# CATIONIC CARBONYL COMPLEXES OF MANGANESE(I) WITH DIPHENYLPHOSPHINE

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Abstract—The cationic complexes  $[Mn(CO)_{6-n}(PHPh_2)_n]ClO_4$ , for n = 1 to 4 and  $[Mn(CO)_{4-n}(\widehat{L}L)(PHPh_2)_n]A$  ( $\widehat{L}L = dppm$  or dppe, n = 1,  $A = ClO_4$ ;  $\widehat{L}L = bipy$  or phen, n = 1 or 2,  $A = ClO_4$  or PF<sub>6</sub>) have been prepared from PHPh<sub>2</sub> and Mn(OClO<sub>3</sub>) (CO)<sub>5</sub> or fac-MnX(CO)<sub>3</sub>( $\widehat{L}L$ ) respectively (X = Br or OClO<sub>3</sub>). The fac-tricarbonyls fac-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> and fac-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>( $\widehat{L}L$ )(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)]ClO<sub>4</sub> for  $\widehat{L}L = dppm$  or dppe, isomerize upon heating to the corresponding mer-tricarbonyls, and the dicarbonyl cis-[Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> gives the trans isomer under UV irradiation.

It is known that the reaction of the neutral perchlorate complex Mn(OClO<sub>3</sub>)(CO), with monodentate ligands (L) gives [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>L]ClO<sub>4</sub> or fac- $[Mn(CO)_{3}L_{3}]ClO_{4}$ , and that, in the case of the phosphites [P(OR)<sub>3</sub>], the more substituted products  $[Mn(CO)_2L_4]ClO_4$  can be obtained.<sup>1</sup> The tetracarbonyls  $[Mn(CO)_4L_2]ClO_4$  were not made from  $Mn(OClO_3)(CO)_5$ , but the BF<sub>4</sub> salts can be prepared by other routes.<sup>2</sup> We have found that the reaction of the secondary phosphine PHPh<sub>2</sub> with  $Mn(OClO_3)(CO)_5$  leads to the cationic carbonyl complexes  $[Mn(CO)_{6-n}(PHPh_2)_n]ClO_4$  for n = 1 to 4 by varying the reaction conditions. Herein we describe the preparation of those complexes and of the related species  $[Mn(CO)_{4-n}(L^{-}L)(PHPh_{2})_{n}]A$ , where for  $L = dppm^{\dagger}$  or dppe, n = 1 and for  $\hat{L} = bipy or phen n = 1 or 2 and A = ClO_4 or PF_6.$ 

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

All reactions were carried out under dry, oxygenfree argon. The NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL FX 90Q instrument and the IR with a Perkin–Elmer 298 spectrometer. The compounds  $Mn(OCIO_3)(CO)_5$ ,<sup>1</sup> fac-[Mn(OCIO\_3)(CO)\_3(L L)] (L L) = dppm or dppe,<sup>9</sup> L L = bipy or phen<sup>10</sup> were prepared by published methods.  $[Mn(CO)_5(PHPh_2)]ClO_4(I)$ 

A mixture of the complex  $Mn(OClO_3)(CO)_5$ (0.32 g, 1 mmol) and the phosphine PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.19 cm<sup>3</sup>, 1 mmol) in dichloromethane (40 cm<sup>3</sup>), was stirred for 17 h at room temperature and evaporated almost to dryness. The residue was washed repeatedly with diethyl ether and crystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2:Et_2O$  as a pale yellow microcrystalline solid (0.45 g, 86%). The compound was stored cooled and under dry argon

### $cis-[Mn(CO)_4(PHPh_2)_2]ClO_4(II)$

A mixture of  $Mn(OCIO_3)(CO)_5$  (0.22 g, 0.75 mmol) and PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.39 cm<sup>3</sup>, 2.24 mmol) in ethanol (8 cm<sup>3</sup>) was refluxed for 75 min and cooled to room temperature. The white crystalline precipitate was separated from the mother liquor and recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.32 g, 67.5%). From the mother liquor a mixture of **II** and **III** was obtained by concentrating and precipitating with ether.

 $fac-[Mn(CO)_{3}(PHPh_{2})_{3}]ClO_{4}(III)$ 

A solution of  $Mn(OClO_3)(CO)_5$  (0.4 g, 1.36 mmol) in acetone (15 cm<sup>3</sup>) was refluxed for 90 min and allowed to cool to room temperature. To the resulting solution of *fac*-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>(Me<sub>2</sub>CO)<sub>3</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub>, the phosphine PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.85 cm<sup>3</sup>, 4.9 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Part of the product precipitated as a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Throughout this paper dppm =  $Ph_2PCH_2PPh_2$ , dppe =  $Ph_2PCH_2CH_2PPh_2$ , bipy = 2,2'-bipyridine and phen = 1,10-orthophenanthroline.

white solid. Excess of diethyl ether was added and the precipitate was separated and washed with ether. Recrystallization from  $CH_2Cl_2: Et_2O$  gave white microcrystalline III (0.78 g, 72%).

#### Isomerization of III

The salt III (0.1 g, 0.125 mmol) was heated in refluxing *n*-butanol (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) for 1 h and the resulting solution was allowed to cool to room temperature. Addition of a small amount of diethylether gave a first precipitate that was mainly the *mer* isomer (V), and from the mother liquor the remaining *fac*-tracarbonyl mixed with some V was precipitated with hexane.

#### cis-[Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> (IV)

To a solution of III (0.10 g, 0.13 mmol) and PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.1 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.57 mmol) in acetone (12 cm<sup>3</sup>), freshly sublimed ONMe<sub>3</sub> (0.01 g, 0.13 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue was washed with diethylether. The resulting solid was recrystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2$ : Et<sub>2</sub>O as pale yellow microcrystals (0.06 g, 49%).

#### trans-[Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> (VI)

A mixture of III (0.16 g, 0.2 mmol) and PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.8 cm<sup>3</sup>, 4.6 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) was irradiated at  $-15^{\circ}$ C until the IR of the solution no longer showed the v(CO) absorptions of the starting material. The solution was concentrated to *ca*. 3 cm<sup>3</sup> and diethylether was added to give a pale yellow microcrystalline precipitate (0.1 g, 52%) that was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: Et<sub>2</sub>O.

# $fac-[Mn(CO)_3(\widehat{L})(PHPh_2)]ClO_4$ (VII)

A solution of fac-Mn(OClO<sub>3</sub>)(CO)<sub>3</sub>(dppe) (0.74 g, 1.16 mmol) and PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.36 cm<sup>3</sup>, 2.1 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 cm<sup>3</sup>) was stirred for 7 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was washed with ether. Recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: Et<sub>2</sub>O gave pale yellow microcrystalline **VIIb** (0.88 g, 92.5%).

The other *fac*-tricarbonyls VII were similarly prepared from the corresponding *fac*-[Mn(O-ClO<sub>3</sub>)(CO)<sub>3</sub>( $\widehat{L}$ )] with the following reaction times and yields:  $\widehat{L} = dppm$ , 48 h, 61%;  $\widehat{L} = bipy$ , 17 h, 60% (made in acetone);  $\widehat{L} = phen$ , 16 h, 64% (made in acetone).

#### fac-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>(bipy)(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub> (VIIe)

A mixture of fac-[MnBr(CO)<sub>3</sub>(bipy)] (0.3 g, 0.8 mmol), PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.24 cm<sup>3</sup>, 1.38 mmol) and TlPF<sub>6</sub> (0.4 g, 1.14 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 cm<sup>3</sup>) was stirred for 5 h at room temperature and filtered through celite. Evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* gave an oil that was washed several times with hexane. Recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: Et<sub>2</sub>O gave yellow-brown microcrystalline **VIIe** (0.49 g, 98%).

Isomerization of fac- $[Mn(CO)_3(L^2L)(PHPh_2)]ClO_4$ (L L = dppm or dppe)

The compound fac-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>(dppm)(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)] ClO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 g, 0.62 mmol) was heated in refluxing *n*-butanol (25 cm<sup>3</sup>) for 4.5 h and the mixture was cooled to room temperature. After concentrating (*in vacuo*) to half the volume, hexane was added and the yellow precipitate was washed with hexane to give 0.42 g of *mer*-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub> (dppm)(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)]ClO<sub>4</sub> mixed with some *cis*-[Mn (CO)<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub>.

Similarly, the dppe compound gave a mixture of the corresponding *mer*-tricarbonyl and *trans*- $[Mn(CO)_2(dppe)_2]CIO_4$ .

## cis-trans-[Mn(CO)2(bipy)(PHPh2)2]PF6 (VIII)

A mixture of VIIe (0.10 g, 0.16 mmol) and PHPh<sub>2</sub> (0.05 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) was refluxed for 1 h and allowed to cool to room temperature. On standing an orange precipitate was formed that was recrystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2: Et_2O$ (0.10 g, 78%).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Stirring a 1:1 molar mixture of Mn(O- $ClO_3)(CO)_5$  and  $PHPh_2$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at room temperature (i in Scheme 1) gave the cationic pentacarbonyl [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)]ClO<sub>4</sub> characterized by the data in Tables 1 and 2. This compound could be purified by precipitation with Et<sub>2</sub>O from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solutions under argon, but when a solution in  $CH_2Cl_2$ : EtOH (free or PHPh<sub>2</sub>) was concentrated by heating at reduced pressure, it was almost quantitatively transformed into the previously known dimer  $[Mn_2(CO)_8(\mu-PPh_2)_2]^3$  with concomitant formation of CO and HClO<sub>4</sub>, as evidenced by the strong acidity of the mother liquor. This decomposition also occurred by heating the pure cationic pentacarbonyl I in ethanol and also in  $CH_2Cl_2$  solutions in the presence of  $H_2O^*$  or

<sup>\*</sup> The IR spectrum of I in  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution was better obtained using  $CaF_2$  windows. On some occasions when NaCl windows were used, particularly in the presence of water vapour, the formation of the dimer was observed, probably favoured by the heat of the IR source.



Scheme 1. Key to reagents and conditions. (i) PHPh<sub>2</sub> (1:1) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature, (ii), (iii) and (iv) PHPh<sub>2</sub> (excess) in refluxing ethanol, (v) PHPh<sub>2</sub> (3:1) in Me<sub>2</sub>CO at room temperature, (vi) PHPh<sub>2</sub> (excess) and ONMe<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature, (vii) refluxing *n*-butanol, (viii) and (ix) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at  $-15^{\circ}$ C with U.V. irradiation.

Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, although in the latter case the dimer was formed along with another red unidentified product. These transformations are clearly favoured by the stability of the diphenylphosphido bridged species, and by the enhanced acidity of the PHPh<sub>2</sub> ligand coordinated to the Mn(CO)<sup>+</sup><sub>5</sub> fragment. On the other hand, I reacted very quickly with Bu<sup>n</sup><sub>4</sub>NBr in refluxing CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to give the known tetracarbonyl *cis*-[MnBr(CO)<sub>4</sub>(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)],<sup>3</sup> indicating that one CO is labilized in the cationic pentacarbonyl.

The reaction of the perchlorate complex Mn(O- $ClO_3$  (CO)<sub>5</sub> with a two- or three-fold excess of  $PHPh_2$  in refluxing ethanol (ii in the scheme) gave the tetracarbonyl cis- $[Mn(CO)_4(PHPh_2)_2]ClO_4$  (II) as a crystalline precipitate. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of this compound in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution showed a pattern consistent with an AA'XX' system similar to that described for the analogous neutral molybdenum complex  $Mo(CO)_4(PHPh_2)_2$ .<sup>4</sup> In Table 2 only the centre of the multiplet and the separation (in Hz) between the two more intense signals (the external ones) are given. The preparation of the tetracarbonyl II by reaction of PHPh<sub>2</sub> with Mn(O- $ClO_{3}(CO)_{5}$  is similar to the result obtained with the ligand tetramethylthiourea (TMTU),<sup>5</sup> but contrasts with the observation that the reaction of the perchlorate complex with other monodentate ligands gives the tricabonyls fac[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>L<sub>3</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub>, probably passing through the tetracarbonyls, although the latter are not detected by monitoring the reaction by IR.<sup>1</sup> In the reaction (ii in scheme) the fac-tricarbonyl fac- $[Mn(CO)_3(PHPh_2)_3]ClO_4$  (III) was also observed, but its formation from II (iii in Scheme) was slow in refluxing ethanol and on prolonged heating it was obtained together with some remaining II and the cis-dicarbonyl cis-[Mn  $(CO)_2(PHPh_2)_4$  ClO<sub>4</sub> (IV). The latter compound could be prepared from the tricarbonyl III and excess of PHPh<sub>2</sub> in refluxing ethanol (iv in scheme) but only in poor yield because it had to be carefully crystallized out from the mixture before the reaction is completed otherwise some decomposition to an unidentified dicarbonyl begins.

The cationic tricarbonyl III could be conveniently obtained pure in good yield from PHPh<sub>2</sub> and *fac*-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>(Me<sub>2</sub>CO)<sub>3</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>1</sup> in acetone (reaction v in the scheme). The dicarbonyl IV was easily prepared, also in good yield, by reacting III with PHPh<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in the presence of ONMe<sub>3</sub>, (vi in scheme) a method often employed to promote CO substitution,<sup>6</sup> that in some cases has led to unexpected isomers.<sup>7</sup> Heating the *fac*-tricarbonyl III in refluxing *n*-butanol (viii in scheme) resulted in the formation of *mer*-[Mn(CO)<sub>3</sub>(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> (V), as evidenced by the changes in the v(CO) IR spectrum

	M.p.ª	$ \begin{array}{c} \Lambda \\ (\Omega^{-1} \operatorname{cm}^2 \\ \operatorname{mol}^{-1})^b \end{array} $	Analysis [found (calc)%]			IR $(cm^{-1})^{c}$
Compound	(°Č)		C	H	N	v(CO) <sup>d</sup>
$[Mn(CO)_{5}(PHPh_{2})]ClO_{4}(I)$	80	120	42.8	2.46		2150m, 2102m,
			(42.5)	(2.31)		2062s
cis-[Mn(CO) <sub>4</sub> (PHPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub> (II)	186	136	52.7	3.46		2102m, 2037s,
			(52.7)	(3.47)		2022s, 1999sh
$fac-[Mn(CO)_3(PHPh_2)_3]ClO_4 (III)^e$	183	144	58.6	4.19		2038s, 1965s.br
			(58.8)	(4.14)		,
cis-[Mn(CO) <sub>2</sub> (PHPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub> (IV)	171	123	62.8	4.61		1964s, 1909s
			(62.9)	(4.61)		,
trans-[Mn(CO) <sub>2</sub> (PHPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub> (VI)	149	133	62.6	4.47		1916s <sup>f</sup>
			(62.9)	(4.61)		
fac-[Mn(CO) <sub>3</sub> (dppm)(PHPh <sub>2</sub> )]ClO <sub>4</sub> (VIIa) <sup>g</sup>	120	106	60.0	4.05		2030s, 1955s.br
			(59.4)	(4.11)		2
$fac-[Mn(CO)_3(dppe)(PHPh_2)]ClO_4 (VIIb)^h$	110	120	<b>`</b> 59.0 <sup>´</sup>	4.30		2033s, 1958s.br
			(59.8)	(4.29)		,
fac-[Mn(CO) <sub>3</sub> (phen)(PHPh <sub>2</sub> )]ClO <sub>4</sub> (VIIc)	177 <sup>i</sup>	132	53.0	3.09	4.49	2045s, 1970s,
			(53.6)	(3.17)	(4.63)	1935s
fac-[Mn(CO) <sub>3</sub> (bipy)(PHPh <sub>2</sub> )]ClO <sub>4</sub> (VIId)	136 <sup>i</sup>	140	50.7	3.19	4.67	2045s, 1972s,
			(51.7)	(3.30)	(4.82)	1938s
fac-[Mn(CO) <sub>3</sub> (bipy)(PHPh <sub>2</sub> )]PF <sub>6</sub> (VIIe)	156 <sup>i</sup>	125	<b>4</b> 7.3	3.28	4.15 <sup>´</sup>	2045s, 1972s,
			(47.9)	(3.03)	(4.47)	1938s
cis-trans-[Mn(CO) <sub>2</sub> (bipy)(PHPh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub> (VIII)	224	131	55.0	3.78	3.47	1952s, 1884s
			(55.1)	(3.82)	(3.57)	
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Table 1. Melting point, conductivity, analytical and IR data for the compounds

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<sup>b</sup> In  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  M acetone solution.

<sup>c</sup> In CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution.

<sup>d</sup> The v(PH) band could not be clearly observed. Ambiguities came because of the near coincidence with the CO<sub>2</sub> absorptions in this region.

<sup>e</sup> For the mer isomer v(CO): 2040w, 1972s.br.

f v(PH) at 2330 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>g</sup> For the *mer* isomer v(CO): 2050w, 1965s.br.

<sup>*h*</sup> For the *mer* isomer v(CO): 2040w, 1960s.br.

<sup>i</sup>Before melting the colour changed from yellow to red.

[from two equally strong bands to one weaker than the other (Table 1)]. This process is similar to that observed in the case of many other cationic tricarbonyls with phosphorus ligands;<sup>1</sup> however, the isomerization could not be completed after prolonged heating and a mixture of the two isomers III and V was obtained. This suggests that at high temperatures, the equilibrium vii shown in the Scheme is established. The  ${}^{31}P({}^{1}H)NMR$  spectrum of III featured a very broad signal even at  $-90^{\circ}C$  centred at ca. 33 ppm with  $\Delta v_{1/2} = 750$  Hz. (920 Hz at  $-60^{\circ}$ C) while the spectrum of the mixture having more of the *mer*-isomer taken at  $-60^{\circ}$ C, showed also a doublet centred at 43.6 ppm and a triplet centred at 26.1 ppm with intensity ratio 2:1 and with  ${}^{2}J(P,P) = 39$  Hz. In the non-decoupled  ${}^{31}P$ NMR spectrum the doublet centred at 43.7 ppm

was split into two broad multiplets separated by *ca*. 360 Hz and the triplet was split into two broad multiplets separated by *ca*. 390 Hz. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **III** showed a complex multiplet centred at 6.43 ppm with a separation of 396 Hz between the two extreme and more intense peaks. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the isomer mixture, two complex multiplets assignable to the *mer*-tricarbonyl were observed, one was centred at 6.35 ppm with a separation between the more intense peaks of 369 Hz but only half of the other multiplet (at 3.46 ppm) could be observed, the other half probably being hidden by the strong signal of the PPh<sub>2</sub> groups. All these features are consistent with the structures proposed for **III** and **V**.

The *cis*-dicarbonyl IV could be converted into the isomer *trans*- $[Mn(CO)_2(PHPh_2)_4]ClO_4$  (VI) by

Table 2. NMR data for the compounds

Compound	<sup>1</sup> H NMR <sup>a</sup>	<sup>31</sup> P{ <sup>1</sup> H} NMR <sup>b</sup>			
 I	7.53(413)	11(v.br.) <sup>c</sup>			
п	7.41(417)	23			
ш	6.50(398)	$33(v.br.)^{d}$			
IV	6.80(370), 5.89(350)	$53.4(2P, t, {}^{1}J(PP) = 36, PHPh_{2}), 34.7(2P, t, {}^{1}J(PP) = 36, PHPh_{2})^{f}$			
v	6.35(369), 5.63 <sup>9</sup> (390)	$43.6(2P, d, {}^{1}J(PP) = 39, PHPh_{2}), 26.1(1P, t, {}^{1}J(PP) = 39, PHPh_{2})$			
VI	6.46(382)	43.6			
VПЬ	h	$66.6(2P, d, {}^{1}J(PP) = 39, dppe), 33.1(1P, t, {}^{1}J(PP) = 40, PHPh_{2})$			
VIIe	h	39.9			
VIII	$6.23(351)^i$	54.4			

<sup>*a*</sup> In CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise stated. Measured at room temp. in ppm with ref. to TMS. Only the centre of the multiplet corresponding to the P<u>H</u>Ph<sub>2</sub> proton is quoted; in parentheses is given the separation between the two more intense peaks that corresponds closely to the <sup>1</sup>J(PH) coupling constant (in Hz).

<sup>b</sup>In CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution measured at  $-60^{\circ}$ C with reference to downfield of external 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (in ppm). Coupling constants in Hz.

 $^{c}\Delta v_{1/2}$  ca. 1000 Hz.

 $^{d}\Delta v_{1/2} = 920$  Hz.

<sup>e</sup> Pseudotriplet with peak separation of ca. 8 Hz.

<sup>f</sup>The spectrum is in fact a AA'BB' system, that has been measured directly from the spectrum as a first-order approximation.

<sup>9</sup> Estimated.

<sup>h</sup>Not observed because of the Ph protons.

<sup>*i*</sup>In d<sub>6</sub>-acetone.

irradiating a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution with UV light at  $-15^{\circ}$ C (viii in scheme), a reaction that resembles the UV promoted isomerization of the cationic dicarbonyl *cis*-[Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub>.<sup>8</sup> The spectroscopic data obtained for both isomeric dicarbonyls (Tables 1 and 2) were in accord with the structures proposed. The salt VI could be conveniently prepared directly from III and PHPh<sub>2</sub> under UV irradiation (ix in scheme).

Replacement of the coordinated OClO<sub>3</sub> ligand by PHPh<sub>2</sub> from the neutral complexes fac-[Mn  $(OClO_3)(CO)_3(L^2L)]$ , gave the cationic carbonyls  $fac-[Mn(CO)_3(L L)(PHPh_2)]ClO_4$  [L L = dppm (VIIa), dppe (VIIb), phen (VIIc) or bipy (VIId)]. The analogous salt  $fac-[Mn(CO)_3(bipy)(PHPh_2)]$  $PF_6$  (VIIe) could be prepared directly from fac- $[MnBr(CO)_3(bipy)]$  and PHPh<sub>2</sub> in the presence of TIPF<sub>6</sub>. Heating the fac-tricarbonyls containing the diphosphines resulted in the isomerization to the mer-tricarbonyls [v(CO) IR: 2050 w, 1965 s.br (dppm) and 2040 w, 1960 s.br (dppe)]. This behaviour is similar to that observed for other cationic tricarbonyls with diphosphines,<sup>9</sup> however the mer-tricarbonyls with PHPh2 were accompanied by the dicarbonyls  $cis[Mn(CO)_2(dppm)_2]$  $ClO_4$  (in the case of the dppm complex) and trans-[Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>(dppe)<sub>2</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> (in the dppe compound) and were not obtained pure.

By contrast, heating the *fac*-tricarbonyls with bipy or phen, resulted in decomposition giving the red dicarbonyls *cis*-trans-[Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>( $\overline{N}$ )(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] ClO<sub>4</sub> ( $\overline{N}$  = bipy or phen). This was confirmed by reacting the PF<sub>6</sub> salt VIIe with PHPh<sub>2</sub> in refluxing toluene that gave the complex *cis*-trans-[Mn(CO)<sub>2</sub>(bipy)(PHPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (VIII), characterized by the data in Tables 1 and 2 and that is analogous to other cationic *cis*-trans dicarbonyls with bipyridine or phenenthroline and two monodentate phosphorus ligands already known.<sup>10</sup>

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