

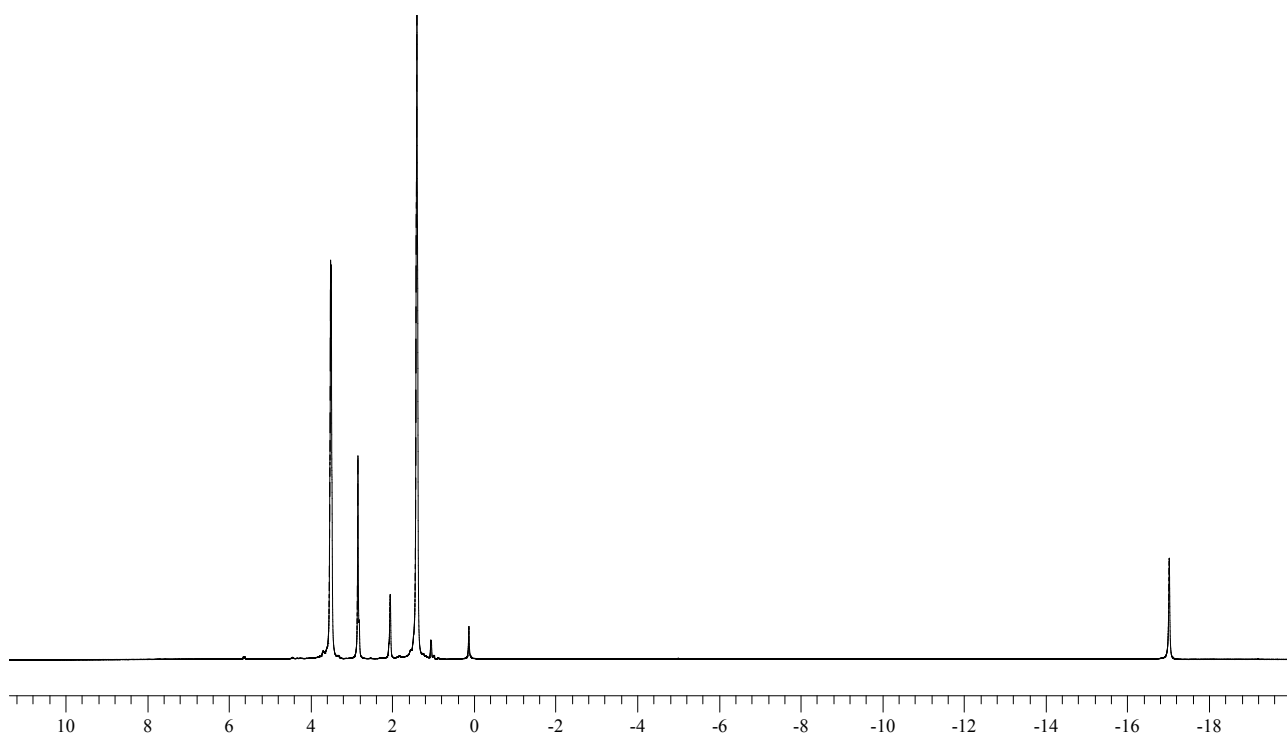
## Supporting Information for

### One-Pot Atmospheric Pressure Synthesis of $[\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]^-$

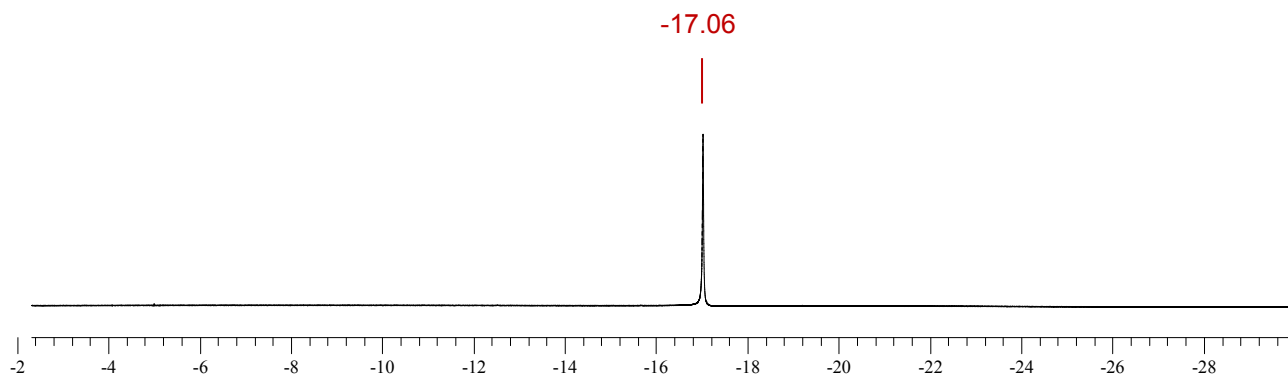
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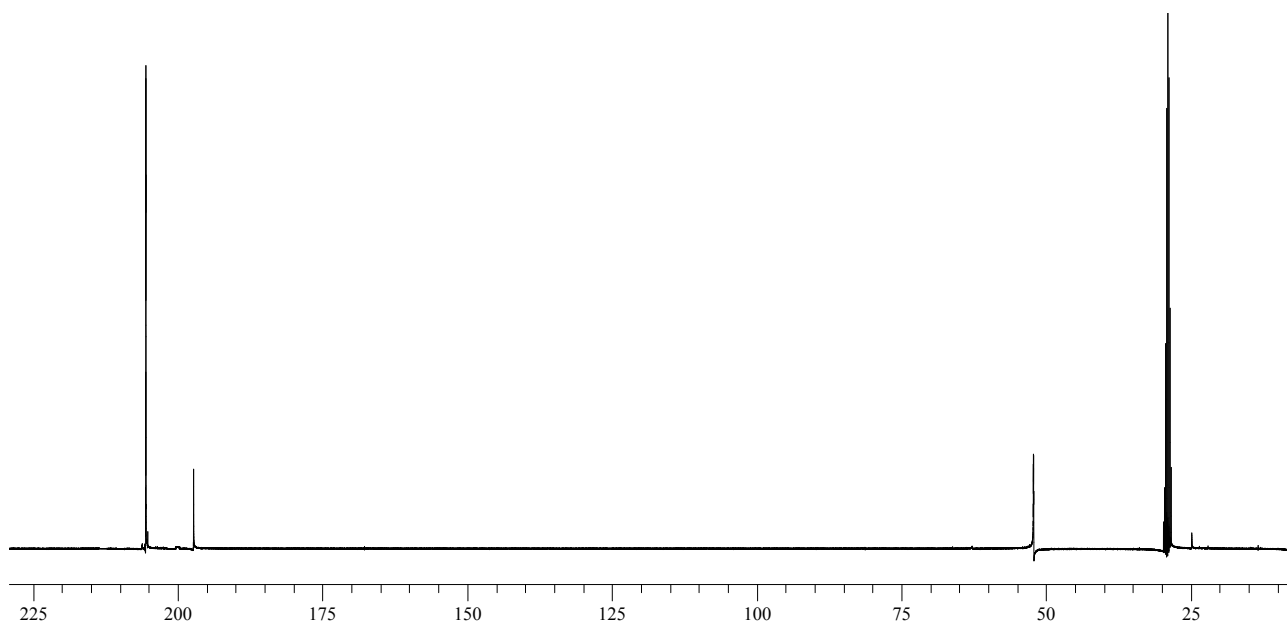
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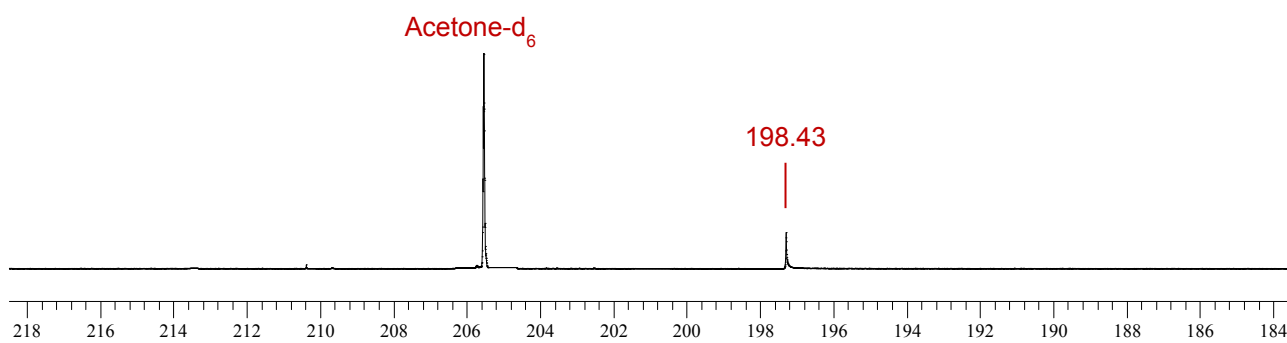
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [NEt<sub>4</sub>][H<sub>3</sub>Ru<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>] (**1**) in acetone-d<sup>6</sup>.



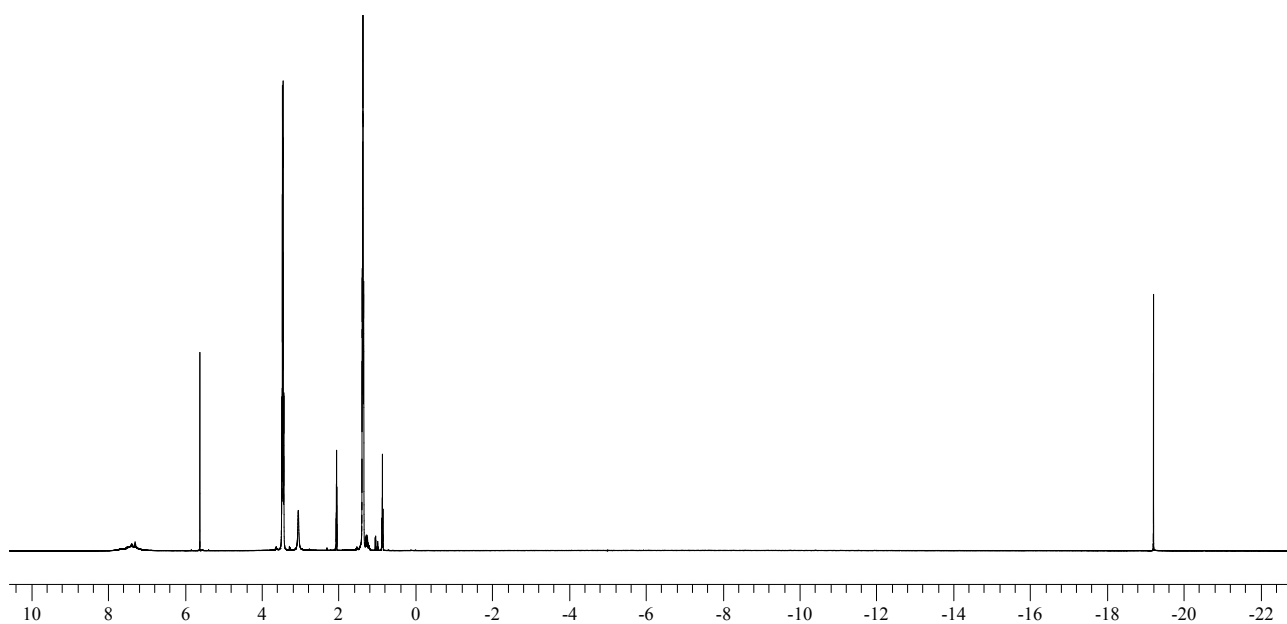
**Figure S2.** Hydride region of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [NEt<sub>4</sub>][H<sub>3</sub>Ru<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>] (**1**) in acetone-d<sup>6</sup>.



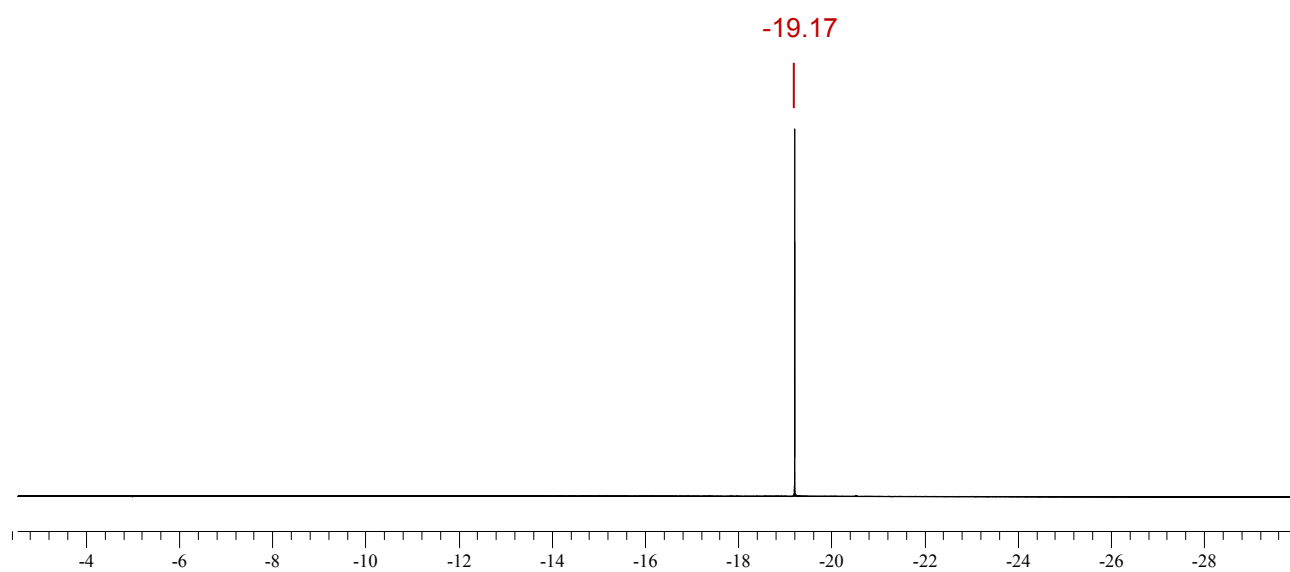
**Figure S3.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NEt}_4][\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]$  (**1**) in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ .



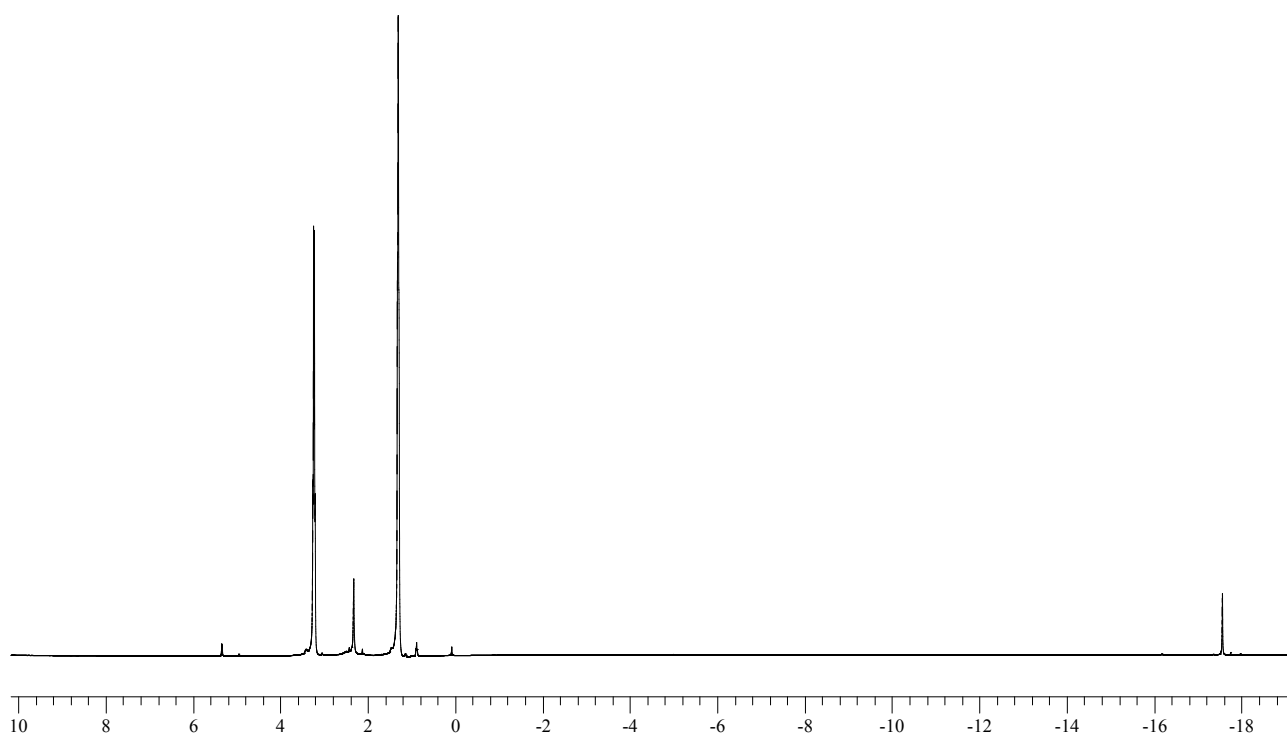
**Figure S4.** Carbonyl region of the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NEt}_4][\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]$  (**1**) in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ .



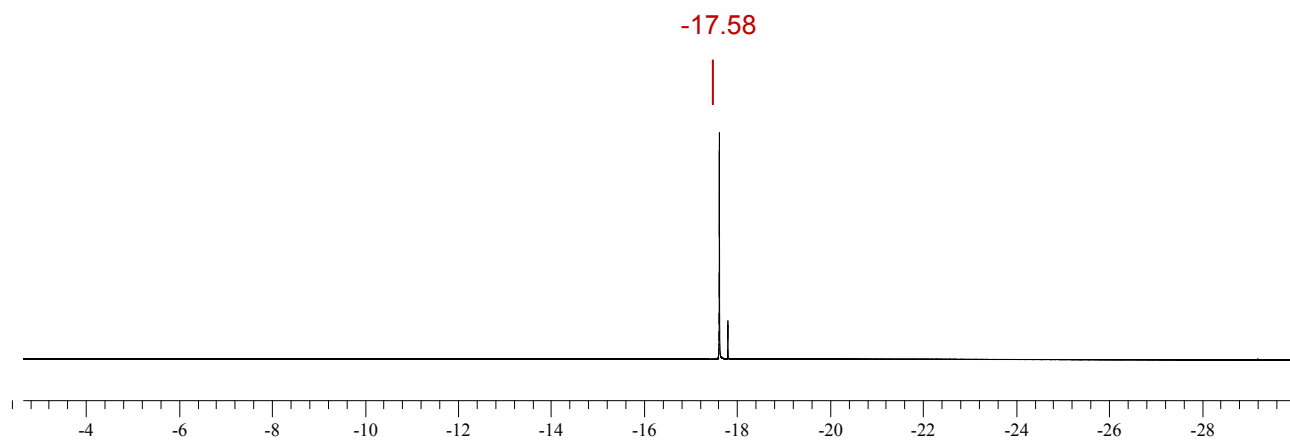
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NEt}_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]$  in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ .



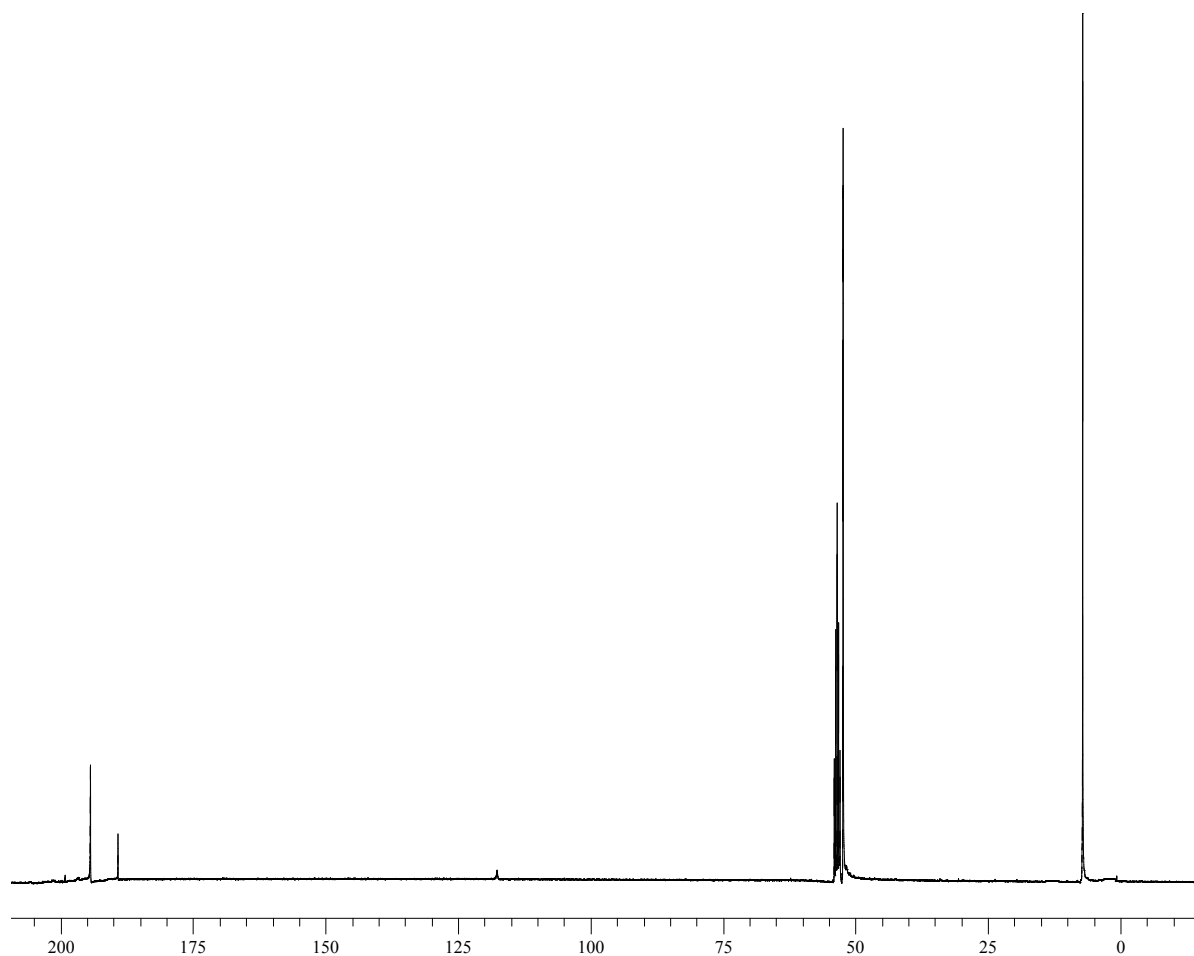
**Figure S6.** Hydride region of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{NEt}_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]$  in acetone- $\text{d}_6$ .



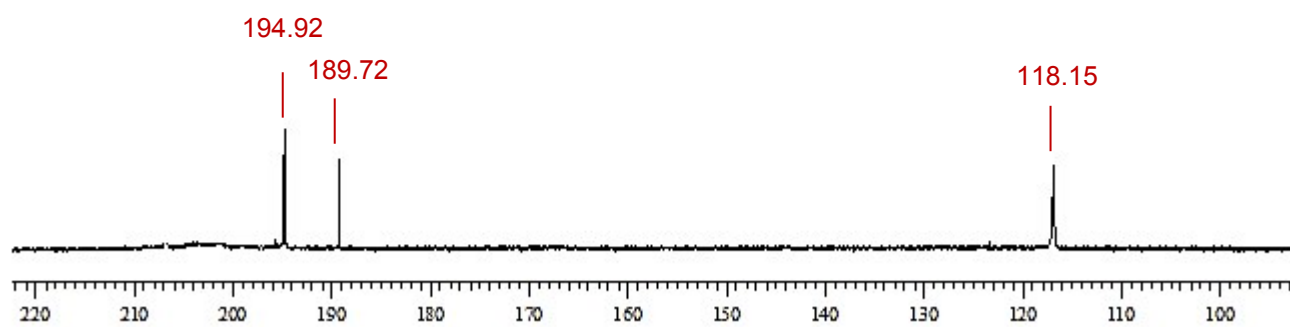
**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [H<sub>3</sub>Ru<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>(CuCH<sub>3</sub>CN)] in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



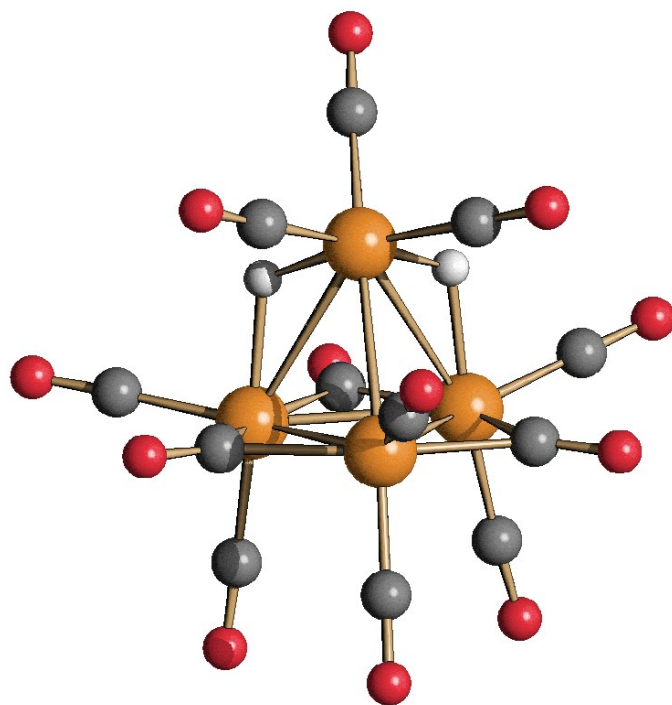
**Figure S8.** Hydride region of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [H<sub>3</sub>Ru<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>(CuCH<sub>3</sub>CN)] in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



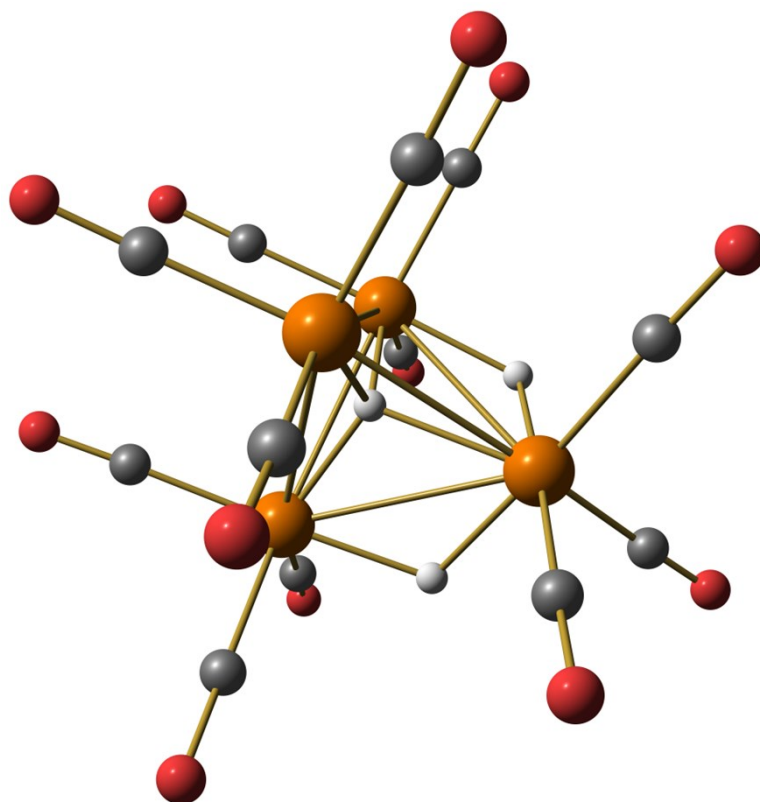
**Figure S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}(\text{CuCH}_3\text{CN})]$  in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



**Figure S10.** Carbonyl region of  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}(\text{CuCH}_3\text{CN})]$  in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



**Figure S11.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{H}_2\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]^{2-}$  (orange Ru; red O; grey C; white H).



**Fig. S12.** DFT-optimized structure of the most stable  $[\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]^-$  isomer with one  $\mu_4\text{-H}$  (orange Ru; red O; grey C; white H).

**Table S1**

Crystal data and experimental details for  $[\text{NET}_4][\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]$ ,

$\text{K}_2[\text{NET}_4]_2[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{Br})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4] \cdot 5\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2[\text{NET}_4]_3[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{Br})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4][\text{Br}] \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $[\text{NET}_4]_4[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{Br})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4] \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2[\text{NBu}_4]_2[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{Br})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4] \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2[\text{NET}_4]_2[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{Cl})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4] \cdot 6\text{CH}_3\text{CN} \cdot \text{solv}$ ,  $[\text{NET}_4]_4[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{I})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4] \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $\text{K}[\text{NET}_4]_3\{\text{[Ru}_{10}(\text{CO})_{20}(\text{Br})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4]_2\}$ ,  $[\text{NET}_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]$ ,  $[\text{Ag}(\text{IPr})_2][\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}] \cdot \text{solv}$ ,  $[\text{NET}_4]_2[\text{Ru}_6\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{IMes})_2]_2[\{\text{Ru}_6\text{C}(\text{CO})_{16}\}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{Cl}_2] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{solv}$ ,  $[\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}(\text{CuCH}_3\text{CN})]$ ,  $[\text{NET}_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}(\text{CuBr})_2] \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , and  $[\text{NET}_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Ru}_{12}(\text{CO})_{34}\text{Cu}_6\text{Br}_2] \cdot \text{solv}$ .

	$[\text{NET}_4][\text{H}_3\text{Ru}_4(\text{CO})_{12}]$	$\text{K}_2[\text{NET}_4]_2[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{Br})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4] \cdot 5\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$	$\text{K}_2[\text{NET}_4]_3[\text{Ru}_8(\text{CO})_{16}(\text{Br})_4(\text{CO}_3)_4][\text{Br}] \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$
Formula	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_{12}\text{Ru}_4$	$\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{70}\text{Br}_4\text{K}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_{33}\text{Ru}_8$	$\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{84}\text{Br}_5\text{K}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_{32}\text{Ru}_8$
<i>F</i> w	873.67	2445.49	2597.57
T, K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
$\lambda$ , Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/n$
a, Å	16.1592(7)	19.1095(8)	17.210(3)
b, Å	11.8097(5)	17.8113(7)	24.421(4)
c, Å	29.3937(13)	22.7190(9)	19.758(4)
$\alpha$ , °	90	90	90
$\beta$ , °	100.7560(10)	93.1740(10)	90.980(6)
$\gamma$ , °	90	90	90
Cell Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	5510.8(4)	7720.9(5)	8303(3)
Z	8	4	4
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.106	2.104	2.078
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.209	3.780	4.000
F(000)	3376	4736	5048
Crystal size, mm	0.19×0.16×0.14	0.21×0.18×0.16	0.18×0.16×0.11
$\theta$ limits, °	1.575–25.998	1.454–25.999	1.556–25.000
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19 -14 ≤ k ≤ 14 -36 ≤ l ≤ 36	-23 ≤ h ≤ 23 -21 ≤ k ≤ 21 -28 ≤ l ≤ 28	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20 -29 ≤ k ≤ 29 -23 ≤ l ≤ 23
Reflections collected	105608	142356	59265
Independent reflections	10814 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0724]	15106 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.1080]	14377 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.1250]
Completeness to	99.9%	99.8%	98.3%



$\theta$ max			
Data / restraints / parameters	10814 / 0 / 693	15106 / 12 / 919	14377 / 571 / 955
Goodness on fit on $F^2$	1.237	1.043	1.199
$R_1$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0320	0.0286	0.1514
w $R_2$ (all data)	0.0672	0.0656	0.3675
Largest diff. peak and hole, e $\text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.759 / -0.714	1.059 / -1.376	4.955 / -2.562

	<b>[NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sub>4</sub>[Ru<sub>8</sub>(CO)<sub>16</sub>(Br)<sub>4</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]· 2CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>K<sub>2</sub>[NBu<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ru<sub>8</sub>(CO)<sub>16</sub>(Br)<sub>4</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]· 4CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>K<sub>2</sub>[NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub> [Ru<sub>8</sub>(CO)<sub>16</sub>(Cl)<sub>4</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]· 6CH<sub>3</sub>CN·solv</b>
Formula	C <sub>58</sub> H <sub>92</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>30</sub> Ru <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>96</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>32</sub> Ru <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>58</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>28</sub> Ru <sub>8</sub>
$F_w$	2453.55	2611.82	2223.58
T, K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
$\lambda$ , $\text{\AA}$	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Tetragonal
Space Group	$C2/c$	$P\bar{1}$	$P4_2/nmc$
a, $\text{\AA}$	20.2618(8)	14.0395(9)	18.2867(6)
b, $\text{\AA}$	19.7427(8)	16.7852(11)	18.2867(6)
c, $\text{\AA}$	21.4241(8)	21.5954(14)	22.1854(8)
$\alpha$ , °	90	74.768(2)	90
$\beta$ , °	109.0000(10)	72.962(2)	90
$\gamma$ , °	90	67.148(2)	90
Cell Volume, $\text{\AA}^3$	8103.2(6)	4419.3(5)	7418.9(6)
Z	4	2	4
$D_c$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.011	1.963	1.991
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.500	3.308	1.919
F(000)	4800	2560	4336
Crystal size, mm	0.16×0.11×0.10	0.24×0.21×0.14	0.18×0.16×0.12
$\theta$ limits, °	1.481–25.099	1.528–27.037	2.147–27.000
Index ranges	-24 ≤ h ≤ 24 -23 ≤ k ≤ 23 -25 ≤ l ≤ 25	-16 ≤ h ≤ 17 -20 ≤ k ≤ 21 -26 ≤ l ≤ 27	-23 ≤ h ≤ 23 -23 ≤ k ≤ 23 -28 ≤ l ≤ 28
Reflections	71584	89032	150870

collected			
Independent reflections	7213 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0772$ ]	19223 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0835$ ]	4320 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0642$ ]
Completeness to $\theta$ max	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%
Data / restraints / parameters	7213 / 157 / 462	19223 / 60 / 1010	4320 / 0 / 248
Goodness on fit on $F^2$	1.093	1.063	1.259
$R_1$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0683	0.0696	0.0290
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1712	0.1918	0.0518
Largest diff. peak and hole, $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$	3.434 / -2.847	2.510 / -3.628	0.491 / -0.748

	<b>[NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sub>4</sub>[Ru<sub>8</sub>(CO)<sub>16</sub>(I)<sub>4</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]· 4CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>K[NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub>[Ru<sub>10</sub>(CO)<sub>20</sub>(Br)<sub>4</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>· CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>[NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[H<sub>2</sub>Ru<sub>4</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>]</b>
Formula	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>104</sub> I <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>32</sub> Ru <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> K <sub>0.5</sub> N <sub>1.5</sub> O <sub>33</sub> Ru <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>42</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub>
$F_w$	2757.67	2403.58	1002.91
T, K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
$\lambda$ , Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Tetragonal	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	$I4_1/a$	$C2/c$	$P2_1/c$
a, Å	14.6311(5)	31.7547(15)	13.3251(5)
b, Å	14.6311(5)	13.3024(6)	20.1945(7)
c, Å	42.7670(16)	32.2056(15)	13.4433(5)
$\alpha$ , °	90	90	90
$\beta$ , °	90	99.623(2)	94.4270(10)
$\gamma$ , °	90	90	90
Cell Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	9155.1(7)	13412.7(11)	3603.7(2)
Z	4	8	4
$D_c$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.001	2.381	1.847
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.707	4.682	1.701
F(000)	5344	9072	1984
Crystal size, mm	0.21×0.16×0.12	0.15×0.13×0.06	0.19×0.16×0.15
$\theta$ limits, °	1.905–26.998	1.663–25.998	1.533–26.000
Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18 -18 ≤ k ≤ 18	-39 ≤ h ≤ 39 -16 ≤ k ≤ 16	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16 -24 ≤ k ≤ 24

	-54 ≤ l ≤ 54	-39 ≤ l ≤ 39	-16 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflections collected	92507	86381	69738
Independent reflections	5001 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0911]	13176 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0602]	7091 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0783]
Completeness to θ max	100.0%	99.9%	100.0%
Data / restraints / parameters	5001 / 366 / 363	13176 / 121 / 831	7091 / 0 / 429
Goodness on fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.375	1.156	1.199
R <sub>1</sub> (I > 2σ(I))	0.1081	0.0529	0.0324
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.2152	0.1128	0.0585
Largest diff. peak and hole, e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.841 / -2.988	1.310 / -1.581	0.990 / -0.644

	[Ag(IPr) <sub>2</sub> ] [H <sub>3</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub> ]·solv	[NEt <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Ru <sub>6</sub> C(CO) <sub>16</sub> ]·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Cu(IMes) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [{Ru <sub>6</sub> C(CO) <sub>16</sub> } <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]· CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ·solv
Formula	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>72</sub> AgN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>16</sub> Ru <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>119</sub> H <sub>98</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Cu <sub>6</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>32</sub> Ru <sub>12</sub>
<i>F</i> <sub>w</sub>	1625.42	1412.01	3887.93
T, K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
λ, Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Tetragonal	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space Group	<i>P4/nnc</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P</i> <sup>1</sup>
a, Å	18.1524(9)	12.3521(4)	15.5683(11)
b, Å	18.1524(9)	25.1854(8)	17.3394(13)
c, Å	21.1288(13)	43.6498(15)	29.112(2)
α, °	90	90	88.836(3)
β, °	90	91.6680(10)	82.133(3)
γ, °	90	90	66.550(2)
Cell Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	69621.1(8)	13573.4(8)	7136.7(9)
Z	4	12	2
D <sub>c</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.551	2.073	1.809
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.183	2.137	2.245
F(000)	3260	8232	3788
Crystal size, mm	0.16×0.13×0.12	0.19×0.16×0.12	0.21×0.18×0.15
θ limits, °	1.479–25.997	1.617–25.000	1.589–25.100
Index ranges	-22 ≤ h ≤ 22 -22 ≤ k ≤ 22	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14 -29 ≤ k ≤ 29	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18 -20 ≤ k ≤ 20

	-26 ≤ l ≤ 26	-51 ≤ l ≤ 51	-34 ≤ l ≤ 34
Reflections collected	69729	179585	127331
Independent reflections	3442 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1026]	23904 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0817]	25412 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0909]
Completeness to θ max	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%
Data / restraints / parameters	3442 / 372 / 267	23904 / 209 / 1611	25412 / 1309 / 2003
Goodness on fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.237	1.142	1.037
R <sub>1</sub> (I > 2σ(I))	0.1013	0.0599	0.0366
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1954	0.1214	0.0848
Largest diff. peak and hole, e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.418 / -1.806	3.052 / -1.815	0.908 / -0.738

	[H <sub>3</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub> (CuCH <sub>3</sub> CN)]	[NEt <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [H <sub>2</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub> (CuBr) <sub>2</sub> ]·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	[NEt <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [H <sub>2</sub> Ru <sub>12</sub> (CO) <sub>34</sub> Cu <sub>6</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]·solv
Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>6</sub> CuNO <sub>12</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Ru <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>34</sub> Ru <sub>12</sub>
<i>F</i> w	848.02	1374.74	2968.75
T, K	100(2)	100(2)	293(2)
λ, Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>I</i> 2/ <i>a</i>	<i>P</i> 2/ <i>m</i>
a, Å	8.5369(3)	22.849(6)	13.7124(12)
b, Å	10.0317(4)	12.166(3)	19.7578(17)
c, Å	13.1229(5)	31.936(10)	17.3324(15)
α, °	86.3950(10)	90	90
β, °	71.6300(10)	99.819(5)	111.328(4)
γ, °	85.3670(10)	90	90
Cell Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	1062.25(7)	8748(4)	4374.2(7)
Z	2	8	2
D <sub>c</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.651	2.088	2.254
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.825	4.304	4.412
F(000)	796	5328	2800
Crystal size, mm	0.21×0.18×0.14	0.16×0.12×0.10	0.18×0.16×0.12
θ limits, °	1.636–27.000	1.160–24.999	1.629–25.048

Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10 -12 ≤ k ≤ 12 -16 ≤ l ≤ 16	-27 ≤ h ≤ 26 -14 ≤ k ≤ 14 -37 ≤ l ≤ 37	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16 -23 ≤ k ≤ 23 -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	20903	33801	50323
Independent reflections	4626 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0428]	7716 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1227]	8024 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0956]
Completeness to θ max	99.9%	100.0%	99.9%
Data / restraints / parameters	4626 / 0 / 299	7716 / 215 / 470	8024 / 270 / 516
Goodness on fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.179	1.172	1.082
R <sub>1</sub> (I > 2σ(I))	0.0170	0.1706	0.0643
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0399	0.4055	0.1727
Largest diff. peak and hole, e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.082 / -0.501	3.404 / -5.407	1.746 / -1.094