

## GEOMETRICAL ISOMERISM IN Ru<sub>2</sub>Au HETEROMETAL ASSEMBLY: CIS-LINKING OF TETRACYANOAUROATE TO TETRAKIS( $\mu$ -*n*-BUTYRATO)DIRUTHENIUM

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**Abstract.** A heterometal assembled complex of tetrakis( $\mu$ -*n*-butyrato)diruthenium(II,III) and tetracyanoaurate(III) [Ru<sup>II</sup>Ru<sup>III</sup>(*n*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>COO)<sub>4</sub>Au<sup>III</sup>(CN)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>n</sub> was synthesized and characterized by the elemental analysis and infrared spectroscopy. The single-crystal X-ray structure analysis revealed that the complex consists of zigzag chain molecules of alternating arrangement of the Ru<sub>2</sub>(RCOO)<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and Au(CN)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> units with *cis*-bridging mode of the Au(CN)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> units. The temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility data (4.5—300 K) showed that the magnetic interaction between the dinuclear Ru<sup>II</sup>Ru<sup>III</sup> units ( $S = 3/2$ ) is negligibly small with a zero-field splitting parameter  $D$  value of 60 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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