Supporting Information

Carbocyclic Pincer Carbene Complexes of Ruthenium: Syntheses and Reversible Hydrogenation

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1 Experimental Section

General procedure for the dehydrogenation of complex 4. Method A: BCH-P^tBu₂-RuHCl **4** (0.033 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (15–20 mL) with or without an external chloride source (100 eq. NaCl, Et₄NCl or 10 eq. HCl×Et₂O). Subsequently the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for several days. Filtration, in case of excess of external chloride source, followed by evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and trituration with *n*-pentane (1 × 5 mL) results in the product mixture. Complex **2** was recovered in 49–79 % yield.

2 Crystallographic Details Table 1S: Structure refinement table of compound **2**, **3**, **4**.

	2	3	4
Empirical	C94H146Cl6P6Ru3	C ₂₉ H ₄₇ ClP ₂ Ru	C ₂₉ H ₅₃ ClP ₂ Ru
formula	3 ×		
	C29H47Cl2P2Ru		
	+ 1 × C7H8		
M [g·mol ⁻¹]	1977.83	594.12	600.17
λ [Å]	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Τ [K]	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 1	$P2_1/c$	Сс
Z	1	4	4
a [Å]	12.1104(2)	13.4968(5)	8.3945(2)
b [Å]	14.1717(3)	17.6039(6)	21.4072(5)
c [Å]	14.9865(3)	12.2964(5)	16.9249(4)
α[°]	67.4590(10)	90	90
β[°]	89.6070(10)	104.829(2)	95.5880(10)
ν [°]	88.4290(10)	90	90
V [Å ³]	2374.66(8)	2824,27(18)	3027.00(12)
$D_c \left[g \cdot cm^{-3}\right]$	1.383	1.397	1.317
<u>и [mm-1]</u>	0.784	0.779	0.727
F(000)	1034	1248	1272
Crystal size	$0.24 \times 0.21 \times$	$0.19 \times 0.16 \times 10^{-12}$	$0.18 \times 0.15 \times $
[mm]	0.20	0.15	0.12
Ω range [°]	2.94 - 30.52	3.38 - 29.55	2.62 - 28.28
Limiting	-15 < h < 15	-18 < h < 17	_11 < h < 11
indices	-18 < k < 18	-24 < k < 24	-28 < k < 28
marces	$-19 \le 1 \le 19$	$-17 \le l \le 17$	$-21 \le 1 \le 22$
Reflections	69257	30789	25834
collected			
Independent	20132	7884	7213
Rint	0.0333	0.0254	0.0346
Completeness	99.5	99.4	99.2
Absorption	multi-scan	multi-scan	multi-scan
correction			
Max. , Min.	0.7461, 0.7213	0.7459, 0.7061	0.7457, 0.6920
Parameters/	1019/3	322/0	318/5
restraints			,
R_1 , w R_2 [I>2 σ I]	0.0279, 0.0657	0.0247, 0.0593	0.0253, 0.0515
R ₁ , wR ₂ (all	0.0297, 0.0667	0.0307, 0.0620	0.0289, 0.0526
data)			
GooF on F ²	1.037	1.033	1.008
Peak/ hole	2.331, -0.754	0.806, -0.403	0.709, -0.351
[e·Å-3]			
Flack	0.010(8)		
CCDC	2036979	2036978	2036977



Figure S1. ORTEP (50% thermal ellipsoids) with selected atom labeling of **3**. ^tBu groups were omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [deg]: H1-Ru 1.70(3), C-Ru 1.9286(15), P1-Ru 2.3311(4), P2-Ru 2.3267(4), Ru-Cl 2.4318(4), P2-Ru1-P1 169.183(14), H1-Ru-C 86.6(8), H1-Ru1-Cl 119.8(8), C-Ru-Cl 153.65(5), C1-C4 1.480(2), C1-C2 1.477(2), C2-C3 1.359(2), C4-C5 1.361(2), C5-C7 1.451(2), C3-C6 1.446(2), C6-C7 1.413(2).



3 NMR Data





Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **2**.





Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **2**.





Figure S3. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **2**.

3.2 ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, ³¹P{¹H} spectra for compound **3**



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **3**.







Figure S5. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **3**.





Figure S6. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **3**.



3.3 ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$, ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ spectra for compound **4**

Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **4**.

-P^tBu₂ ́H ._Ru−Cl H H ·P^tBu₂

-P^tBu₂ ĥ Ru-Cl H H P^tBu₂



Figure S8. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **4**.



Figure S9. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **4**.



Figure S10. ¹H VT NMR and determination of relaxation times of the Ru-H units.





Figure S11. ¹H NOESY of **4** showing the exchange of the protons of the CH and RuH units.



Figure S12. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the dehydrogenation of **4** after 5 days under reflux in toluene. D1 was adjusted according to the longest spin lattice relaxation time.



Figure S13. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the dehydrogenation of **4** after 5 days under reflux in toluene. D1 was adjusted according to the longest spin lattice relaxation time.



Figure S14. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the dehydrogenation of **4** after 5 days under reflux in toluene. D1 was adjusted according to the longest spin lattice relaxation time.



Figure S15. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the dehydrogenation of **4** after 5 days under reflux in toluene. D1 was adjusted according to the longest spin lattice relaxation time.



Figure S16. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the dehydrogenation of **4** after 5 days under reflux in toluene. D1 was adjusted according to the longest spin lattice relaxation time.



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Figure S18. ¹H NMR spectra of the dehydrogenation of **4** after 5 days under reflux in toluene.



3.4 ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$, ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ spectra for compound **5**





Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex **5**.





Figure S20. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **5**.





Figure S21. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of complex **5**.

4 Quantum chemical calculations

On the basis of the molecular structures of **2** determined in the solid state the structure was optimized using the programme Orca4.2^[1] with BP86,^[2] Grimme's dispersion correction and Becke-Johnson damping (D3BJ)^[3] making use of the resolution of identity (RI) approximation. The basis set chosen was def2-TZVP for Ru and def2-SVP for all other elements as implemented in ORCA4.2.^[4] For all calculations *tight* convergence criteria for optimisations and *verytight* for SCF convergence were applied with *grid6* and *finalgrid7* gridsizes. Absence of imaginary frequencies on this level of theory confirmed local minima on the PES. The electronic structure of **2** was analysed sing NBO7.^[5]

Ru-C bond σ -type (1.88) 44.2 % Ru, 55.8 % C, π -type (1.86) 67.5 % Ru, 32.5 % C charges: Ru (-0.066), C19 (+0.029) Wiberg index Ru-C 1.1967



Figure S22. NBO of σ -type Ru-C interaction in **2**.



Figure S23. NBO of $\pi\text{-type}$ Ru-C interaction in $\boldsymbol{2}$

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	X-ray data	calculated
Ru-Cl1	2.3227(10)	2.352
Ru-Cl2	2.3754(11)	2.377
Ru-C1	1.909(4)	1.915
Ru-P1	2.3850(11)	2.366
Ru-P2	2.3900(11)	2.367
P2-Ru-P1	169.0(1)	168.3
Cl1-Ru-C1	93.7(1)	92.0
Cl1-Ru-Cl2	136.7(1)	138.5

Table S2. Comparison of measured and calculated structural data of **2**.

Table S3 Coordinates of **2** obtained from calculations.

Ru	14.04417010482033	3.64480713732179	2.35305275534754
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