

Crystal Structures of Tris(diethyldithiocarbamato)-rhodium(III) and -arsenic(III)

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The crystal structures of the title compounds, $[\text{Rh}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$, (I), and $[\text{As}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$, (II) have been determined by X-ray diffraction from diffractometer data, and refined by least-squares to R 0.080 (I) and 0.058 (II) for 1 582 and 1 877 reflections. Crystals are monoclinic, space group $P2_1/a$, with $Z = 4$ in unit cells of dimensions: (I) $a = 18.07(3)$, $b = 8.276(3)$, $c = 15.80(1)$ Å, $\beta = 96.35(4)^\circ$; (II) $a = 18.543(4)$, $b = 8.387(2)$, $c = 15.870(3)$ Å, $\beta = 101.05(2)^\circ$. The compounds are isomorphous also with the manganese(III) derivative; whereas the MS_6 core in (I) is quite close to D_3 symmetry (mean Rh-S 2.36₈ Å), that of (II) is grossly distorted (as previously described) toward C_3 symmetry (mean As-S 2.84 and 2.34₈ Å). In (II), the usual equality in the ligand C-S distances is destroyed as a result (mean C-S 1.68 and 1.76 Å) and the surrounding angular geometry of the ligand also distorted. The arsenic has a close hydrogen contact (3.2 Å) along the pseudo three-fold axis from a neighbouring molecule.

RELATED studies¹ on the tris(diethyldithiocarbamato)-metal(III) derivatives, $[\text{M}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$, have shown a widespread tendency for the derivatives to crystallize in a monoclinic unit cell *ca.* $14.9 \times 10.3 \times 18.0$ Å, $\beta = 118^\circ$. Subtle differences in crystal packing occur as the metal-sulphur distance r changes so that although a somewhat similar molecular array is common to all forms, we find that in derivatives with $r < \text{ca. } 2.36$ Å (Co, Fe, Ir) the cell symmetry is $C2/c$, while if $r > \text{ca. } 2.43$ Å it is $A2/a$ (Ga, In); in the intermediate range (r 2.36–2.40 Å) a $P2_1/c$ lattice is found (Fe, Cr, Ru). Exceptions to this are found in derivatives with electronically distorted MS_6 cores (Mn and As). In the course of our work the rhodium(III) derivative was examined and found to crystallize in two forms from chloroform-cyclohexane. One form appeared similar to that with the centred lattice, but photographic examination of the well-formed crystals showed symptoms of considerable disorder or thermal diffuse scattering and it was considered fruitless to pursue it further. A second form was isolated as thin small laths; on examination, this form proved to be similar in its cell dimensions to the Mn² and As³ derivatives. Since solution of the structure showed no distortion of the MS_6 core comparable to the diverse and large distortions found for the Mn and As derivatives, it was considered to be of interest

¹ C. L. Raston and A. H. White, *J.C.S. Dalton*, to be published.

² P. C. Healy and A. H. White, *J.C.S. Dalton*, 1972, 1883.

to compare the three derivatives. The structure of $[\text{As}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$ has been reported previously,³ but there were no details of the cell contents, so a re-determination was carried out. $[\text{Rh}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$ (I) and $[\text{As}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$ (II) were prepared as described previously^{4,5} and recrystallized from chloroform-cyclohexane and acetone respectively yielding small elongated crystals. Crystal dimensions of the samples used in the crystallographic work were $0.07 \times 0.12 \times 0.07$ mm (I) and $0.07 \times 0.24 \times 0.07$ mm (II).

EXPERIMENTAL

Unit cells were calibrated by a least-squares fit of the angular parameters of 15 reflections centred in the counter aperture of a Syntex P1 four-circle diffractometer. A unique set of data was gathered for both structures in the limit $2\theta < 40^\circ$ by a conventional $2\theta-0$ scan (the limit being basically determined by the rather small crystals available), yielding 2 171 (I) and 2 277 (II) independent reflections of which 1 582 (I) and 1 877 (II) with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ were used in the structure solution and refinement; data for (II) were corrected for absorption.

Crystal Data [values for (II) follow those for (I)].— $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{S}_6\text{M}$, $M = 547.7, 519.7$, Monoclinic, $a = 18.07(3), 18.543(4)$; $b = 8.276(3), 8.387(2)$; $c = 15.80(1), 15.870(3)$ Å; $\beta = 96.35(4), 101.05(2)^\circ$; $U = 2\ 349(2), 2\ 422(1)$ Å³,

³ M. Colapietro, A. Domenicano, L. Scaramuzza, A. Vaciago, and L. Zambonelli, *Chem. Comm.*, 1968, 302.

⁴ L. Malatesta, *Gazzetta*, 1938, 68, 195.

⁵ L. Malatesta, *Gazzetta*, 1939, 69, 629.

$D_m = 1.57(1), 1.41(1)$; $Z = 4$; $D_c = 1.55, 1.41$; $F(000) = 1\ 128, 1\ 080$. Mo- K_α radiation, $\lambda = 0.710\ 69\ \text{\AA}$; $\mu(\text{Mo-}K_\alpha) = 12.2, 19.6\ \text{cm}^{-1}$. Space group $P2_1/a, C_{2h}^5$, No. 14. Neutral atom scattering factors,^{6,7} those for arsenic, rhodium, and sulphur being corrected for anomalous dispersion ($\Delta f', \Delta f''$).⁸

least-squares; in the final stages of refinement, the parameters of the $\text{MS}_6\text{C}_3\text{N}_3$ inner molecular core were refined jointly to approximate to a full-matrix procedure. In (II), hydrogen atoms were located in a difference map and their positional parameters refined, isotropic thermal parameters $U\ 0.10\ \text{\AA}^2$ for the methyl and $0.07\ \text{\AA}^2$ for the

TABLE I

Atom fractional cell (decimal point omitted from x, y, z) and thermal parameters ($\times 10^3\ \text{\AA}^2$), with least-squares estimated standard deviations in parentheses. Values for (II) are given below those for (I)

Atom	x	y	z	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{12}	U_{13}	U_{23}
Rh	3 760(1)	2 379(2)	2 472(1)	34(2)	34(2)	29(2)	-1(1)	-2(1)	-3(1)
As	37 921(8)	1 955(2)	2 591(9)	47(2)	37(2)	33(2)	4(1)	1(1)	0(1)
Ligand (1)									
S(1)	2 474(3)	2 052(8)	2 043(4)	42(4)	50(5)	32(4)	6(3)	2(3)	9(3)
	2 271(2)	1 636(5)	1 962(2)	53(3)	72(4)	47(3)	8(2)	13(2)	10(2)
S(2)	3 586(3)	2 882(8)	0 993(4)	36(4)	47(5)	38(4)	-2(3)	2(3)	5(3)
	3 493(2)	2 687(5)	1 140(2)	42(3)	49(3)	36(3)	3(2)	2(2)	3(2)
C(1)	266(1)	258(3)	106(1)	41(6)					
	2 551(7)	231(2)	1 093(8)	37(9)	52(11)	33(9)	-2(8)	4(7)	-6(8)
N	2 132(9)	280(2)	039(1)	35(5)					
	2 098(6)	259(1)	0 343(7)	43(7)	38(8)	34(7)	-5(6)	5(6)	-4(6)
C(2)	134(1)	236(3)	045(1)	55(7)					
	1 307(7)	229(2)	0 214(9)	34(9)	74(13)	70(11)	7(8)	7(8)	14(9)
C(3)	085(2)	383(4)	046(2)	80(9)					
	0 867(8)	374(2)	037(1)	54(11)	134(18)	60(11)	22(11)	9(9)	12(11)
C(4)	234(1)	342(3)	-045(1)	39(6)					
	2 340(7)	329(2)	-0 406(8)	61(9)	22(9)	46(9)	-12(8)	-1(8)	3(7)
C(5)	244(1)	208(3)	-107(1)	55(7)					
	2 457(8)	203(2)	-1 045(9)	66(11)	76(12)	57(10)	11(10)	11(9)	-2(9)
Ligand (2)									
S(1)	4 062(3)	-0 372(8)	2 318(4)	31(4)	38(5)	52(4)	1(4)	-1(3)	3(3)
	4 229(2)	-1 087(5)	2 136(2)	46(3)	40(3)	59(3)	-2(2)	3(2)	0(2)
S(2)	5 077(3)	2 225(8)	2 632(4)	36(4)	40(5)	47(4)	-3(3)	2(3)	2(5)
	5 054(2)	1 931(5)	2 548(2)	45(3)	37(3)	53(3)	1(2)	-1(2)	-7(2)
C(1)	499(1)	015(3)	253(1)	33(6)					
	5 046(8)	-016(2)	2 401(8)	62(12)	38(9)	35(9)	12(9)	6(8)	-1(8)
N	5 551(9)	-088(2)	254(1)	36(5)					
	5 682(6)	-089(1)	2 524(7)	43(8)	36(8)	54(8)	2(7)	11(6)	14(6)
C(2)	541(1)	-261(3)	246(1)	44(6)					
	5 708(8)	-267(2)	245(1)	58(11)	46(11)	87(12)	18(9)	-5(9)	11(9)
C(3)	542(2)	-322(4)	153(2)	86(9)					
	563(1)	-326(2)	153(1)	89(14)	78(14)	115(16)	-1(12)	7(12)	-39(13)
C(4)	634(1)	-025(3)	274(1)	38(6)					
	6 391(7)	-012(2)	2 771(9)	34(9)	68(12)	56(10)	8(8)	8(8)	18(9)
C(5)	658(1)	-036(3)	370(2)	58(7)					
	6 664(8)	-006(2)	373(1)	45(10)	98(15)	70(12)	-8(10)	3(9)	-10(11)
Ligand (3)									
S(1)	3 714(3)	2 461(8)	3 970(3)	52(4)	46(5)	35(4)	7(4)	-4(3)	1(4)
	3 940(3)	2 468(5)	4 426(3)	119(4)	48(3)	44(3)	3(3)	13(3)	9(2)
S(2)	3 667(3)	5 123(8)	2 841(3)	62(5)	43(5)	25(4)	5(4)	-2(3)	-2(3)
	3 857(2)	4 678(4)	2 946(2)	78(3)	37(3)	33(3)	4(2)	6(2)	-2(2)
C(1)	369(1)	454(3)	387(1)	32(6)					
	3 931(8)	438(2)	4 048(9)	49(10)	41(10)	41(10)	2(8)	7(8)	-3(8)
N	373(1)	557(2)	456(1)	51(6)					
	3 994(6)	566(1)	4 556(7)	47(8)	55(9)	34(7)	6(7)	3(6)	-13(7)
C(2)	379(1)	493(3)	544(1)	55(7)					
	4 048(8)	545(2)	5 486(8)	80(12)	70(12)	27(9)	1(10)	20(8)	-12(8)
C(3)	308(1)	513(4)	586(2)	71(8)					
	3 326(8)	552(2)	577(1)	100(14)	102(16)	56(11)	10(12)	38(10)	26(10)
C(4)	370(1)	737(3)	441(1)	53(7)					
	4 005(8)	729(2)	4 210(9)	52(10)	67(12)	62(11)	11(9)	14(8)	5(9)
C(5)	448(1)	810(3)	460(2)	70(8)					
	328(1)	799(3)	395(1)	94(16)	66(15)	104(18)	-16(13)	38(13)	-8(14)

The ligand numbering follows that given in C. L. Raston and A. H. White, *J.C.S. Dalton*, 1975, 2418.

The structures of (I) and (II) were determined by the heavy-atom method and refined by 9×9 block-diagonal

⁶ D. T. Cromer and J. B. Mann, *Acta Cryst.*, 1968, **A24**, 321.

⁷ R. F. Stewart, E. R. Davidson, and W. T. Simpson, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 1965, **42**, 3175.

⁸ D. T. Cromer, *Acta Cryst.*, 1965, **18**, 7.

methylene hydrogens being fixed as invariants. For the remainder of the structures [excluding the non-RhS₆ atoms in (I), which are refined isotropically] anisotropic thermal parameters of the form $\exp(-2\pi^2(U_{11}h^2a^{*2} + U_{22}k^2b^{*2} + U_{33}l^2c^{*2} + 2U_{12}hka^*b^* + 2U_{13}hla^*c^* + 2U_{23}klb^*c^*))$ were employed. Refinement converged at $R\ 0.080$ (I), 0.058

TABLE 2

Interatomic distances (Å) and angles (°), with least squares estimated standard deviations in parentheses

(a) MS_a core angles; values for (II) follow those for (I)

S(11)-M-S(21)	95.2(2), 98.1(1)	S(11)-M-S(22)	165.7(2), 157.2(1)
S(11)-M-S(31)	98.4(2), 105.3(1)	S(21)-M-S(32)	168.3(2), 159.9(1)
S(21)-M-S(31)	99.4(2), 114.5(1)	S(31)-M-S(12)	164.8(2), 154.8(1)
S(12)-M-S(22)	97.9(2), 91.4(1)	S(11)-M-S(32)	95.0(2), 100.3(1)
S(12)-M-S(32)	94.0(2), 88.4(1)	S(21)-M-S(12)	94.3(2), 90.7(1)
S(22)-M-S(32)	97.1(2), 90.5(2)	S(31)-M-S(22)	92.3(2), 97.3(1)

(b) Intraligand distances and angles

Ligand	(I)			(II)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
M-S(1)	2.364(7)	2.360(7)	2.379(7)	2.819(4)	2.812(4)	2.904(4)
M-S(2)	2.360(6)	2.369(7)	2.355(7)	2.344(4)	2.354(4)	2.350(4)
S(1)-M-S(2)	73.6(2)	73.6(2)	73.4(2)	69.2(1)	69.4(1)	68.0(1)
S(1)-C(1)	1.69(2)	1.74(2)	1.73(2)	1.67(1)	1.68(1)	1.71(1)
S(2)-C(1)	1.71(2)	1.73(2)	1.70(2)	1.76(1)	1.77(1)	1.75(1)
M-S(1)	86.8(7)	88.3(7)	86.8(7)	79.1(4)	78.8(5)	78.2(5)
M-S(2)-C(1)	86.6(7)	88.2(7)	88.4(8)	92.4(4)	91.6(5)	95.2(5)
S(1)-C(1)-S(2)	113(1)	110(1)	111(1)	119.3(7)	118.5(9)	118.6(8)
C(1)-N	1.36(2)	1.32(3)	1.37(3)	1.34(2)	1.31(2)	1.34(2)
S(1)-C(1)-N	124(2)	124(2)	123(2)	124(1)	124(1)	123(1)
S(2)-C(1)-N	123(2)	126(2)	125(2)	117(1)	118(1)	118(1)
N-C(2)	1.50(3)	1.46(3)	1.49(3)	1.46(2)	1.49(2)	1.47(2)
N-C(4)	1.50(3)	1.51(3)	1.51(3)	1.47(2)	1.45(2)	1.47(2)
C(2)-N-C(4)	119(1)	121(2)	120(2)	114(1)	115(1)	119(1)
C(1)-N-C(2)	120(2)	120(2)	120(2)	122(1)	120(1)	119(1)
C(1)-N-C(4)	121(2)	119(2)	120(2)	123(1)	125(1)	122(1)
C(2)-C(3)	1.51(4)	1.56(4)	1.52(4)	1.51(2)	1.53(2)	1.49(2)
N-C(2)-C(3)	112(2)	113(2)	113(2)	114(1)	113(1)	114(1)
C(4)-C(5)	1.50(3)	1.54(3)	1.54(3)	1.51(2)	1.51(2)	1.44(3)
N-C(4)-C(5)	112(2)	110(2)	110(2)	112(1)	114(1)	114(1)
S(1)···S(2)	2.830(9)	2.833(9)	2.830(9)	2.957(6)	2.965(5)	2.972(6)

(c) Geometry about As···H(35c) [at $x, y - 1, z = 0.332, -0.084, 0.375$] in (II)

H(35c)···As	3.2(2)	S(21)-As···H(35c)	67.0(3)
S(11)-As···H(35c)	77.0(2)	S(31)-As···H(35c)	61.0(3)
H(35c)···S(11)	3.7(2)	H(35c)···S(31)	3.1(2)
H(35c)···S(21)	3.3(2)		

(II), $R' = 0.086$ (I) and 0.061 (II) [$R' = (\sum w|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w|F_o|^2$][†] structure (II) being rather more accurately determined than (I) generally because of the somewhat more intense data. A weighting scheme of the form $w = (\sigma^2(F_o) + n \times 10^{-4}(F_o)^2)^{-1}$ was found appropriate with $n = 5$ (I) and $n = 4$ (II).

Structure amplitudes and hydrogen atom parameters are deposited as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 21451 (19 pp., 1 microfiche).^{*} Computation was carried out on our CDC 6 200 with a local variant of the X-Ray program system.⁹ Results are shown in Tables 1-3 and Figures 1-3.

DISCUSSION

Both lattices consist of discrete molecules of $[M(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NET}_2)_3]$; the two complexes are isomorphous with each other and with the manganese(III) derivative, although specific and important differences between the three complexes are found, both in molecular geometry and in crystal packing. As in the manganese(III) derivative, denoted (III) hereafter, each molecule consists of a metal atom co-ordinated by three quasi-bidentate ligands. As usual, the S₂CNC₂ sections of the ligand are substantially planar, and in the present structural type we find that the ligand planes lie approximately parallel

^{*} For details, see Notice to Authors No. 7, *J.C.S. Dalton*, 1974, Index issue.

⁹ 'X-Ray System,' Technical Report TR 192, Computer Science Centre, University of Maryland, June 1972.

TABLE 3

Equations of least-squares planes through the ligands (defined by the S₂CNC₂ fragment) in the form $pX + qY + rZ = s$, where in the orthogonal (Å) frame $X = ax + cz \cos \beta$, $Y = by$, and $Z = cz \sin \beta$. σ Å is the estimated standard deviation of the defining atoms, and χ^2 is given for 5 degrees of freedom. Values for (II) follow those for (I)

Ligand	(1)	(2)	(3)
10 ⁴ <i>p</i>	-1 583, -1 974	-1 553, -2 272	9 983, 9 932
10 ⁴ <i>q</i>	9 507, 9 322	-0 956, -1 119	0 155, -0 366
10 ⁴ <i>r</i>	2 666, 3 034	9 832, 9 674	0 563, 1 102
<i>s</i>	1.751, 1.459	2.539, 1.688	6.406, 6.586
σ	0.06, 0.03	0.02, 0.02	0.03, 0.01
χ^2	62.0, 44.3	4.83, 10.4	8.25, 7.57
M [*]	0.15, 0.06	0.10, 0.61	0.20, 0.00

Deviations

(Å)

S(1) 0.07, 0.03 -0.01, 0.00 -0.01, 0.02

S(2) -0.07, -0.03 0.00, 0.02 0.03, -0.01

C(1) -0.01, 0.00 0.03, -0.02 -0.03, -0.01

N 0.02, -0.02 -0.03, -0.02 0.00, 0.00

C(2) -0.08, -0.03 0.01, 0.02 0.03, -0.02

C(3) 1.22, 1.34 -1.41, -1.35 -1.30, -1.38

C(4) 0.07, 0.04 0.01, 0.00 -0.02, 0.02

C(5) -1.29, -1.32 1.46, 1.39 1.39, -1.29

Angles (°) between planes: (1)-(2), 78.7, 76.5; (1)-(3), 82.6, 78.7; (2)-(3), 84.2, 83.4.

Plane S(11)-(31), for (II): $0.5055X + 0.7399Y - 0.4438Z = 1.485$ [$\Delta\text{As } 1.09 \text{ \AA}$]Plane S(21)-(31), for (II): $0.5689X + 0.6957Y - 0.4389Z = 4.274$ [$\Delta\text{As } -1.35 \text{ \AA}$]^{*} M = metal.

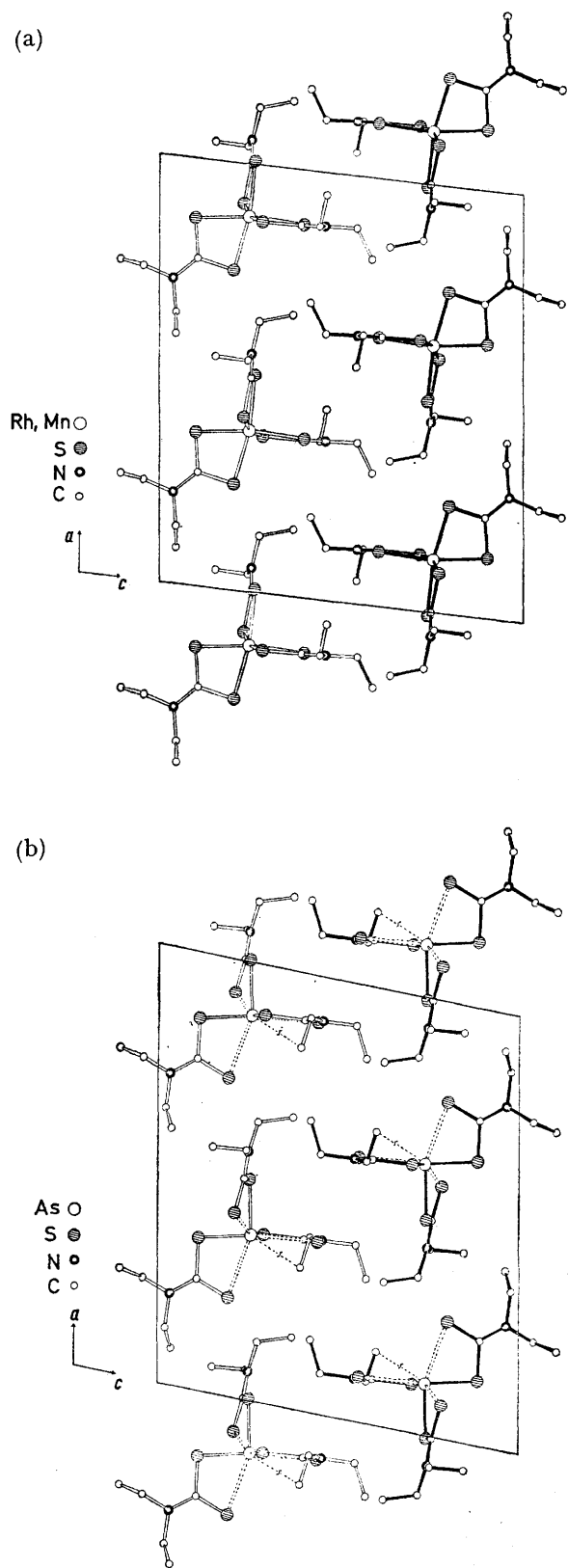


FIGURE 1 (a) Unit-cell contents of $[\text{Rh,Mn}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$ compared with (b) unit cell contents of $[\text{As}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$ (showing the $\text{H}(35\text{c}) \cdots \text{As}$ contact as a dotted line), both projected down b

to the unit-cell faces. Whereas usually in derivatives of the type $\text{M}(\text{dte})_3$ the overall molecular symmetry is a very good approximation to D_3 , this is not so here. While in (I) and (III), the terminal methyl groups on the ligands adopt their more usual conformation, lying on alternate sides of the ligand plane, the intrinsic lack of symmetry other than rotation of such an isolated ligand

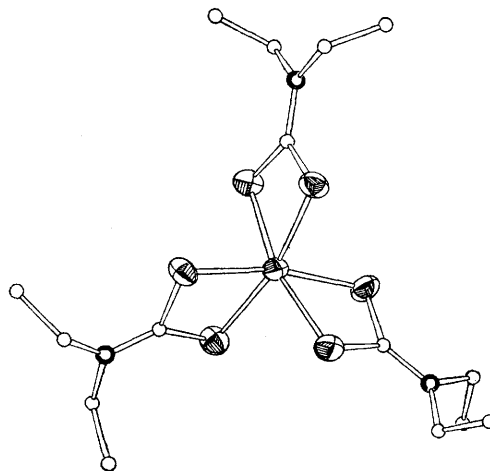


FIGURE 2 Solid-state conformation of $[\text{Rh,Mn}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$; 50% thermal ellipsoids of the RhS_6 core shown

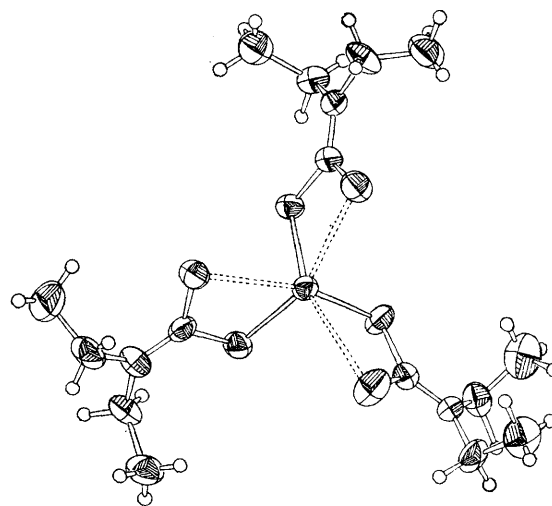


FIGURE 3 Solid-state conformation of $[\text{As}(\text{CS}_2 \cdot \text{NEt}_2)_3]$; 50% thermal ellipsoids are shown

is shown (Figure 2), with two of the ligand groups providing the blades of the three-bladed propeller configuration but the third co-ordinating as its mirror image. Because of the possibility of free rotation about the ethyl-nitrogen bonds this must be regarded as an essentially solid-state packing effect. In (II), the terminal ligand substituents are different yet again; in ligand (3), both terminal methyl groups lie on the same side of the ligand plane. The reason for this is discussed later.

Within the MS_6 cores, considerable differences are found. In (I), it is clear that although significant

