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## POS-3 **\*\*WITHDRAWN\*\*** - On The Laser-Induced Fluorescence Spectroscopy of Two Ruthenium-Bearing Molecules: RuX (X=F, Cl)

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This work focuses on two Ru-bearing molecules: RuF and RuCl. Both molecules were created in a molecular beam apparatus at UNB. Their spectra were detected by laser-induced fluorescence. In the low-resolution survey of RuF from 400 to 770 nm, five bands were detected in the blue, green and infrared regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. Four of them were rotationally analyzed from high-resolution data. Three bands in the green region are associated with the  $^4\Gamma - X^4\Phi_{4.5}$  system first observed by Steimle et al. (J. Chem. Phys. **124**, 024309 (2006)). A new  $^4\Delta_{3.5} - X^4\Phi_{4.5}$  transition in the blue region was also detected. The related molecule, RuCl was also created and spectroscopically detected for the first time. Two high-resolution bands of RuCl were rotationally analyzed, and the ground state was also found to be  $X^4\Phi_{4.5}$ . The data provide detailed structural information about the molecules, such as bond lengths, vibrational frequencies, isotopic structure, spin-orbit interactions and hyperfine interactions.

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