on the 27 365-cm-l **4E(D)** origin. The weak shoulders are apparently components of the same energy progression based on a false origin or a second spin-orbit component some 45 cm^{-1} above the 27 365-cm⁻¹ origin. The oscillator strength of this manifold is constant between 150 and 4.2 K, Figure 2.

With $E \parallel c$ the absorption is very weak and appears as three very weak, strongly overlapped maxima at \sim 27 370, \sim 27 500, and \sim 27 650 cm⁻¹. These appear to be the *E* || c components of the intense members of the $145 \text{-} cm^{-1}$ progression observed with $E \perp c$.

 $6A_1(S) \rightarrow {}^4T_1(P)$. This absorption is most intense with E \perp c and appears as a weak maximum at 29 640 cm⁻¹ followed by a more intense manifold exhibiting a shoulder at \sim 29 890 cm⁻¹ and band maximum at 30030 cm⁻¹. With $E \parallel c$ the absorption is somewhat less intense and appears as a sharp, weak peak at 29 498 cm⁻¹, a weak broad peak at 29 638 cm⁻¹ and a more intense manifold with a shoulder at \sim 29 890 cm⁻¹ and maximum at 30030 cm^{-1} . This state is quite sensitive to the effect of spin-orbit coupling¹³ and to a trigonal field. These effects most likely account for the observed structure but the lack of resolution and absence of clear-cut polarization behavior makes quantitative analysis on this basis impossible.

 ${}^{6}A_1(S) \rightarrow {}^{4}A_2(F)$. This absorption appears as a weak shoulder on the charge-transfer absorption with $E \perp c$ and as a pronounced shoulder with $E \parallel c$. In both cases the band is observed at \sim 34600 cm⁻¹. The strong overlap with the charge-transfer absorption prevents useful analysis of this absorption.

Summary and Conclusion

While the optical spectrum of $RbMnBr₃$ is superficially that of Mn^{2+} in a trigonally distorted octahedral environment, it displays oscillator strengths which are 2-3 orders of magnitude greater than the analogous transitions in isolated manganese(I1) complexes. Comparing the spectrum of RbMnBr3 to the spectrum of the structurally analogous $CsMnBr₃⁶$ we note a commonality of polarization behavior. In all cases except where a ${}^{6}A_1 \rightarrow {}^{4}A_1$ transition occurs the more allowed process occurs perpendicular to the chain axis. In the case except where a ⁶A₁ \rightarrow ⁴A₁ transition occurs the more allowed
process occurs perpendicular to the chain axis. In the case
of the ⁶A₁ \rightarrow ⁴A₁ transitions the sense of polarization is the opposite. Day and Dubicki7 have derived the selection rules for electronic transitions involving antiferromagnetically coupled Mn^{2+} pairs in TMMC. Since the site symmetry of the Mn^{2+} ions in RbMnBr₃ is the same as that for the Mn^{2+} ions in TMMC, the same selection rules apply. These are (for D_{3d} symmetry)
 ${}^6A_{1g} \xrightarrow{E \parallel c} {}^4A_{1g}$
 ${}^6A_{1g} \xrightarrow{E \perp C} {}^4E_g$
 ${}^6A_{1g} \nleftrightarrow {}^4A_{2g}$ D_{3d} symmetry) coupled Mn²⁺ p
the Mn²⁺ ions ir
 D_{3d} symmetry)
 $\epsilon_{A_{1g}} \frac{E \parallel c}{E} + \epsilon_{A_{1g}}$
 $\epsilon_{A_{1g}} E \perp C$

$$
{}^{6}A_{1g} \xrightarrow{E \parallel c} {}^{4}A_{1g}
$$

$$
{}^{6}A_{1g} \xrightarrow{E \perp C} {}^{4}E_{g}
$$

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{}^{6}A_{1g} \nleftrightarrow {}^{4}A_{2g}
$$

Since states of T_{1g} symmetry in the O_h group become states of $A_{2g} + E_g$ symmetry in the D_{3d} group and since

$$
T_{2g} \xrightarrow{D_{3}d} A_{1g} + E_{g}
$$

we should expect one band, allowed $E \perp c$, for the two ⁶A_{1g}
 \rightarrow ⁴T_{1g} transitions, Figure 1, and two manifolds for each of \rightarrow ⁴T_{1g} transitions, Figure 1, and two manifolds for each of
the two ⁴T_{2g} parent states. The behavior of the lowest ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow ⁴E_g transition would support the use of the simple pair
model selection would model selection rules. It is clear however, from the behavior \rightarrow ⁴E_g transition would support the use of the simple pair
model selection rules. It is clear however, from the behavior
of the ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow ⁴A_{1g}, ⁴E_g, the ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow ⁴T_{2g}(D), the ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow
^{4T} model selection rules. It is clear however, from the behavior
of the ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow ⁴A_{1g}, ⁴E_g, the ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow ⁴T_{2g}(D), the ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow ⁴T_{1g}(P), and the ⁶A_{1g} \rightarrow ⁴A_{2g} transitions that a signifi modification of this approach is necessary to accurately describe the spectra of $RbMnBr₃$ and $CsMnBr₃$.

While there are distinct similarities in the band positions and polarization behavior of RbMnBr₃ and CsMnBr₃, the temperature dependences of the oscillator strengths of corresponding transitions are considerably different. For transitions in the spectrum of RbMnBr₃ the temperature dependence that is observed is primarily that predicted by theory^{11,12} for an exchange-induced electric dipole process while for CsMnBr₃ a variety of temperature dependences is observed some of which possess a distinct vibronic component.

On the basis of the oscillator strengths of corresponding transitions in RbMnBr₃ and CsMnBr₃, it does not appear, with the limits of our experimental measurements, that the shorter interchain distance and attendant higher T_N in RbMnBr₃ in any way affect the transition probability. Indeed in all cases the transitions in the $CsMnBr₃$ system appear to be approximately equal in intensity or stronger. Whether this is, in fact, a general phenomenon or not awaits the investigation of other systems.

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Some Metal Halide-Phosphorus Halide-Alkyl Halide Complexes. **4.** Bis(tert-butyltrichlorophosphonio)tri-µ-chloro-hexachloro**triangulo-trirhenium(II1)** Hexacldororhenate(1V)

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The reaction of a metal halide with a *tert*-butyl halide and a phosphorus(III) halide has been used^{$2-4$} to synthesize the anions BCl_4^- , AlCl₄⁻, SnCl₅⁻, NbCl₆⁻, TaCl₆⁻, WCl₆⁻, T₁₂Cl₉⁻, Ti₂Br₉⁻, and Zr₂Cl₉⁻. The analogous reaction for rhenium(V) chloride is now presented in which a single compound containing the **tri-p-chloro-hexachloro-triangulo-trirhenium(II1)** unit, the hexachlororhenate(IV) anion, and the tert-butyltrichlorophosphonium cation is formed. Previously bromides⁵ containing both Re_3Br_9 and $\text{Re}_6\text{Br}_6{}^{2-}$ have been reported.

Experimental Section

reagents were as previously described.² Rhenium(V) chloride (99.5%) was used as supplied and other

Vacuum-line and glovebox techniques were used throughout as the product was water sensitive. Phosphorus(II1) chloride was added to rhenium(V) chloride in carbon disulfide and to this was added tert-butyl chloride (PCl₃ and t -BuCl were present in a slight excess of an equimolar ratio). **A** green-brown precipitate formed over 30 min. Anal. Calcd for $C_8H_{18}Cl_{21}P_2Re_4$: Re, 44.72; Cl, 44.70. Found: Re, 44.7; CI, 44.65. The product, which could not be recrystallized, was stored in sealed glass tubes.

Infrared spectra of Nujol mulls between potassium bromide or polythene plates were obtained using the Grubb-Parson Spectromaster $(1000-400 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ and the RIIC FS-720 Interferometer (400–30 cm⁻¹). Raman spectra could not be obtained using laser excitation. Uv and visible spectra of the solid were recorded by reflectance using a Unicam 700C spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were obtained by solid sample insertion using the AEI MS12 instrument.

Results **and Discussion**

Infrared Spectra (Table I). The **Cation.** The t-BuPC13' cation spectrum has been well characterized²⁻⁴ so that we subtracted the usually observed vibrations from the experimental spectra and assigned the rest mainly to rhenium-halide modes.

The Anion, ReCl_6^2 **. An** O_h **anion has the vibrational** representation

$$
\Gamma_{\mathbf{vib}} = \nu_1 \left[A_{1\mathbf{g}} \left(R \right) \right] + \nu_2 \left[E_{\mathbf{g}} \left(R \right) \right] + \nu_3, \nu_4 \left[2 \; T_{2\mathbf{g}} \left(\text{ir} \right) \right] + \nu_5 \left[T_{2\mathbf{g}} \left(R \right) \right] + T_{2\mathbf{u}} \left(\text{inactive} \right)
$$

The two ir-active fundamentals appear⁶ at 320 and 173 cm^{-1} in the spectrum of the potassium salt, and the three Raman-active modes, at 346, 283, and 177 cm^{-1} .

a Rhenium-chlorine peaks only; ion voltage 70 eV; source temperature 320 "C. *b* Highest intensity peak of each multiplet ⁴ Rhenium-chlorine peaks only; ion voltage 70 eV; source temperature 320 °C. ^b Highest intensity peak of each multiplet selected. ^c Calculated using isotopic abundances: ³⁵Cl, 75.53%; ³⁷Cl, 24.47%; ¹⁸⁵Re, 37.0

We have assigned bands at 310 and 170 cm^{-1} to the ir-active fundamentals. The combination bands give $\nu_1 = 341$ cm⁻¹ and $v_2 = 277$ cm⁻¹ in good agreement with published results.⁶

In previous work,³ the ν_1 mode for WCl₆- was observed as a very weak band so that there is only poor justification for assigning the strong band at 355 cm⁻¹ to $\nu_1(ReCl_6^{2-})$ particularly as it splits into two components at low temperature.

The Trimeric Unit, Re₃Cl₉. In rhenium(III) chloride,⁷ a planar, chloro-bridged Re_3Cl_3 ring has two terminal Cl atoms bound to each Re above and below the plane of the ring. One of the out-of-plane C1 atoms is coordinated to a vacant in-plane position of an Re atom of an adjacent Re_3Cl_9 unit. In the bromides,⁵ M₂(Re₃Br₉)(ReBr₆), there are no intramolecular Br bridges so that each Re atom of the Re3Br9 cluster is four-coordinate to Br. Both trimeric units are strongly metal-metal bonded.

There was a clear similarity between our spectrum (Table I) and that⁸ of Re₃Cl₉. The ion Re₃Cl₁₂³⁻, which has no intraion bridges, also has⁹ a related ir spectrum [344 (s), 324 (s), 282 (m), 274 (m), 243 (m), 225-218 **(s),** 204 (s) cm-l] and absorption in the region $360-345$ cm⁻¹ seems to be characteristic of authentic trimeric chlororhenium(II1) species.¹⁰ We have tentatively assigned the absorptions in D_{3h} symmetry which was a reasonable description of the trimeric unit⁵ in $M_2(Re_3Br_9)(ReBr_6)$. The vibrational representation is

$$
\Gamma_{\text{vib}} = 4 \text{ A}' (\text{R}) + \text{A}_1' \text{ (inactive)} + 2 \text{ A}_2' \text{ (inactive)} + 3 \text{A}_2'' \text{ (ir)} + 6 \text{E}' \text{ (ir, R)} + 4 \text{E}'' (\text{R})
$$

The ir-active modes may be divided into $A_2'' + E'$ terminal Re-Cl stretching, 3E' ring stretching, and 2 A_2 " + 2 E' deformation modes. Some of the absorptions split at low temperature and were assigned to **E** modes.

Mass Spectrum (Table IT). This provided evidence for the presence of Re3Clg. **A** large number of groups of lines were observed. The most intense member of each multiplet was selected for Table 11. The remaining lines of each group reflected the isotopic abundances of rhenium and chlorine. The

Notes

^a Parentheses indicate shoulders.

group centred on m/e 878 were the strongest (Re₃Cl₉⁺ 877.77) so that 878 was used as the parent peak. This group was analyzed in terms of the isotopic abundances and excellent agreement was found between the calculated and observed intensities for m/e 870-894.

The mass spectrum and assignments agree well with the reported spectra^{11,12} for rhenium(III) chloride (Re₃Cl₉) in which several low molecular weight $(201-314)$ fragments containing oxygen have been observed. These were reproduced on handling $(t-Bu)_{2}P_{2}Re_{4}Cl_{21}$ in the air, but if the sample probe was filled under nitrogen, the oxygen-free spectrum was observed. Bromine-containing fragments were also recognized.

Electronic Spectrum (Table III). There was reasonably good agreement between the reflectance spectrum and that expected for $\text{ReCl}_6{}^{2-}$ + $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9{}^{7,8,13}$. Most of the low-fre-
quency, spin-forbidden bands for $\text{ReCl}_6{}^{2-}$ were sharp but one (6700 cm^{-1}) was at lower frequency than is usually observed. The spectra^{7,8} for Re₃Cl₉ show three or four regions of absorption below 26 000 cm⁻¹. Only the one near 14000 cm^{-1} was doubtful as $ReCl_6^{2-}$ also absorbs here. There was no evidence to suppose that $Re_2Cl_8^{2-}$, $Re_2Cl_9^-$, or $Re_2Cl_9^{2-}$ was present.^{14,15} This confirmed the mass and ir spectral assignments.

Preparative Route. The use of phosphorus(III) chloride can result in reduction of the metal ion, e.g., in WCl₆ prepared from³ WCl₆ and in our unpublished observations of MoCl₅. In the present work, Re₂Cl₁₀ was reduced at room temperature to give $\text{ReCl}_6{}^{2-}$ and the Re_3 cluster directly. Thermal methods may be used¹⁶ for the conversion of $\text{Re}_2 X_{10}$ (X = Cl, Br) to $\text{Re}_3 X_9$ which is then followed by reactions which yield other Re₃ cluster compounds.

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Linear, Bent, and Triangular $M-O₂$ **Bonding in Some Dioxygen Complexes of Cobalt**

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Chemical bonding of dioxygen to five- and four-coordinated metal complexes, using $[Co(CN)_{5}O_{2}]^{3-}$ (1)¹ and [Co- $(PR_3)_4O_2$ ⁺ (2)² as model systems, is explored in this note with the hope of discerning the driving force for bent vs. triangular $Co-O₂$ configurations, respectively. These two geometries are of particular interest in that they are related to the two alternative structures, viz., bent and triangular, first proposed by Pauling³ and Griffith,⁴ respectively, for the Fe- O_2 bonding in oxyhemoglobin and oxymyoglobin.

The Fenske-Hall parameter-free MO model⁵ was employed in this work. The basis functions were those utilized previously.^{5b,c} For phosphorus, only 1s to 3p atomic orbitals are included in the calculations. The pertinent molecular parameters were taken from the known structures of [Co- $(CN)_{5}O_{2}]^{3-1b}$ and $[Co(Ph_{2}PCH=CHPPh_{2})_{2}O_{2}]^{+}$.² In particular, the Co-O and O-O distances chosen are 1.93 and 1.26 Å, and 1.89 and 1.42 Å, for 1 and 2, respectively. The calculated one-electron molecular orbital energies as a function of the Co-O-O angle (θ) for 1 and 2 are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

These diagrams indicate that 1 favors a bent structure because of the steep energetic valley of πx^* at $\theta \approx 132^{\circ}$ whereas 2 prefers an isosceles triangular structure as a result of the large slope of xz at $\theta \approx 69^{\circ}$. The reason for this difference is the relative energetic ordering of the metal z^2 orbital with respect to the dioxygen π^* orbitals.^{6,7} In 1, z^2 lies above π^* so that as θ decreases, π_x^* declines rapidly in energy due to both the decrease in its antibonding interaction with xz (which lies lower in energy) and the increase in the bonding interaction with z^2 (which lies higher in energy).⁸ The latter interaction is symmetry forbidden in either linear or triangular configuration. Below $\theta \approx 132^{\circ}$, π_{x}^{*} rises steeply in energy due to the reacquired, enhanced antibonding interaction with xz. The π_y^* orbital exhibits only a slight minimum since π_y^* is perpendicular to the plane of bending. The net result is a Walsh minimum^{11a} corresponding to a bent configuration at $\theta \approx 132^{\circ}$ for M(d⁶)-O₂(π ²)⁻(π ²)ⁿ) where $n = 3$ for [Co-

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