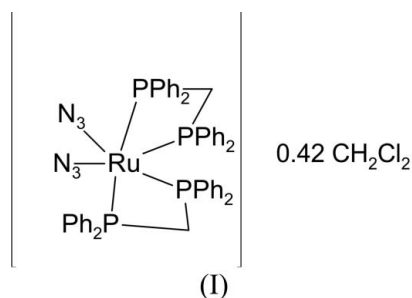


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Key indicatorsSingle-crystal X-ray study
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Mean σ (C–C) = 0.009 Å
Disorder in solvent or counterion
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wR factor = 0.162
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<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.***cis*-Diazido[bis(diphenylphosphino)methane- κ^2P,P']-
ruthenium(II) dichloromethane 0.42-solvate**Received 6 July 2006
Accepted 26 July 2006The title compound, [Ru(N₃)₂(C₂₅H₂₂P₂)₂] or *cis*-[Ru(N₃)₂-(dppm)₂] [dppm is bis(diphenylphosphino)methane], was obtained unexpectedly from our attempts to prepare new ruthenium molecular wires using organic bridging ligands. Both the azido ligands show a triple bond adjacent to the metal.**Comment**Three structures of diazidoruthenium monomeric complexes are known from the literature and in all these the two azide ligands are in the *trans* configuration (Siebald *et al.*, 1996; Wehlan *et al.*, 2000; Buys *et al.*, 1995). In the title compound, (I), the Ru^{II} atom is in a distorted octahedral coordination environment. It is coordinated by two chelating bis(diphenylphosphino)methane ligands and two azido anions in a mutually *cis* geometry. Noteworthy features of the complex are the two N–N bonds adjacent to the metal, with bond lengths of 0.847 (7) and 0.823 (7) Å; this clearly defines them as triple bonds, thus locating a formal negative charge on the uncoordinated end of the azido group. 16 examples of metal-coordinated azido ligands, with N–N bonds adjacent to the metal shorter than 1 Å, can be found in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 5.27; Allen, 2002), with refcodes AZNPNI, EBUXEE, EMOFOB, FASJAK, FIQLEX, HOJLIB, INOXAK, JAHSOA, LOZVOL, MENPUQ, NEHJEP, NEKLUK, REDKOA, WIVLOC, YETYUR and DAWTUR. There is no indication of disorder in the structure of the title complex of which the short N–N

bonds could be an artefact. Bond lengths and angles within the distorted octahedral coordination environment of the metal are reported in Table 1. Along with the neutral complex molecule, the asymmetric unit also contains dichloromethane, partially occupied and disordered about a twofold axis.

ExperimentalThe title complex was obtained from the reaction of a solution of *trans*-[RuCl(NO)(dppm)₂](BF₄)₂ (0.075 g, 0.12 mmol) and NaN₃

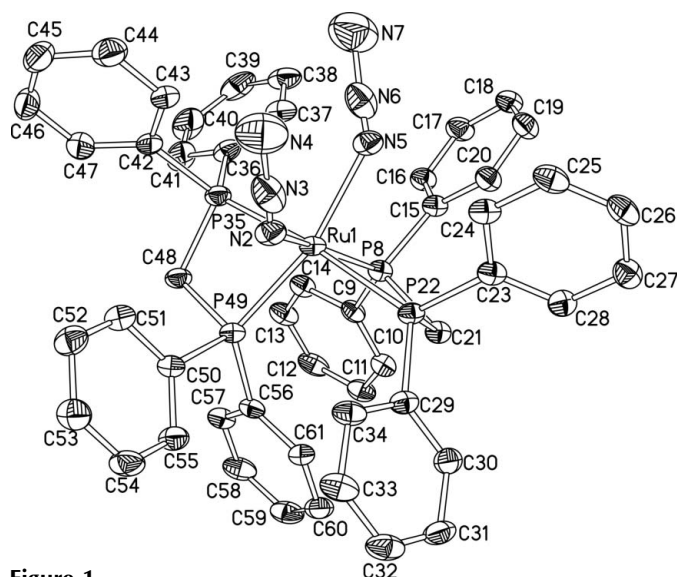


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I) (H atoms omitted), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. The disordered solvent molecule has been omitted.

(0.008 g, 0.12 mmol) in 10 ml of acetone. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h, then stirred for 20 h. A brown liquid fraction was removed by filtration and the recovered yellow residue dried under vacuum, washed with diethyl ether (2 × 5 ml) and dried again. Bright-yellow crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from a dichloromethane/*n*-pentane (5:3) mixture.

Crystal data

[Ru(N₃)₂(C₂₅H₂₂P₂)₂].0.42CH₂Cl₂
M_r = 989.17
 Monoclinic, *C*2/*c*
a = 36.8818 (7) Å
b = 11.2016 (2) Å
c = 22.3275 (4) Å
 β = 97.235 (2)°
V = 9150.8 (3) Å³

Z = 8
D_x = 1.436 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 μ = 0.57 mm⁻¹
T = 173 (2) K
 Block, yellow
 0.45 × 0.40 × 0.40 mm

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 42989 measured reflections

7920 independent reflections
 6115 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
*R*_{int} = 0.067
 θ_{\max} = 25.0°

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R[*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.062
wR(*F*²) = 0.162
S = 1.06
 7920 reflections
 566 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0635P)^2 + 73.832P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.45 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.91 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ru1—N2	2.254 (5)	Ru1—P22	2.3455 (15)
Ru1—N5	2.220 (6)	Ru1—P35	2.3446 (16)
Ru1—P8	2.3050 (15)	Ru1—P49	2.3099 (15)
N2—Ru1—N5	84.41 (19)	N5—Ru1—P49	165.79 (15)
N2—Ru1—P8	161.90 (15)	P8—Ru1—P22	72.03 (5)
N2—Ru1—P22	90.18 (14)	P8—Ru1—P35	100.99 (6)
N2—Ru1—P35	97.07 (15)	P8—Ru1—P49	94.93 (5)
N2—Ru1—P49	91.76 (16)	P22—Ru1—P35	170.18 (5)
N5—Ru1—P8	92.83 (14)	P22—Ru1—P49	101.24 (5)
N5—Ru1—P22	92.48 (15)	P35—Ru1—P49	72.03 (5)
N5—Ru1—P35	94.81 (15)		

The occupancy of the dichloromethane molecule, disordered about a twofold axis, was refined freely to 0.417 (7). Geometrical restraints were applied on the dichloromethane molecule; on the solvent molecule, as well as on the two azido ligands, displacement parameter restraints were also applied. All H atoms were refined using a riding model, with C—H = 0.95 Å for aromatic atoms, C—H = 0.99 Å for CH₂ and *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(C). The maximum electron-density peak in the final difference map lies 0.46 Å from atom N2.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001) and *CIFTAB* (Sheldrick, 1993).

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