1.56 (s), 1.49 (s), 1.32 (s). ESI MS for $[\text{C}_{212}\text{H}_{216}\text{S}_4\text{O}_8\text{P}_8\text{N}_8\text{Rh}_4]^{4+}$ calcd (M - 2 Zn + 2H): 948.8. Found: 948.6. Elemental analysis for $\text{C}_{212}\text{H}_{216}\text{N}_8\text{O}_8\text{P}_8\text{S}_4\text{Rh}_4\text{Zn}_2\text{B}_4\text{F}_{16} \cdot 1\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ calcd: 59.63 % C, 5.12 % H. Found: 59.47% C, 5.10% H.

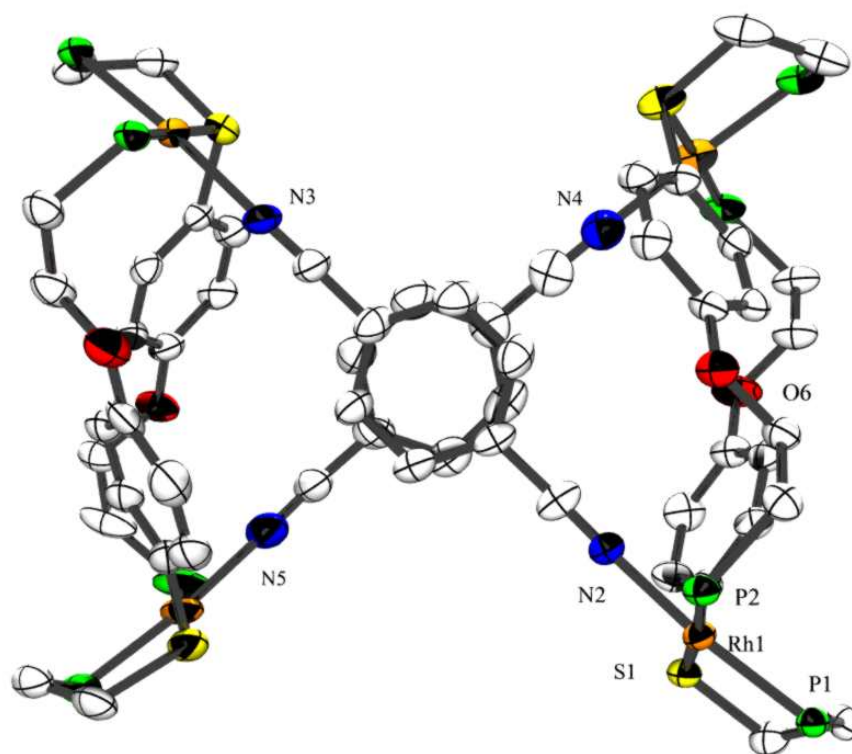


Figure S1. ORTEP diagram side view of **4a** depicting the torsion angle about each bridging ligand. Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules, counter ions, and phenyl rings appended to each P atom have been omitted for clarity. Labeling and coloring scheme is as follows: Rh (orange); P (green); O (red); S (yellow); N (blue).⁵

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