The Co-ordination of Small Molecules by Manganese(I1) Phosphine Complexes. Part 6.* The Reaction of Carbon Disulphide with Dihalophosphinemanganese(I1) and Dihalophosphinebis(tetrahydrofuran)manganese(II) Complexes to Form Dimeric Carbon Disulphide-bridged Complexes [{Mn(PR₃)X₂}₂CS₂] and $\left[\{\text{Mn}(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2\right],CS_2\right]$

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Abstract

The $Mn(PR_3)X_2$ and $Mn(PR_3)X_2$ (THF)₂ complexes $(PR_3 = PPr_3^n, PBu_3^n, PPhMe_2, PPhEt_2,$ $PPhPr₂ⁿ; X = Cl, Br, I$ react with carbon disulphide in diethylether to form the insoluble $[\{Mn(PR₃)\}$ - X_2 ₂CS₂] and $\left[\{Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2\}$ ₂CS₂] complexes. Electron paramagnetic and electronic spectra are consistent with pseudotetrahedral and pseudooctahedral co-ordination geometries, respectively, for the carbon disulphide complexes. The infrared spectra are consistent with bridging $CS₂$ ligands. The carbon disulphide moieties are bound strongly; heating $\left[\{Mn(PR_3)X_2\} \right]$ ₂CS₂ *in vacuo* at 80 °C for long periods does not displace the $CS₂$. Heating $[{Mn(PR₃)X₂(THF)₂}_{2}CS₂]$ displaces the tetrahydrofuran and $[\{Mn(PR_3)X_2\}^2C_2S_2]$ are formed. The $CS₂$ ligands cannot be displaced by dioxygen, but dioxygen is displaced from $[Mn(PR₃)X₂(O₂)]$ by carbon disulphide to form $\left[\{Mn(PR_3)X_2\},CS_2\right]$.

Introduction

Carbon disulphide has been shown to form adducts with a large number of transition metal complexes and, in doing so, exhibits various types of bonding $(A-D)$ [2, 3]. Relatively few examples of

 $CS₂$ complexes in which the ligand is bound to the metal solely through a sulphur atom are known. These σ -bonded CS_2 complexes, (A) , coordinate at

*See ref. $[1]$.

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one site with no change in the oxidation state of the metal. The characteristic $\nu(S-C-S)$ vibration occurs in the region of 1500 cm^{-1} , identical to that of liquid CS_2 . An example of this is the Cr(AlCl₃)₂(CS₂)₂, which exhibits this band at 1490 cm^{-1} [4]. The formation of π -bonded CS₂ adducts, (B), generally involves either oxidative addition to the metal, or ligand replacement reactions in which some formally unsaturated ligand (e.g. a coordinated alkyne) is replaced by carbon disulphide. This mode of coordination is readily characterised by infrared bands in the $955-1235$ cm⁻¹ and $632-653$ cm⁻¹ regions, being assigned as non-ring $\nu(C=S)$ and in-ring $\nu(C-$ S) vibrations, respectively; an example of such a compound is $Pt(PPh_3)_2(CS_2)$ [5-7]. Type (C) coordination occurs when carbon disulphide inserts into a variety of M-L bonds, and this reaction has been reviewed in detail by Butler and Fenster [2]. Finally, type (D) bonding has been reported for a number of systems, but no general infrared correlations have been made $[3, 8, 9]$.

The affinity of $Mn(PR_3)X_2$ complexes [10] for a range of small molecules has been demonstrated $[11-13]$. We here describe studies of the reaction of some $Mn(PR_3)X_2$ complexes with carbon disulphide.

Results and Discussion

The manganese complexes (where $PR_3 = PPr_3$ ⁿ, $PBu₃ⁿ$, PPhMe₂, PPhEt₂, PPhPr₂ⁿ and X = Cl, Br, I) react with excess carbon disulphide $(CS₂)$ in solution to give insoluble solid products containing manganese and CS_2 in the ratio 2:1 (Tables I and II). When tetrahydrofuran (THF) was used as solvent, the products also contained solvent molecules and had the formula $[\{Mn(PR₃)X₂(THF)₂\}$ ₂CS₂] (Table II). Alternatively the solvento-complexes $Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2$ could be preformed and subsequently reacted with carbon disulphide to yield $\left[\frac{\text{Mn}(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2}{2} \right]$.

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TABLE I. Physical and Analytical Data for $[{Mn(PR₃)X₂}_2CS₂]$ Complexes.

Compound	Colour	$\mu_{\rm eff}$	mp/C^a	$\%C^{\mathbf{b}}$	%H	$\%$ P	%S	$\%X$	$\%$ Mn
$[\text{Mn(PPr3n)Cl2$ ₂ CS ₂]	off-white	5.70	210	$34.8(35.2)$ 6.0(6.5)			9.5(9.6)10.0(9.9)		$22.0(21.9)$ 17.7(16.9)
$[{Mn(PBu3n)Cl2}2CS2]$	off-white	5.75	224	$41.4(40.9)$ 7.2(7.4)		(8.5) 8.0	9.0(8.7)		19.0(19.4) 15.4(15.0)
${\rm Mn(PPhMe2)Cl2}_{2}CS_{2}$	off-white	5.69	225	$34.5(33.8)$ $4.0(3.6)$			$10.0(10.3)$ $11.0(10.6)$		$23.1(23.5)$ 17.4(18.2)
$[\{Mn(PPhEt_2)Cl_2\}_2CS_2]$	off-white	5.72	240	$37.5(38.2)$ 4.2(4.0)			9.5(9.4)10.2(9.7)		$22.4(21.5)$ 16.2(16.7)
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)Cl2}2CS2]$	off-white	5.72	200	$42.4(41.9)$ $5.5(5.3)$		8.2(8.7)	9.0(8.9)		$20.0(19.8)$ 14.9(15.4)
$[{Mn(PPr3n)Br2}2CS2]$	buff	5.84	188	$28.0(27.6)$ 5.0(5.1)		(7.5) 7.0	8.0(7.7)		39.5(38.7) 12.5(13.3)
$[{Mn(PBu3n)Br2}_{2}CS_{2}]$	buff	5.85	190	$33.5(32.9)$ 6.1(5.9)		7.0(6.8)	7.0(7.0)		$34.5(35.1)$ $11.9(12.1)$
$\left[\frac{\{Mn(PPhMe_2)Br_2\}}{2}C\right]$	buff	5.80	210	$26.5(26.1)$ 3.5(2.8)		7.4(7.9)	8.5(8.2)		$41.5(40.9)$ $12.8(14.1)$
$[{Mn(PPhEt2)Br2}2CS2]$	buff	5.88	238	$28.9(30.1)$ 4.0(3.6)		7.0(7.4)	8.0(7.6)		$39.5(38.2)$ 12.6(13.1)
$[{Mn(PPhPr3n)Br2}2CS2]$	buff	5.84	222	$34.0(33.6)$ $4.0(4.3)$		7.0(6.9)	7.8(7.2)		$36.2(35.8)$ 11.0(12.3)
$[{Mn(PPr3n)I2}2CS2]$	brown	5.88	224	$23.0(22.5)$ 4.5(4.1)		5.5(6.1)	7.0(6.3)	50.6(50.1)	9.4(10.8)
$[{Mn(PBu3n)l2}2CS2]$	brown	5.92	186	$28.0(27.3)$ 5.0(4.9)		5.7(5.6)	6.0(5.8)	45.5(46.3)	9.8(10.0)
$\left[\text{Mn}(\text{PPhMe}_2)\text{I}_2\right]_2\text{CS}_2$	brown	5.95	220	$21.7(21.0)$ $2.5(2.3)$		6.0(6.4)	7.0(6.6)		$53.0(52.4)$ 10.0(11.3)
${\rm [Mn(PPhEt2)12}$ ₂ CS ₂]	brown	5.90	170	$25.0(24.6)$ 3.2(2.9)		5.5(6.0)	6.8(6.2)	50.8(49.5)	8.9(10.7)
$\left[\frac{\text{Mn}(\text{PPhPr}_2^n)1_2}{2}C\right]$	brown	5.88	194	$28.0(27.7)$ 4.0(3.5)		5.2(5.7)	6.0(5.9)		$46.0(47.0)$ 10.8(10.2)

^aAll compounds decompose. ^bFound (calculated).

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The solid state electron paramagnetic resonance spectra of the $[Mn(PR_3)X_2]_2CS_2]$ complexes all exhibit bands in the region $g_{eff} = 4$ and 2 consistent
with high spin manganese(II) in a tetrahedral environment. This contrasts with the spectra of the THFcontaining adducts which suggest octahedral geometry around the Mn, exhibiting bands at $g_{eff} = 6$ and 2. All the spectra consist of only broad bands with no hyperfine coupling being observed. The EPR data for the $[\{Mn(PR_3)X_2\}_2CS_2]$ complexes are

listed in Table III and the data for the $\left[\text{Mn}(PR_3)\right]$ X_2 (THF)₂ Z ₂CS₂] adducts in Table IV.

The very low solubility of the complexes in the common organic solvents has prevented the recording of electron paramagnetic resonance, electronic or infrared spectra in solution, and this insolubility has also precluded the determination of molecular weights for any of the adducts.

The room temperature magnetic moments of the complexes are in the range $5.7-5.90$ B.M. (Tables I

TABLE III. EPR data for $\left\{\frac{\text{Mn}(\text{PR}_3)X_2\}_2\text{CS}_2\right\}$ Complexes.

Complex	Line Positions/G
$[{Mn(PPr3n)Cl2}2CS2]$	$1600(m)$, 3350(s), 4550(w)
$[{Mn(PBu3n)Cl2}2CS2]$	1540(m), 3400(s), 4400(w)
$[{Mn(PPhMe2)Cl2}2CS2]$	$1650(m)$, 3450(s), 4500(w)
$[{Mn(PPhEt2)Cl2}2CS2]$	$1650(m)$, 3500(s), 4500(w)
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)Cl2}2CS2}$	1650(m), 3500(s), 4500(w)
$[{Mn(PPr3n)Br2}2CS2]$	1500(m), 3300(s), 4400(w)
$[{Mn(PBu3n)Br2}2CS2]$	$1500(m)$, 3300(s), 4500(w)
$[{Mn(PPhMe2)Br2}_{2}CS2]$	1550(w), 3300(s), 4400(w)
$[{Mn(PPhEt2)Br2}2CS2]$	1550(w), 3300(s), 4500(w)
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)Br2}2CS2]$	$1600(w)$, $3400(s)$, $4400(w)$
$[{Mn(PPr3n)I2}2CS2]$	$1600(w)$, $3310(s)$, $4450(w)$
$[{Mn(PBu3n)I2}2CS2]$	$1600(w)$, 3340(s), 4500(w)
$[{Mn(PPhMe2)I2}_{2}CS2]$	1650(w), 3300(s), 4400(w)
$[{Mn(PPhEt2)I2}2CS2]$	1650(m), 3300(s), 4400(w)
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)I2}2CS2]$	1650(m), 3320(s), 4400(w)

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The infrared spectra of the complexes were recomplexes were recorded as nujol mulls and are listed in Tables V and VI. All the complexes exhibit bands attributable μ vi. All the complexes exhibit bands attributable 800-830 cm-' , 580 cm-' and 330 cm-'. In addition, the [{Mn(PR3)X2(THF),},CS2] complexes have the $[{Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2}^2CS_2]$ complexes have
bands at ca. 1040 cm⁻¹ and 880 cm⁻¹ due to coand at u_0 , 1940 cm and $\frac{1}{2}$ (Table VI). Bands which can define $\frac{1}{2}$ be assigned to M_n-P and terminal Mn-X linkages can be a state of M and N linkages can be a state of M and N linkages can be a state of M and N linkages can be a state of M and N linkages can be a state o α assigned to \min identified, \min α mixages can $\frac{1}{2}$ be intentified, any there is no evidence for bridging Mn-X-Mn linkages in any of the complexes studied [16]. T_{tot} and diffuse reflections of the σ_{tot} of the σ_{B}

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TABLE IV. EPR Data for ${\rm [Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2]}_2CS_2$ Complexes.

Complex	Line Positions/G		
$[{Mn(PPr3n)Cl2(THF)2}2CS2}]$	$900(w)$, $1500(w)$, $3400(s)$, $5400(w)$		
$[\{Mn(PBu3n)Cl2(THF)2\}$ ₂ CS ₂]	$850(w)$, 1400(vw), 3400(s), 5500(w)		
$[{Mn(PPhMe2)Cl2(THF)2}2CS2]$	$925(w)$, $1500(vw)$, $3400(s)$, $5500(w)$, $8000(w)$		
${\rm Mn(PPhEt_2)Cl_2(THF)_2}$ ₂ CS ₂]	$950(w)$, $1500(vw)$, $3400(s)$, $5400(w)$, $7900(w)$		
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)Cl2(THF)2}2CS2}]$	$950(w)$, $1500(vw)$, $3400(s)$, $5500(w)$		
$\left[\frac{\text{Mn}(\text{PPr}_3)^n\text{Br}_2(\text{THF})_2}{2\text{CS}_2}\right]$	$1100(w)$, $1400(vw)$, $3300(s)$, $5350(w)$		
$[{Mn(PBu3n)Br2(THF)2}2CS2]$	$1200(w)$, $1400(vw)$, $3300(s)$, $5400(w)$		
$[\{Mn(PPhMe_2)Br_2(THF)_2\}_2CS_2]$	$1150(w)$, $1400(vw)$, $3300(s)$, $5400(w)$		
$[{Mn(PPhEt2)Br2(THF)2}2CS2]$	$1150(w)$, $1450(vw)$, $3300(s)$, $5350(w)$		
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)Br2(THF)2}2CS2]$	$1150(w)$, $1450(vw)$, $3300(s)$, $5350(w)$		
$[{Mn(PPr3n)l2(THF)2]}2CS2]$	$950(w)$, $1350(vw)$, $3350(s)$, $5350(w)$		
$[{Mn(PBu3n)I2(THF)2}2CS2}$	$1000(w)$, $1350(w)$, $3300(s)$, $5400(w)$		
$[{Mn(PPhMe2)I2(THF)2}2CS2]$	$1050(w)$, $1350(w)$, $3350(s)$, $5400(w)$		
$[{Mn(PPhEt2)I2(THF)2}2CS2]$	$950(w)$, $1350(vw)$, $3300(s)$, $5350(w)$		
$\left[\frac{\text{Mn}(\text{PPhPr}_2)^n\text{M}_2(\text{THF})_2\text{C}_2}{\text{Mn}(\text{PPhPr}_2)^n\right]$	$950(w)$, $1350(vw)$, $3300(s)$, $5350(w)$		

TABLE V. Infrared Data for $\left[\frac{\{Mn(PR_3)X_2\}_2CS_2\right]$ Complexes (cm⁻¹).^a

(continued overleaf)

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 a_s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, sh = sharp, br = broad.

on the basis of essentially T_d symmetry according to the suggestions of Figgis $[17]$ and in accord with the geometry implied from their EPR spectra. The [{Mn- $(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2Z_2CS_2$ complexes exhibit almost identical spectra to the $[Mn(PR₃)X₂]$ ₂CS₂ complexes (Table VIII). This is not surprising since both tetrahedral and octahedral manganese (II) have the same 6A_1 ground state [17].

From the infrared evidence it is clear that the $Mn CS₂$ complexes exhibit bands assignable to both $(C= S)$ and $(C-S)$ moieties (Tables V and VII) [2, 3]. The adducts cannot, therefore, be σ -bonded, nor can they be insertion products as the infrared spectra are inconsistent with either of these two types of adduct. This therefore implies that the $CS₂$ must be either π -bonded or bridging.

The microanalytical data (Tables I and II) show the $Mn:CS₂$ ratio as 2:1. For the adducts to be π -bonded, oxidative addition or ligand replacement would have to have occurred at a manganese centre. The magnetic moment and EPR measurements show that the manganese is present as $Mn(II)$ and so oxidative addition appears to be ruled out. It is possible that a rearrangement has occurred in solution and that the adducts are of the type $MnX_4[Mn(PR_3)_2(CS_2)]$.

A formulation of this type is not inconsistent with the majority of physical data available. However, a compound of this type might be expected to be readily soluble in polar solvents and, as has already been stated the complexes are virtually insoluble in all common organic solvents, which would tend to imply some other structure. More importantly, complexes with the formation above would be $1:1$ electrolytes, and all the adducts are non-conductors in dichloromethane solution. This observation clearly rules out any type of anioncation complex of the sort suggested above.

From all the available data it can be postulated with a good degree of certainty that the $Mn - CS_2$

Fig. 1. Proposed structures of the carbon disulphide complexes.

complexes contain bridging $CS₂$ moieties. Figure 1 shows likely structures for the $\left[\{\text{Mn}(PR_3)X_2\}\right]_2CS_2$ and the $\left[\frac{Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2}{2}CS_2\right]$ complexes based on all the physical data.

Studies on the reversibility of $CS₂$ adduct formation have also been undertaken. Heating the [{Mn- $(PR_3)X_2$, $C.S_2$ adducts in vacuo at 80 °C for up to 12 h resulted in no significant changes in the spectroscopic properties of the solids. The magnetic moments of the complexes also remained unchanged. These observations clearly show that CS_2 is irreversibly bonded to the Mn(PR₃) X_2 complexes.

Similar heat-treatment of the $\left[\frac{\{Mn (PR_3)X_2\}}{R_3}\right]$ $(THF)_2$ ₂CS₂] complexes gave different results. After heating in vacuo for several hours the spectral properties of the complexes changed significantly. The bands assigned to co-ordinated THF decreased in intensity under heat treatment. After prolonged heating, *i.e.* in the region of 24 h, the THF bands were completely lost. In addition, the EPR spectral changed from characteristic octahedral-type signals in the region $g_{eff} = 6$ and 2, to a spectrum characteristic of a tetrahedral species with bands at g_{eff} = $d2.$

During these heat treatments, the bands due to co-ordinated $CS₂$ were not diminished, indicating that the carbon disulphide is irreversibly bound. It seems that the $\left[\frac{\{Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2\}}{2} \right]$ complexes can be converted to the $\left[\frac{\{Mn(PR_3)X_2\}_2CS_2\right]}{S_1S_3}\right]$ compounds by heating in vacuo. Indeed, as can be

Complex	${}^6A_1 \rightarrow 4T_1(G)$	${}^{6}A_1 \rightarrow 4T_2(G)$	${}^6A_1 \rightarrow 4A_1, 4E(G)$	${}^{6}A_1 \rightarrow 4T_2$
$[{Mn(PPr3n)Cl2(THF)2}2CS2]$	540	465	420	390
$[\text{Mn}(\text{PBu}_3^n)\text{Cl}_2(\text{THF})_2]_2\text{CS}_2]$	540	460	418	395
$[{Mn(PPhMe2)Cl2(THF)2}2CS2]$	544	465	422	395
$[\text{Mn}(\text{PPhEt}_2)\text{Cl}_2(\text{THF})_2]_2\text{CS}_2]$	540	460	420	395
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)Cl2(THF)2}2CS2}$	540	460	420	395
$[{Mn(PPr3n)Br2(THF)2}2CS2]$	545	455	425	390
$\left[\text{Mn}(\text{PBu}_3^n)\text{Br}_2(\text{THF})_2\right]_2\text{CS}_2$	545	460	425	390
$\left[\left\{\text{Mn}(\text{PPhMe}_2)\text{Br}_2(\text{THF})_2\right\}_2\text{CS}_2\right]$	545	455	428	392
$[\{Mn(PPhEt2)Br2(THF)2\}$ ₂ CS ₂]	545	455	428	390
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)Br2(THF)2}2CS2}]$	545	460	430	390
$\left[\frac{\text{Mn}(\text{PPr}_3^n)I_2(\text{THF})_2}{2}$ ₂ CS ₂]	550	470	420	400
$[{Mn(PBu3n)I2(THF)2}_{2}CS2]$	550	465	418	395
$[{Mn(PPhMe2)l2(THF)2}2CS2]$	550	470	415	400
$[{Mn(PPhEt2)I2(THF)2}_{2}CS2]$	548	465	420	395
$[{Mn(PPhPr2n)I2(THF)2}2CS2]$	552	470	420	400

TABLE VIII. Diffuse Reflectance Spectra for $[\{Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2\}^2CS_2]$ Complexes (nm).

seen from Tables I and II the melting points of the $[Mn(PR₃)X₂]$ ₂CS₂ and their THF containing analogues are the same. This suggests that the THF is liberated before the complexes melt.

Attempts to displace the co-ordinated $CS₂$ by reacting the adducts with dioxygen proved unsuccessful. Stirring either toluene or THF suspensions of $CS₂$ adducts under an atmosphere of pure dioxygen for 24 h led to no change in the spectroscopic properties (infrared, EPR and diffuse reflectance). It was also found that stirring the dioxygen adducts Mn- $(\text{PR}_3)X_2(O_2)$ in either toluene or THF with excess $CS₂$ resulted in precipitation of solids which were spectroscopically identical to the materials obtained by reaction of CS_2 with Mn(PR₃) X_2 complexes.

Conclusion

From the data presented above it is clear that carbon disulphide binds irreversibly with $Mn(PR₃)X₂$ complexes forming bridging adducts with a $Mn-CS₂$ ratio of 2:l. Furthermore it has been shown that and σ_1 is capable of displacing, and is bound more σ_1 strongly than the co-ordinated dividend dividend dividend dividend the co-ordinated dividend the co-ordinated d

Experimental

Synthesis of Manganese Complexes

The successful synthesis of the $Mn(PR_3)X_2$ complexes was crucially dependent upon the use of rigorously anhydrous, dioxygen-free conditions. All reactions unless otherwise stated, were carried out under a dry argon atmosphere using dry, freshly

distilled solvents. All solid materials were, wherever possible, handled in a dry box under argon.

Mn(PR3)X2 Complexes

The same general method was used for the synthesis of all the $Mn(PR_3)X_2$ complexes, namely the reaction of equimolar quantities of manganese (II) halide and tertiary phosphine under an inert atmosphere in an appropriate solvent or solvent mixture. Three different solvent systems were employed and the toluene/dichloromethane solvent system is illustrated. Other solvent systems were diethylether and n-pentane.

Toluene/Dichloromethane

This method is best suited to the synthesis of the complexes $Mn(PR_3)X_2$ where $PR_3 = PPr_3^n$, PBu_3^n , PPhMe₂, PPhE_{t₂} and PPhPR₂ⁿ and where $X = Cl$, Br, or I. A typical example is the synthesis of Mn- $(PPhMe₂)Br₂$.

A 250 cm³ round bottom flask equipped with a side arm with a ground glass tap is dried in an oven for 2 h at $130 \degree C$ prior to use. The flask was then removed and the apparatus, flask, tap, magnetic stirrer and ground glass stopper were allowed to cool in an argon atmosphere. Once cool the apparatus was assembled and connected to a vacuum line, the flask evacuated and heated with a bunsen flame to ensure no traces of moisture were present. The vacuum was then let down under argon and the flask charged with 0.86 g (4 mmol) of $MnBr₂$ and subsequently flushed several times with argon. The solvent mixture, 50 cm³ toluene followed by 50 cm³ dichloromethane, was then introduced into the flask by means of a syringe (oven dried prior to use) and

the flask again flushed several times with argon. The dimethylphenylphosphine 0.56 cm^3 (4 mmol) was then added and the flask again flushed with argon. The mixture was then allowed to stir under an argon atmosphere for 5 days at room temperature. The volume of solution was then reduced to ca. 25 cm³ by application of a vacuum (heat was not applied) and the resultant slurry filtered in a Schlenk apparatus. The solid product was then washed with small portions of dichloromethane $(3 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3)$ and finally dried *in vacuo*. The solid complex could then be stored in dry argon filled glass ampoules, yield greater than 90%.

Mn(PR3)X2 (THF):! Complexes

The manganese(II) halides were found to react with tertiary phosphines in both non-coordinating solvent and tetrahydrofuran. In the latter solvent, the solids recovered would be induced to contain, in addition to the phosphine ligand, two molecules of THF per Mn atom. The synthesis of these compounds is given generally here. A 250 cm³ round bottom flask with side arm, ground glass top and magnetic stirrer bar was dried by the normal procedure. The flask was then charged with 0.63 g (5 mmol) of anhydrous manganese(H) chloride and the phosphine (5 mmol). Dry tetrahydrofuran (50 cm^3) was then distilled into the flask under argon and the mixture stirred for 10 d. After this time the THF was removed by application of a vacuum, dry pentane (50 cm^3) was then added and the mixture stirred vigorously for 1 h. The resulting slurry was then filtered in a Schlenk apparatus and the solid complex dried *in vucuo* for 6 h. Yields approx. quantitative.

Synthesis of $/$ { Mn (PR_3) X_2 }₂ *CS*₂*} Complexes*

The same method was employed for the synthesis of all the $[{Mn(PR_3X)_2}^2CS_2]$ complexes as typified by the isolation of $[{Mn(PPhMe₂)Br₂}₂CS₂]$: a 250 $cm³$ side arm flask was dried by the usual procedure and charged with 0.5 g (1.42 mmol) of Mn(PPhMe₂)- $Br₂$ solid in a dry box. The flask was then sealed and removed from the dry box and attached to the diethylether distillation apparatus. Approximately 50 cm3 of dry solvent were then distilled onto the dry solid and the flask was then removed from the still, placed on an oil bath and equipped with a reflux condenser and argue flow. Excess CS₂ was then ondenser and argon now, Execss Co₂ was then added and the mixture refluxed gently under a blanket of argon for 48 h. The mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature under argon and the resulting slurry filtered in a Schlenk apparatus.

The solid was then washed with small portions of ether $(3 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3)$ and finally dried *in vacuo* for 6 h at room temperature. The $[\{Mn(PR₃)X₂(THF)₂\}$ $CS₂$] complexes were similarly synthesised from $Mn(PR_3)X_2(THF)_2$ and CS_2 .

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