

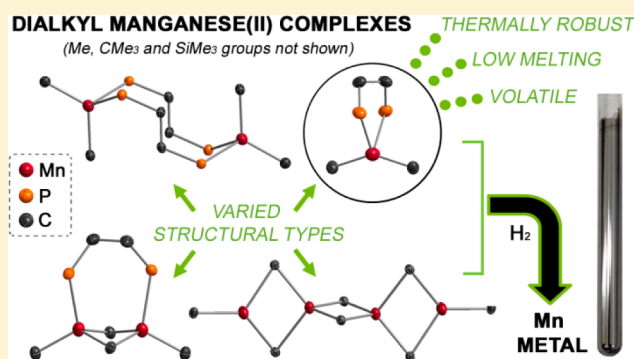
## Base-Free and Bisphosphine Ligand Dialkylmanganese(II) Complexes as Precursors for Manganese Metal Deposition

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**ABSTRACT:** The solid-state structures and the physical, solution magnetic, solid-state magnetic, and spectroscopic (NMR and UV/vis) properties of a range of oxygen- and nitrogen-free dialkylmanganese(II) complexes are reported, and the solution reactivity of these complexes toward  $H_2$  and  $ZnEt_2$  is described. The compounds investigated are  $[Mn(\mu-CH_2SiMe_3)_2]_\infty$  (1),  $[Mn(CH_2CMe_3)(\mu-CH_2CMe_3)_2]_2[Mn(\mu-CH_2CMe_3)_2Mn]$  (2),  $[Mn(CH_2SiMe_3)_2(dmpe)]$  (3;  $dmpe = 1,2$ -bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane),  $[Mn(CH_2CMe_3)_2(\mu-dmpe)]_2$  (4),  $[Mn(CH_2SiMe_3)(\mu-CH_2SiMe_3)_2(\mu-dmpe)]$  (5),  $[Mn(CH_2CMe_3)(\mu-CH_2CMe_3)_2(\mu-dmpe)]$  (6),  $[Mn(CH_2SiMe_3)(\mu-CH_2SiMe_3)_2(\mu-dmpm)]$  (7;  $dmpm =$  bis(dimethylphosphino)methane), and  $[Mn(CH_2CMe_3)(\mu-CH_2CMe_3)_2(\mu-dmpm)]$  (8). Syntheses for 1–4 have previously been reported, but the solid-state structures and most properties of 2–4 had not been described. Compounds 5 and 6, with a 1:2  $dmpe/Mn$  ratio, were prepared by reaction of 3 and 4 with base-free 1 and 2, respectively. Compounds 7 and 8 were accessed by reaction of 1 and 2 with 0.5 equiv or more of  $dmpm$  per manganese atom. An X-ray structure of 2 revealed a tetrametallic structure with two terminal and six bridging alkyl groups. In the solid state, bisphosphine-coordinated 3–8 adopted three distinct structural types: (a) monometallic  $[LMnR_2]$ , (b) dimetallic  $[R_2Mn(\mu-L)_2MnR_2]$ , and (c) dimetallic  $[RMn(\mu-R)]_2(\mu-L)$  ( $L = dmpe, dmpm$ ). Compound 3 exhibited particularly desirable properties for an ALD or CVD precursor, melting at  $62$ – $63$  °C, subliming at  $60$  °C ( $5$  mTorr), and showing negligible decomposition after 24 h at  $120$  °C. Comparison of variable-temperature solution and solid-state magnetic data provided insight into the solution structures of 2–8. Solution reactions of 1–8 with  $H_2$  yielded manganese metal, demonstrating the thermodynamic feasibility of the key reaction steps required for manganese(II) dialkyl complexes to serve, in combination with  $H_2$ , as precursors for metal ALD or pulsed CVD. In contrast, the solution reactions of 1–8 with  $ZnEt_2$  yielded a zinc–manganese alloy with an approximate 1:1  $Zn/Mn$  ratio.



## ■ INTRODUCTION

Prominent methods for thin film deposition include electroplating, electroless deposition, physical vapor deposition (PVD), chemical vapor deposition (CVD), and atomic layer deposition (ALD).<sup>1</sup> Electroplating and electroless deposition are conducted in solution or a melt, whereas PVD relies upon evaporation or sputtering of the target material under vacuum, often using resistive or electron beam heating or bombardment by high-energy particles, respectively. In contrast, CVD and ALD are vapor-phase deposition techniques requiring at least one volatile molecular precursor as a source of elements in the target thin film. In CVD, the target material is formed by thermal decomposition of the volatile molecular precursor upon contact with a heated substrate. In contrast, in ALD, a volatile molecular precursor is adsorbed on the surface of a heated substrate and the resulting monolayer is reacted with a volatile coreactant (a molecular coreactant in the case of thermal ALD or plasma-generated atoms in the case of plasma-enhanced ALD) to produce a submonolayer of the target material. Precursor and coreactant pulses are separated by inert

gas or vacuum purge steps, and the precursor pulse/purge/coreactant pulse/purge sequence is repeated until a film of the desired thickness is obtained.<sup>2</sup>

Of the thin film deposition methods described above, thermal ALD is uniquely well suited to deposit the highly uniform and conformal ultrathin films required in future microelectronic devices. For this reason, ALD is currently used to deposit  $HfO_2$  in microprocessors,  $Al_2O_3$  in dynamic random access memory, and  $ZnS$  in electroluminescent displays.<sup>3</sup> Thermal metal ALD has been reported for the following late transition metals: Cu, Ni, Pd, Pt, Co, Rh, Ir, Fe, Ru, and Os.<sup>4</sup> However, reports of more electropositive early- or mid-transition-metal ALD are scarce (vide infra), given that most ALD precursors contain a metal in a positive oxidation state, which must be reduced to the 0 oxidation state for metal film deposition. ALD of moderately electropositive tungsten has been achieved using  $WF_6$  in combination with  $Si_2H_6$ ,<sup>5</sup>  $SiH_4$ ,<sup>6</sup> or

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B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>.<sup>6b,7</sup> Furthermore, ALD of elemental chromium, which is significantly more electropositive ( $\chi_{\text{Pauling}} = 1.66$ )<sup>8</sup> than tungsten, was recently reported by Winter using [Cr(OCMe<sup>t</sup>BuCH=N<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>] and BH<sub>3</sub>(NHMe<sub>2</sub>). However, film growth was only observed on Ru/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si substrates, a lengthy nucleation process was required, and the film thickness plateaued at approximately 10 nm. Manganese ALD<sup>9</sup> was also likely achieved using [Mn<sub>2</sub>(OCMe<sup>t</sup>BuCH=N<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>4</sub>] and BH<sub>3</sub>(NHMe<sub>2</sub>), although only MnO<sub>x</sub> was observed after air exposure, and the same substrate, nucleation, and film growth restrictions that applied to Cr also applied to Mn.<sup>10</sup> Cu–Mn alloy ALD has recently been reported using a combination of [Mn<sub>2</sub>(OCMe<sup>t</sup>BuCH=N<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>4</sub>]/BH<sub>3</sub>(NHMe<sub>2</sub>) and [Cu(dmap)<sub>2</sub>]/BH<sub>3</sub>(NHMe<sub>2</sub>) cycles (dmap = 1-dimethylamino-2-propoxide).<sup>11</sup> Additionally, titanium ALD was recently accomplished using TiCl<sub>4</sub> in combination with 2-methyl-1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-2,5-cyclohexadiene or 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,4-dihydropyrazine.<sup>12</sup>

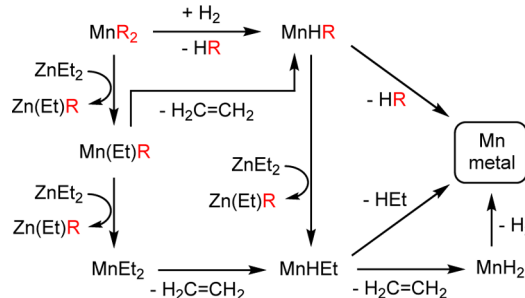
We have previously investigated the use of metal alkyl complexes (e.g., ZnEt<sub>2</sub>) as coreactants for copper metal ALD,<sup>13</sup> and in this work we set out to determine whether highly reactive electropositive transition-metal alkyl complexes could exhibit the reactivity, volatility, and thermal stability suitable to effect electropositive metal deposition in combination with reagents such as H<sub>2</sub> and ZnEt<sub>2</sub> (hydrogen gas has previously been used as a coreactant for ALD of Fe,<sup>14</sup> Ru,<sup>15</sup> Co,<sup>14</sup> Ir,<sup>16</sup> Ni,<sup>14,17</sup> Pd,<sup>18</sup> and Cu;<sup>14,19</sup> ZnEt<sub>2</sub> has been used as a coreactant for the ALD of Cu<sup>20</sup>).

As ALD precursors, electropositive metal alkyl complexes offer several potential advantages relative to coordination or cyclopentadienyl complexes: (a) the high reactivity of polar metal–alkyl bonds may provide access to low-temperature reaction pathways for elemental metal deposition,<sup>23</sup> (b) the metal–nitrogen and metal–oxygen bonds typically encountered in coordination complexes can be avoided, precluding metal oxide or nitride formation, and (c) in reactions with H<sub>2</sub>, the byproducts are highly unreactive and volatile alkanes which should be readily eliminated from the growing film. Transition-metal alkyl complexes have rarely been used as precursors for pulsed CVD or ALD, although notable exceptions are [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(COD)]<sup>21</sup> and [Cp'PtMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>22</sup> (COD = 1,5-cyclooctadiene, Cp' = methylcyclopentadienyl).

Manganese was selected as the metal of choice in the current work due to a Pauling electronegativity ( $\chi_{\text{Pauling}} = 1.55$ ) lower than that of all transition metals in groups 5–12, with the exception of tantalum ( $\chi_{\text{Pauling}} = 1.5$ ).<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, manganese ALD is of interest since copper–manganese alloys can be used for self-formation of a MnSi<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> diffusion barrier at the interface between copper interconnect wiring and dielectric materials rich in silicon and oxygen.<sup>24</sup>

The reactivity envisaged between a dialkylmanganese precursor and H<sub>2</sub> or ZnEt<sub>2</sub> is shown in Scheme 1. With H<sub>2</sub>, a mixed alkyl hydride complex (MnHR) should be accessible by  $\sigma$ -bond metathesis or oxidative addition of H<sub>2</sub> followed by reductive elimination of HR. This mixed alkyl hydride complex can be expected to be particularly susceptible to HR reductive elimination for both thermodynamic and kinetic reasons,<sup>25</sup> leading to manganese metal deposition. With ZnEt<sub>2</sub>, stepwise alkyl exchange with MnR<sub>2</sub> would provide Mn(Et)R and then MnEt<sub>2</sub>, which can be expected to undergo rapid  $\beta$ -hydride elimination to form either MnHR or MnHEt, respectively. MnHR is the same intermediate targeted in reactions with H<sub>2</sub>, and MnHEt will decompose via either HEt reductive

**Scheme 1.** Possible Pathways for Mn(s) Deposition Using Dialkylmanganese(II) Complexes in Combination with H<sub>2</sub> or ZnEt<sub>2</sub> Coreactants



elimination to form manganese metal, or  $\beta$ -hydride elimination to form MnH<sub>2</sub>; an unstable species observed only in low-temperature matrices.<sup>26</sup> While HR (R = CH<sub>2</sub>EMe<sub>3</sub>) is the only byproduct expected in reactions with H<sub>2</sub>, byproducts in the reactions with ZnEt<sub>2</sub> can include ZnEtR (or ZnR<sub>2</sub>; not shown in Scheme 1), ethylene, HR, HEt, and H<sub>2</sub>.

The aforementioned reactivity can only be utilized for manganese ALD or pulsed CVD if a dialkylmanganese(II) precursor with an appropriate balance of thermal stability, volatility, and reactivity can be identified. The first neutral dialkylmanganese(II) complex, MnMe<sub>2</sub>, was reported by Beermann and Clauss over a half century ago, although the structure of this compound, which explodes under the influence of shock or friction, remains unknown.<sup>27</sup> In contrast, Wilkinson et al. prepared homoleptic trimethylsilylmethyl, neopentyl, neophyl (CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>Ph),<sup>28</sup> and 1-adamantylmethyl<sup>29</sup> manganese(II) complexes with much greater stability due to increased steric bulk. X-ray crystal structures were reported for the trimethylsilylmethyl and neophyl complexes, which are polymeric and dimeric, respectively.<sup>28b,30</sup> More recently, homoleptic benzyl,<sup>31</sup> *o*-CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>,<sup>32</sup> bis(trimethylsilyl)methyl,<sup>33</sup> tris(trimethylsilyl)methyl,<sup>34</sup> and C-(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(SiMe<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sup>35</sup> manganese(II) complexes have also been crystallographically characterized.

Dialkylmanganese(II) complexes have been coordinated to a wide variety of Lewis bases, including PMe<sub>3</sub>,<sup>36</sup> PEt<sub>3</sub>, PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph, PMPPh<sub>2</sub>, PCy<sub>3</sub>,<sup>37</sup> dmpe (1,2-bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane),<sup>36b,38</sup> pyridine,<sup>31,39</sup> 2,2'-bipyridine (bipy),<sup>31</sup> TMEDA (*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine),<sup>28</sup> a bidentate diimine ligand (*N,N'*-bis(mesitylmethylene)-1,2-cyclohexanediamine),<sup>40</sup> sparteine,<sup>41</sup> THF,<sup>31,38b,42</sup> Pr<sub>2</sub>NC(O)CH<sub>2</sub>Ph,<sup>43</sup> 1,4-dioxane,<sup>39</sup> and a carbene (1,3-bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazole-2-ylidene),<sup>44</sup> although many of these complexes have not been structurally characterized. Dialkylmanganese(II) complexes with *o*-phenylenedimethylene (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup>),<sup>36b</sup> cyclohexyl, and *tert*-butyl<sup>45</sup> alkyl groups have also been isolated in combination with supporting dmpe ligands.

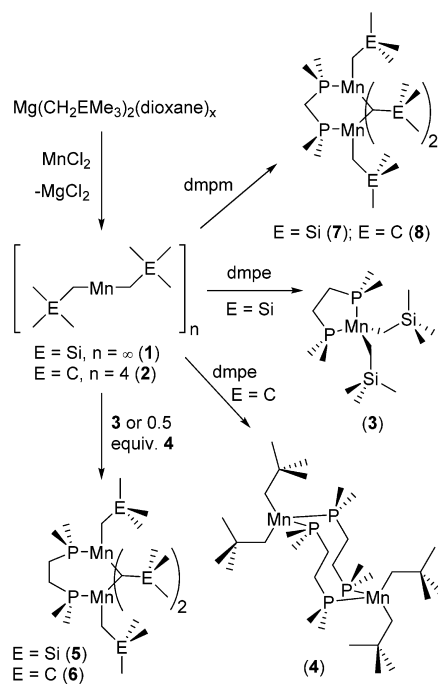
Herein we describe the synthesis of both new and previously reported dialkylmanganese(II) complexes (eight in total), detailed solution and solid-state characterization, including single-crystal X-ray diffraction, PXRD, NMR and UV–visible spectroscopy, and variable-temperature solution state (Evans) and solid-state (SQUID) magnetic measurements, evaluation of thermal stability and volatility, and solution reactivity studies with H<sub>2</sub> and ZnEt<sub>2</sub> leading to manganese metal and manganese–zinc alloy electroless deposition. This work targets base-free as well as dmpe and dmpm (bis(dimethylphosphino)methane) coordinated bis(trimethylsilylmethyl) and dineopen-

tyl manganese(II) complexes, since (a) they have fairly low molecular weights and do not contain aromatic groups, maximizing the potential for appreciable volatility, (b) they do not contain  $\beta$ -hydrogen atoms, imparting thermal stability, (c) they are free from oxygen or nitrogen donors, precluding manganese oxide or nitride deposition, and (d) the chelate effect will help to prevent phosphine ligand dissociation during sublimation. The base-free compounds<sup>28</sup> and the 1:1  $\text{MnR}_2/\text{dmpe}$  adducts<sup>36b</sup> have previously been reported, but an X-ray crystal structure has only been reported for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}_\infty]$ .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Synthesis and X-ray Crystal Structures.** Base-free bis(trimethylsilylmethyl)manganese(II) (1) and dineopentylmanganese(II) (2) were prepared via the reactions of  $\text{MnCl}_2$  with  $\text{MgR}_2(\text{dioxane})_x$  ( $\text{R} = \text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3$ ;  $x = 0.25\text{--}0.8$ ), following modifications of the literature procedures (Scheme 2).<sup>28b</sup> The 1:1  $\text{Mn}/\text{dmpe}$  ( $\text{dmpe} = 1,2$ -

Scheme 2. Synthesis of Compounds 1–8

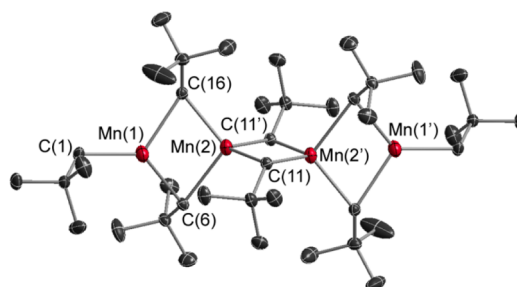


bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane) complexes  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{dmpe})]$  (3) and  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}_2]$  (4) were also prepared as previously reported (Scheme 2),<sup>36b</sup> while the 2:1  $\text{Mn}/\text{dmpe}$  complexes  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}]$  (5) and  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}]$  (6) were synthesized by addition of 1 equiv of the corresponding base-free dialkylmanganese(II) precursor to 3 and 4, respectively (Scheme 2). Compounds 1 and 2 reacted with bis(dimethylphosphino)methane (dmpm) to form exclusively  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpm})\}]$  (7) and  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpm})\}]$  (8), even when an excess of dmpm was added (Scheme 2).

Compound 4 is colorless, 3 is yellow, and 2 is dark brown, whereas 1 and 5–8 are red or black when crystalline and pale pink when powdered. All eight compounds display high oxygen sensitivity and were characterized by combustion elemental

analysis, single-crystal X-ray diffraction (except 1),<sup>46</sup> PXRD on the bulk sample,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy (except nearly insoluble 1), UV/vis spectroscopy (except nearly insoluble 1 and colorless 4), and both SQUID and Evans solution magnetic measurements (except 1) (vide infra). Additionally, melting points and sublimation temperatures were determined, and the thermal stability was assessed.

An X-ray structure has not previously been reported for base-free dineopentylmanganese(II) (2). However, Wilkinson et al. noted in 1976 that 2 is a tetramer in the solid state,<sup>28b</sup> citing a personal communication from M. B. Hursthouse and P. Raithby.<sup>30</sup> Additionally, an electron diffraction study was reported for 2, revealing a monometallic structure in the vapor phase.<sup>47</sup> In this work, dark brown X-ray-quality crystals of 2 were obtained from hexanes at  $-30^\circ\text{C}$ , confirming a tetrametallic structure (Figure 1), with the two outer



**Figure 1.** X-ray crystal structure for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2\}_2\{\text{Mn}(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2\text{Mn}\}]$  (2). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, and ellipsoids are set to 60% (C) and 80% probability (Mn). Bond distances (Å) and angles (deg):  $\text{Mn}(1)\cdots\text{Mn}(2)$  2.7022(4),  $\text{Mn}(2)\cdots\text{Mn}(2')$  2.7165(4),  $\text{Mn}(1)\text{--C}(1)$  2.1211(9),  $\text{Mn}(1)\text{--C}(6)$  2.2322(9),  $\text{Mn}(2)\text{--C}(16)$  2.232(1),  $\text{Mn}(2)\text{--C}(11)$  2.213(1),  $\text{Mn}(1)\text{--C}(16)$  2.3265(7),  $\text{Mn}(2)\text{--C}(6)$  2.3939(7),  $\text{Mn}(2)\text{--C}(11')$  2.4092(9);  $\text{Mn}(1)\text{--C}(6)\text{--Mn}(2)$  71.38(3),  $\text{Mn}(1)\text{--C}(16)\text{--Mn}(2)$  72.67(3),  $\text{Mn}(2)\text{--C}(11)\text{--Mn}(2')$  71.85(3),  $\text{C}(1)\text{--Mn}(1)\text{--C}(6)$  132.04(4),  $\text{C}(1)\text{--Mn}(1)\text{--C}(16)$  122.62(3),  $\text{C}(6)\text{--Mn}(1)\text{--C}(16)$  105.16(3).

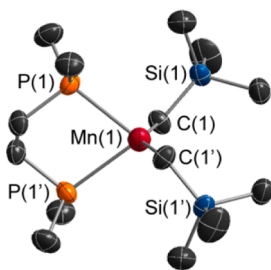
manganese atoms in a distorted-trigonal-planar geometry ( $\sum(\text{C--Mn}(1)\text{--C}) = 359.82(6)^\circ$ ;  $\text{C--Mn}(1)\text{--C} = 105.16(3)$ ,  $122.62(3)$ , and  $132.04(4)^\circ$ ) and the inner manganese atoms in a distorted-tetrahedral geometry ( $\text{C--Mn}(2)\text{--C} = 100.06(3)\text{--}122.50(3)^\circ$ ). The only other neutral and homoleptic dialkylmanganese(II) complex known to contain a trigonal-planar manganese center is  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{Ph})(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{Ph})\}_2]$ ,<sup>28b,30,31</sup> though it deviates more from planarity ( $\sum(\text{C--Mn--C}) = 354.7(1)^\circ$ ) than complex 2, likely due to an  $\eta^2$  interaction between each manganese atom and the phenyl ring of a bridging  $\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{Ph}$  group. The tetrametallic structure of 2 presumably differs from the polymeric structure of 1<sup>28b</sup> due to the increased steric demands of neopentyl versus trimethylsilylmethyl ligands.

Compound 2 has an inversion center between the central manganese atoms, and the terminal  $\text{Mn}(1)\text{--C}(1)$  bond distance of 2.1211(9) Å is significantly shorter than the  $\text{Mn--C}$  bonds to the bridging neopentyl ligands. For each bridging neopentyl group, one  $\text{Mn--C}$  bond is approximately 0.1–0.2 Å shorter than the other, with the short  $\text{Mn--C}$  distances ranging from 2.213(1) to 2.232(1) Å and long  $\text{Mn--C}$  distances of 2.3265(7) Å to three-coordinate  $\text{Mn}(1)$  and 2.3939(7) and 2.4092(9) Å to four-coordinate  $\text{Mn}(2)$ . Bridging alkyl groups in multimetallic manganese alkyl complexes in the literature also



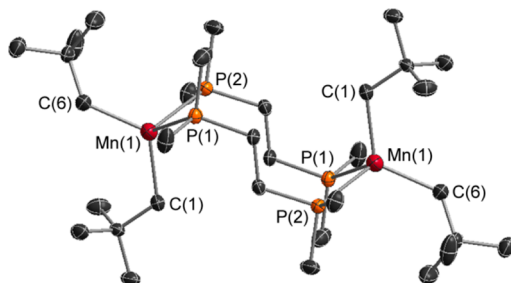
exhibit one short and one long Mn–C bond,<sup>48</sup> as do all  $\mu$ -alkyl manganese complexes in this work (vide infra). The Mn(1)–Mn(2) and Mn(2)–Mn(2') distances in **2** are 2.7022(4) and 2.7165(4) Å, which are almost 0.2 Å shorter than the Mn–Mn distances previously reported for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}_\infty]$  (**1**). Furthermore, the Mn–C–Mn angles in **2** (71.38(3)–72.67(3)°) are approximately 5° more acute than those in **1**, while the Mn–C distances are comparable.<sup>31</sup> The Mn–Mn distances in **2** lie between the sum of ionic (2.58 Å) and van der Waals radii (4.10 Å)<sup>49</sup> and are within the range previously reported (2.5–3.2 Å) for single Mn–Mn bonds in the vast majority of coordination and organometallic complexes.<sup>48</sup> However, they are longer than the shortest Mn–Mn distances in elemental manganese (2.26, 2.37, and 2.47 Å for  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -, and  $\gamma$ -Mn, respectively).<sup>50</sup>

X-ray-quality crystals of the 1:1 Mn/dmpe complexes  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{dmpe})]$  (**3**) and  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}_2]$  (**4**) were obtained from hexanes at –30 °C. Compound **3** (Figure 2) is monometallic with a tetrahedral



**Figure 2.** X-ray crystal structure for  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{dmpe})]$  (**3**). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, and ellipsoids are set to 50% (C, P, Si) and 70% probability (Mn). All carbon atoms in the dmpe ligand are disordered over two positions, and only the dominant conformation (69%) is shown above. Bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Mn–C 2.1320(14), Mn–P 2.6541(5); P–Mn–P 78.76(2), C–Mn–C 144.34(9), P(1)–Mn–C(1) 108.59(5), P(1)–Mn–C(1') 98.89(4).

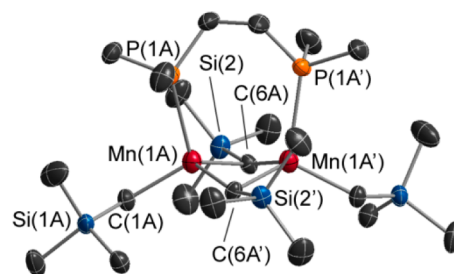
geometry that is distorted due to the small bite angle of dmpe (78.76(2)° in **3**). In contrast, **4** (Figure 3) is dimetallic with bridging dmpe ligands and a Mn–Mn distance of 6.756(2) Å, which is far greater than the sum of the van der Waals radii. Compound **4** features tetrahedral manganese centers (X–Mn–



**Figure 3.** X-ray crystal structure for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}_2]$  (**4**). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, and ellipsoids are set to 60% (C, P) and 80% probability (Mn). Bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Mn···Mn 6.756(2), Mn(1)–P(1) 2.6241(9), Mn(1)–P(2') 2.643(1), Mn(1)–C(1) 2.160(2), Mn(1)–C(6) 2.160(2); P(1)–Mn(1)–P(2) 94.79(2), C(1)–Mn(1)–C(6) 122.20(9), C(1)–Mn(1)–P(1) 104.25(7), C(6)–Mn(1)–P(1) 106.94(7), C(1)–Mn(1)–P(2) 119.20(7), C(6)–Mn–P(2) 105.25(7).

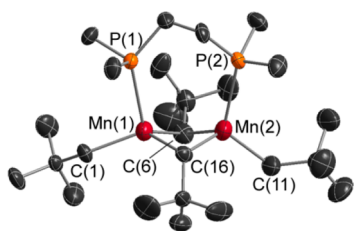
X = 94.79(2)–122.20(9)°; X = C, P) and a central 10-membered ring with a boat–chair–boat conformation, which is the dominant conformation of cyclodecane.<sup>51,52</sup> An organometallic complex featuring a similar  $\text{M}_2(\mu\text{-dppe})_2$  core (dppe = bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane) has been structurally characterized for Mo.<sup>53</sup> The Mn–P and Mn–C distances in **3** and **4** are unremarkable, ranging from 2.6241(9) to 2.6541(5) Å (Mn–P) and from 2.1320(14) to 2.160(2) Å (Mn–C), similar to the Mn–P and Mn–C<sub>terminal</sub> bond lengths in **1**, **2**,  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2(\text{PMe}_3)_2]$ ,<sup>36b</sup> and  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{tmeda})]$  (tmeda = *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine).<sup>39</sup> In contrast, significantly longer Mn–P and Mn–C distances were reported for  $[\text{Mn}\{\text{CH}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}_2(\text{dmpe})]$ ,<sup>38b</sup> presumably due to greatly increased steric hindrance at the metal center.

Bright red X-ray-quality crystals of  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}_2]$  (**5**) were obtained at –30 °C from both toluene and hexanes. The unit cell for the structure obtained from toluene (Figure 4) contains three independent



**Figure 4.** X-ray crystal structure for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}_2]$  (**5**) obtained by crystallization from toluene. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, and ellipsoids are set to 50% (C, P, Si) and 70% probability (Mn). The unit cell contains three independent and essentially isostructural molecules (A–C), and only molecule A is shown. Bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Mn(1A)···Mn(1A') 2.7202(6), Mn(1B)···Mn(1B') 2.7177(6), Mn(1C)···Mn(1C') 2.7322(6), Mn(1A)–P(1A) 2.6007(9), Mn(1B)–P(1B) 2.5909(9), Mn(1C)–P(1C) 2.6020(9), Mn(1A)–C(1A) 2.123(2), Mn(1B)–C(1B) 2.137(2), Mn(1C)–C(1C) 2.136(2), Mn(1A)–C(6A) 2.183(2), Mn(1B)–C(6B) 2.200(2), Mn(1C)–C(6C) 2.208(2), Mn(1A)–C(6A') 2.366(2), Mn(1B)–C(6B') 2.370(2), Mn(1C)–C(6C') 2.362(2); Mn(1A)–C(6A)–Mn(1A') 73.34(7), Mn(1B)–C(6B)–Mn(1B') 72.88(7), Mn(1C)–C(6C)–Mn(1C') 73.35(8). See the Supporting Information for bond distances and angles in the structure of **5** obtained from hexanes.

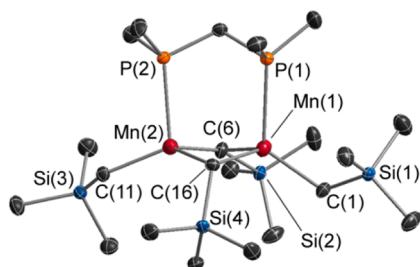
molecules, while the structure obtained from hexanes (Figure S36 in the Supporting Information) has only one independent molecule in the unit cell. Black X-ray-quality crystals of the neopentyl analogue  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}_2]$  (**6**) (Figure 5) were obtained from toluene at –30 °C. Both **5** and **6** are dimetallic with tetrahedral manganese centers (C–Mn–X = 94.4(1)–131.4(4)°; X = C, P) coordinated to one terminal alkyl group, two bridging alkyl groups, and one phosphorus atom of a bridging dmpe ligand. The terminal Mn–C distances in **5** and **6** (2.123(2)–2.141(5) Å in **5**; 2.160(6) and 2.18(1) Å in **6**) are shorter than the bridging Mn–C distances, and as in base-free **1** and **2**, each of the bridging alkyl groups is closer to one manganese atom than the other; the short Mn–C<sub>bridging</sub> distances range from 2.183(2) to 2.211(4) Å in **5** and from 2.252(5) to 2.27(1) Å in **6**, whereas the long Mn–C<sub>bridging</sub> distances range from 2.362(2) to 2.379(4) Å in **5** and from 2.300(9) to 2.342(6) Å in **6**.



**Figure 5.** X-ray crystal structure for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}]$  (**6**). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, and ellipsoids are set to 50% (C, P) and 70% probability (Mn). Positions of all carbon atoms in three of the four neopentyl groups (C(1)–C(15)) are disordered over two positions. The figure shows only one position for each of the disordered groups (occupancy: 50% for C1–C5, 82% for C6–C10, and 87% for C11–C15). Bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Mn(1)–Mn(2) 2.685(1), Mn(1)–P(1) 2.605(1), Mn(2)–P(2) 2.641(1), Mn(1)–C(1) 2.160(6), Mn(2)–C(11) 2.18(1), Mn(1)–C(16) 2.252(5), Mn(2)–C(6) 2.27(1), Mn(1)–C(6) 2.300(9), Mn(2)–C(16) 2.342(6); Mn(1)–C(6)–Mn(2) 72.0(3), Mn(1)–C(16)–Mn(2) 71.5(2).

The Mn–P distances in **5** and **6** are similar and unexceptional. However, the Mn–Mn distances of 2.7177(6)–2.7322(6) Å in **5** are shorter than those in base-free **1** by over 0.15 Å, likely due to the tethering influence of the bridging bisphosphine ligand. The Mn–C–Mn angles in **5** (72.88(7)–73.35(8)°) are also more acute than those in base-free **1** (76.82(4) and 77.19(5)°), consistent with the shorter Mn–Mn distance in the former compound. The Mn–Mn distance of 2.685(1) Å in **6** is less than 0.05 Å shorter than the corresponding distance in base-free **2**, but it is significantly shorter than the Mn–Mn distance in **5**. The Mn–C<sub>terminal</sub> and average Mn–C<sub>bridging</sub> distances (vide supra) are slightly longer in **6** than in **5**, and the Mn–C–Mn angles in **6** (71.5(2)–72.0(3)°) are slightly more acute than those in **5** (vide supra). These geometric trends mirror those observed for base-free **1** and **2**. An even shorter Mn–Mn distance of 2.616(5) Å and a particularly acute Mn–C–Mn angle of 69.6(4)° were previously reported for isostructural  $[\{\text{MnCy}(\mu\text{-Cy})_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}]$  (Cy = cyclohexyl),<sup>45</sup> which features more sterically demanding and electron donating secondary alkyl groups.

Bright red X-ray-quality crystals of  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpm})\}]$  (**7**) were obtained from hexanes at –30 °C (Figure 6), revealing a dimetallic structure analogous to the structures of the 2:1 MnR<sub>2</sub>:dmpe complexes **5** and **6**. The

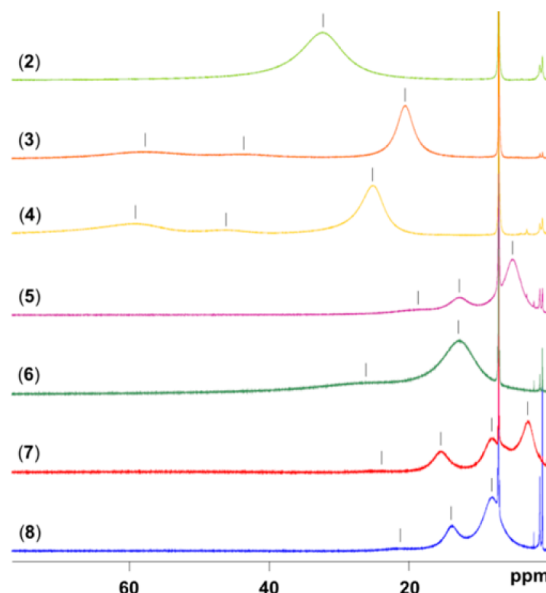


**Figure 6.** X-ray crystal structure for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpm})\}]$  (**7**). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, and ellipsoids are set to 50% (C, P, Si) and 70% probability (Mn). Bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Mn(1)–Mn(2) 2.7243(5), Mn(1)–P(1) 2.6584(5), Mn(2)–P(2) 2.6016(6), Mn(1)–C(1) 2.134(1), Mn(2)–C(11) 2.121(1), Mn(1)–C(6) 2.220(2), Mn(2)–C(16) 2.233(1), Mn(1)–C(16) 2.340(1), Mn(2)–C(6) 2.337(1), Mn(1)–C(6)–Mn(2) 73.38(5), Mn(1)–C(16)–Mn(2) 73.08(4).

Mn–Mn, Mn–C, and Mn–P distances and Mn–C–Mn angles in **7** are very similar to those in **5**, although the dmpm ligand in **7** is bound less symmetrically than the dmpe ligand in **5** (the Mn–P distances in **7** differ by approximately 0.06 Å, in comparison with approximately 0.02 Å in **5**). The solid-state structure of  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpm})\}]$  (**8**) was also determined using crystals obtained (a) from hexanes at –30 °C and (b) by slow evaporation of a hexanes solution at 20 °C (Figure S37 in the Supporting Information). However, the quality of both data sets was only suitable to establish connectivity, which is analogous to that of **7**.

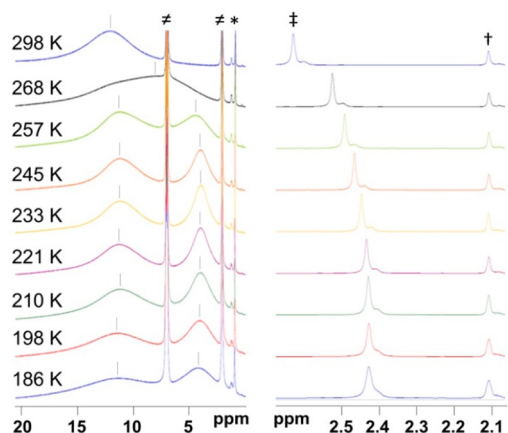
The structures of **5** and **7** can also be compared with  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\text{PMe}_3)_2\}]$ ,<sup>36a</sup> and an isostructural  $\text{PEt}_3$  complex,  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\text{PEt}_3)_2\}]$ ,<sup>37</sup> which was structurally characterized in this work (Figure S35 in the Supporting Information). Key differences are that the phosphine ligands in the  $\text{PR}_3$  (R = Me, Et) complexes are trans to one another across the Mn–Mn axis, and the Mn–Mn distances (2.772(1) Å (R = Me) and 2.7937(3) Å (R = Et)) are 0.05–0.07 Å longer than those in **5** and **7**. Furthermore, the Mn–C–Mn angles in the monophosphine complexes (74.5(1)° for R = Me and 75.21(3)° for R = Et) are less acute than those in **5** and **7** (~73°), while Mn–P and Mn–C distances are comparable. These data highlight the substantial influence of the bidentate dmpe ligand on the relative orientation of the phosphorus donors, the Mn–Mn distance, and the Mn–C–Mn angle. The neopentyl complex  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\text{PMe}_3)_2\}]$ <sup>37</sup> has also been reported, featuring an elongated Mn–Mn distance (2.718(3) Å) and statistically equivalent Mn–C–Mn angles (69.6(6)° and 71.0(6)°) relative to **6**.

**NMR Spectroscopy and Magnetic Measurements.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complexes **2**–**8** (Figure 7; C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) show paramagnetically broadened and shifted peaks, between 5 and 60 ppm, with full width at half-maximum values from 1150 to 8200 Hz. Further spectra were collected in *d*<sub>8</sub>-



**Figure 7.** Room-temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for **2**–**8** (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>). Black tick marks indicate broad peaks associated with organomanganese(II) complexes, while the sharp signals are due to residual C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>H in the NMR solvent and trace hexanes.

toluene between 186 K and room temperature (Figure 8 for 6; Supporting Information for 2–5, 7, and 8). A spectrum was not collected for 1 due to insolubility in noncoordinating solvents.



**Figure 8.** (left)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}]$  (6) from 186 to 298 K (500 MHz,  $d_8$ -toluene). Broad signals (l) are due to 6, while sharp signals are due to residual  $d_7$ -toluene solvent impurity ( $\neq$ ) and hexanes (\*). (right) Region of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra used for Evans measurements between 186 and 298 K (500 MHz, 40:1  $d_8$ -toluene/toluene). The methyl group from external toluene ( $\dagger$ ) is calibrated to 2.11 ppm, and the methyl group of internal toluene ( $\ddagger$ ) is observed to shift with temperature. Shoulders to the right of the two toluene ( $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8$ ) signals are the residual solvent signals due to  $d_7$ -toluene,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_5(\text{CHD}_2)$ .

On the basis of the solid-state structure of phosphine-free 2, six  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals are predicted with integrations of 36H, 18H, 18H, 8H, 4H, and 4H. However, it is not unreasonable to expect that the  $\text{MnCH}_2$  signals would be broadened to the point at which they cannot be located, due to their proximity to the high-spin  $d^5$  metal centers; in this case, a total of three  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals would be observed. At room temperature, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 2 shows only a single broad  $^1\text{H}$  NMR resonance, but at  $-32^\circ\text{C}$  this peak splits into the expected three signals.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for dmpe complexes 3 and 4,<sup>54</sup> which do not contain bridging alkyl groups, would be expected to give rise to three signals (18H, 12H, and 4H, not including  $\text{MnCH}_2$  signals), whereas the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for 5–8 should give rise to four signals (18H, 18H, 12H, and 2H, not including  $\text{MnCH}_2$  signals). The expected number of signals was observed for 3, 4, and 7 at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , below  $10^\circ\text{C}$  for 5, and below  $-28^\circ\text{C}$  for 8. For compound 6, just two  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals were observed at room temperature, and at  $-15^\circ\text{C}$  the largest of these signals split into two, yielding three broad peaks; the observation of just three signals ( $-15$  to  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ ) in the spectrum for 6 is likely due to coincidental overlap of two signals (Figure 8). The increased number of signals in the low-temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 2, 5, 6, and 8 may be attributed to (a) different temperature dependencies for overlapping paramagnetically shifted signals or (b) decoalescence of signals that are averaged at room temperature due to exchange processes. For compound 8, explanation (a) is most likely on the basis of solution magnetic measurements (vide infra). In contrast, for compounds 2, 5, and 6, explanation (b) seems likely, given that solution magnetic measurements indicate that these tetrametallic or dimetallic complexes exist in equilibrium with other manganese-containing species in solution (vide infra).

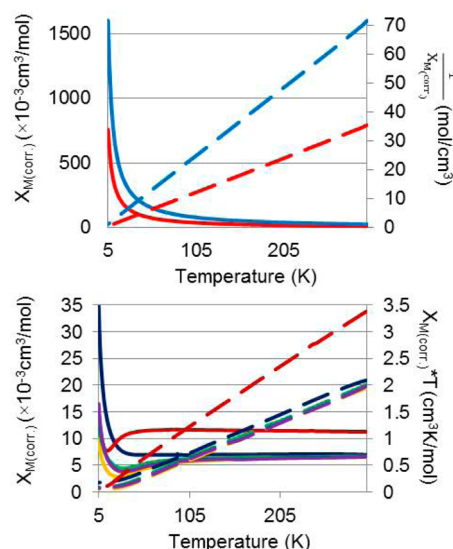
Solid-state and solution magnetic measurements were carried out on complexes 2–8 (Table 1). SQUID magnetic measure-

**Table 1.** Room-Temperature Solution and Solid-State Magnetic Data for 2–8

complex	$\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$ per Mn center <sup>a</sup> ( $10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ )	
	in $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ at 298 K	in the solid state at 300 K
2	$4.2 \pm 0.1^d$	$2.82 \pm 0.03$
3	$13.6 \pm 0.5$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}} = 5.71 \mu_{\text{B}} \pm 0.11$ ) <sup>e</sup>	$14.0 \pm 1.2$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}} = 5.8 \mu_{\text{B}} \pm 0.2$ ) <sup>b</sup>
4	$14.4 \pm 0.5$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}} = 5.87 \mu_{\text{B}} \pm 0.10$ )	$14.1 \pm 0.1$ ( $\mu_{\text{B}} = 5.83 \mu_{\text{B}} \pm 0.03$ ) <sup>c</sup>
5	$3.5 \pm 0.3$	$3.48 \pm 0.04$
6	$6.5 \pm 0.3$	$3.30 \pm 0.03$
7	$3.0 \pm 0.2$	$3.24 \pm 0.03$
8	$3.4 \pm 0.1$	$3.35 \pm 0.03$

<sup>a</sup> $\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$  = corrected molar magnetic susceptibility;  $\mu_{\text{B}}$  = effective magnetic moment;  $\Theta$  = Weiss temperature. <sup>b</sup> $\Theta = -0.6 \pm 0.1 \text{ K}$  for 3. <sup>c</sup> $\Theta = 0.04 \pm 0.06 \text{ K}$  for 4. <sup>d</sup>Lit:  $3.9 \mu_{\text{B}}$ .<sup>28b</sup> <sup>e</sup>Lit:  $5.6 \mu_{\text{B}}$ .<sup>36b</sup>

ments have previously been reported for 1 and show antiferromagnetic coupling/exchange between the manganese atoms.<sup>39</sup> SQUID magnetic measurements on 3, which is monometallic, and 4, which is a dimer with spatially separated manganese centers, show that both complexes obey the Curie–Weiss law (Figure 9; 300 to 5 K), leading to effective magnetic



**Figure 9.** SQUID magnetic susceptibility data from 5 to 300 K: (top)  $\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$  vs  $T$  (solid lines) and  $1/\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$  vs  $T$  (dashed lines) for paramagnetic 3 (red) and 4 (blue); (bottom)  $\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$  vs  $T$  (solid lines) and  $[\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})]T$  vs  $T$  (dashed lines) for 2 (red), 5 (blue), 6 (purple), 7 (orange), and 8 (green), which feature antiferromagnetic interactions.

moments ( $\mu_{\text{B}}$ ) of  $5.8 \pm 0.2$  and  $5.83 \pm 0.03 \mu_{\text{B}}$ , respectively, and magnetic susceptibilities ( $\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$ ) of  $(14.0 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-3}$  and  $(14.08 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$  of Mn at room temperature (for a high-spin  $d^5$  metal center, the ideal values for  $\mu_{\text{B}}$  and  $\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$  are  $5.92 \mu_{\text{B}}$  and  $14.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ , respectively). Compounds 3 and 4 are therefore paramagnetic with no antiferromagnetic exchange.

In contrast, the SQUID magnetic data (Figure 9) for complexes 2 and 5–8, which feature Mn–Mn distances



between 2.685(1) and 2.7322(6) Å, do not obey the Curie law and are indicative of significant antiferromagnetic exchange/coupling between neighboring manganese centers (with paramagnetic impurity tails at low temperature). At room temperature, the magnetic susceptibility per manganese center is  $2.82 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$  for tetrametallic **2** and ranges from  $3.24 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $3.48 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$  for bimetallic **5–8**; these values are far lower than that expected for a paramagnetic metal center with five unpaired d electrons ( $14.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ ). The variable-temperature magnetic behavior of **2** and **5–8** is qualitatively similar to that reported for polymeric **1**<sup>39</sup> and dimetallic  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\text{THF})\}_2]$ ,<sup>42</sup> and for the latter compound, Thompson et al. concluded that the significant magnetism observed at low temperatures indicates an absence of Mn–Mn bonding, despite the short Mn–Mn distance of 2.7878(9) Å.<sup>42</sup>

The SQUID magnetic susceptibility data for dinuclear **5–8** and tetranuclear **2** were fitted to an exchange expression (Supporting Information) for simple high-spin Mn(II) systems using MAGMUN-4.1,<sup>55</sup> and the resulting fits (Table 2 and

**Table 2. Magnetic Parameters Determined by Fitting an Exchange Expression to the SQUID Magnetic Susceptibility Data for Compounds **2** and **5–8**<sup>a</sup>**

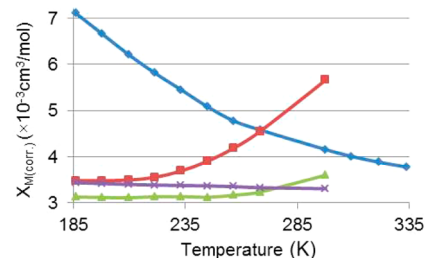
compound <sup>b</sup>	mean g value	intradimer $J$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\rho$	$\Theta$ (K)	100R
<b>2</b> <sup>c</sup>	$2.07 \pm 0.01$	$-117 \pm 1$	0.005	2.4	0.71
<b>5</b>	$2.12 \pm 0.02$	$-112 \pm 2$	0.02	4.9	1.47
<b>6</b>	$2.10 \pm 0.02$	$-112 \pm 2$	0.01	1.1	1.03
<b>7</b>	$2.07 \pm 0.01$	$-109 \pm 1$	0.007	3.4	0.82
<b>8</b>	$2.04 \pm 0.03$	$-107 \pm 2$	0.011	5.1	1.06

<sup>a</sup> $J$  = exchange coupling constant;  $\rho$  = fraction paramagnetic impurity;  $\Theta$  = Weiss-like temperature correction;  $R = [(\sum \chi_{\text{obs}} - \chi_{\text{calc}})^2 / (\sum \chi_{\text{obs}})^2]^{1/2}$ . <sup>b</sup>The calculated temperature independent paramagnetism (TIP) is  $0 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$  for **2**, **6**, and **7**,  $4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$  for **5**, and  $3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$  for **8**. <sup>c</sup>For **2**,  $J$  is an average over the three Mn–Mn interactions present.

Figures S29–S33 in the Supporting Information) are in good agreement with the experimental data. The resulting calculated g factors are close to 2.0, as expected for high-spin organomanganese(II) complexes which lack an orbital contribution to the magnetic moment, and the exchange coupling constants ( $J$ ) for **2** and **5–8** range from  $-107$  to  $-117 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , indicative of strong antiferromagnetic coupling ( $J$  is an averaged value for compound **2**).

Solution-state magnetic measurements were conducted using the Evans NMR method (Figure 8 and Supporting Information).<sup>56</sup> Measurements were taken at room temperature for all complexes (in a 40:1  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6/\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  mixture) and between 298 and 186 K for **2** and **5–7** (in a 40:1  $d_8$ -toluene/toluene mixture). Complexes **3** and **4**, which are monometallic or feature well-separated manganese centers, have room-temperature solution effective magnetic moments of 5.71 and  $5.87 \mu_{\text{B}}$ , respectively, which are very close to the theoretical value of  $5.92 \mu_{\text{B}}$  and are statistically equivalent to the solid-state effective magnetic moments. dmpm complexes **7** and **8** gave rise to statistically identical solution and solid-state magnetic susceptibilities at room temperature, indicating that the solid-state structures of **7** and **8** remain intact in solution. Additionally, variable-temperature Evans magnetic measurements on compound **7** (Figure 10; 298 to 186 K) yielded magnetic

susceptibility values that are statistically equivalent to those from SQUID measurements over the same temperature range.



**Figure 10.** Solution magnetic susceptibilities per mole of Mn calculated from Evans measurements at various temperatures for  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2\}_2\{\text{Mn}(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2\text{Mn}\}]$  (**2**) (blue  $\blacklozenge$ ),  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}]$  (**5**) (green  $\blacktriangle$ ),  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpe})\}]$  (**6**) (red  $\blacksquare$ ), and  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2(\mu\text{-dmpm})\}]$  (**7**) (purple  $\times$ ).

In contrast, the solution magnetic susceptibilities for base-free **2** and dimetallic **6** are significantly higher than the solid-state values (although they are still much lower than those expected in the absence of antiferromagnetic exchange). For dimetallic **6**, the solution magnetic susceptibility values decreased as the temperature was lowered, until an asymptote was reached at a value corresponding to that from solid-state SQUID measurements; compound **5** showed analogous behavior, but with a much less pronounced change in magnetic susceptibility (Figures 9 and 10). This behavior is consistent with a solution equilibrium (significant above 245 K for **5** and above 210 K for **6**) between the dimetallic solid-state structures and entropically favored paramagnetic species; most likely mononuclear  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{EMe}_3)_2(\text{dmpe})]$  (E = Si (**3**), C (**4**)) and base-free “ $\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{EMe}_3)_2$ ”. Our inability to directly observe the proposed minor solution species by variable-temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy is consistent with the low concentrations of these species in solution, the broadness of the observed  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals, and the likelihood of rapid exchange between these species and **5** and **6**, especially at the upper end of the temperature range.

Unlike the solution magnetic susceptibility data for complexes **5** and **6**, the solution magnetic susceptibility of base-free **2** increased as the temperature was reduced and did not reach a plateau (Figure 10), moving increasingly further from the solid-state magnetic susceptibility value of  $2.82 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$  of Mn. This increase in magnetic susceptibility is indicative of an equilibrium that shifts at lower temperature toward species with weaker antiferromagnetic coupling in comparison to that observed in tetrametallic **2**. Above room temperature, the magnetic susceptibility of the solution (per manganese atom) continued to decrease toward the solid-state value, but magnetic measurements were not accessible above 60 °C ( $\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr}) = 3.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ ) due to slow decomposition of solutions of **2** above this temperature.

**Physical Properties of **1–8**.** Melting points ranging from 62 to 176 °C were measured for **1–8** in a flame-sealed glass capillary under an atmosphere of argon (Table 3). All complexes were found to melt without noticeable decomposition (determined visually and by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy and/or PXRD after cooling to room temperature) if the temperature was reached quickly (5 °C/min), with the exception of **6**, which showed minor decomposition.

Table 3. Physical Properties of Complexes 1–8

complex	mp (°C)	sublimation temp at 5 mTorr (°C)	thermal dec data (°C) <sup>a</sup>
1	151–153 (lit. 98) <sup>28b</sup>	150–160 (lit. 150) <sup>39</sup>	195 (rapid dec)
2	99–102	90 (lit. 100) <sup>28b</sup>	110 (>50% after 24 h)
3	62–63 (lit. 62–64) <sup>36b</sup>	60	120 (v. little over 24 h)
4	132 (lit. 132–133) <sup>36b</sup>	80	120 (complete after 5–6 h)
5	145–146	115–135 (dec products sublime)	120 (complete after 5–6 h)
6	149–151.5 (partial dec)	110	110 (visible after 2–3 h)
7	176	100	120 (very little over 24 h)
8	161.5–165	100–120	110 (very little over 24 h)

<sup>a</sup>Amount of decomposition assessed visually and by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and/or PXRD after cooling to room temperature.

Importantly, the melting points of **3** and **4** match those reported by Wilkinson et al.,<sup>36b</sup> confirming that the originally reported complexes were 1:1 Mn/dmpe complexes as proposed, rather than 2:1 complexes.

Base-free [ $\{\text{Mn}(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)_2\}_\infty$ ] (**1**), though very thermally stable (rapid decomposition at 195 °C), is not especially volatile (sublimation at 150–160 °C; 5 mTorr). This low volatility can be explained by the polymeric nature of **1** in the solid state. In contrast, [ $\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2\}_2\{\text{Mn}(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{CMe}_3)_2\text{Mn}\}$ ] (**2**), which exists as a monomer in the vapor phase,<sup>47</sup> sublimed at 90 °C (5 mTorr) but was more than 50% decomposed after 24 h at 110 °C. The remaining complexes, **3**–**8**, sublimed between 60 and 135 °C at 5 mTorr, although **5** underwent extensive decomposition during sublimation and **6** and **8** decomposed slowly at the sublimation temperature (Table 3). The 1:1 MnR<sub>2</sub>/dmpe complexes, monometallic **3** and dimetallic **4**, exhibited the most promising volatility/thermal stability characteristics for possible applications in ALD or CVD, subliming at 60 and 80 °C, respectively, with negligible decomposition after 24 h at 120 and 110 °C, respectively. Furthermore, **3** has a melting point of 62–63 °C and thus would be a liquid at the delivery temperature in a typical ALD or CVD experiment.

**Reactions with Hydrogen and Diethylzinc.** Solutions of complexes **2**–**8**, or a slurry of **1**, were placed under 2 atm of H<sub>2</sub> in an aromatic solvent, the reactions were monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy (Figures S46–S55 in the Supporting Information), and insoluble products were characterized using PXRD (Figures S64–S65 in the Supporting Information). Reactions took place between 25 and 120 °C (Table 4), and in each case, a clear colorless or very pale beige solution was formed with a metallic-looking silver-gray mirror on the walls of the NMR tube (Scheme 3), or in one case (complex **1**) a precipitate of black powder. The diamagnetic reaction byproducts were tetramethylsilane or neopentane, accompanied by dmpe or dmpm in the case of compounds **3**–**8** (Scheme 3). The deposited solid was identified as manganese metal by PXRD. Additionally, conducting the reactions of **3** and **5** with H<sub>2</sub> in the presence of hexaethylbenzene as an internal NMR standard yielded exactly 2 and 4 equiv of SiMe<sub>4</sub>, respectively,<sup>57</sup> illustrating complete removal of the alkyl groups from manganese. The appearance of the deposited films is also consistent with metallic manganese.

Polymeric complex **1** was the least reactive toward hydrogen, requiring several days at 120 °C to react completely, most likely due to very low solubility. In contrast, highly soluble tetrametallic **2** reacted to completion within 3 days at room temperature; **2** is far more reactive than **1** and **3**–**8**, likely due to the presence of three-coordinate manganese centers. Complexes **3** and **4**, which contain 1 equiv of dmpe per

Table 4. Reaction Conditions and Byproducts for (i) the Solution Reactions of **1**–**8** with H<sub>2</sub> Yielding Mn Metal (Determined by PXRD) and (ii) Solution Reactions of **1**–**8** with ZnEt<sub>2</sub> To Deposit a 1:1 Mn/Zn Alloy (Determined by PXRD and in Some Cases XPS; Accompanied by Zn Metal Deposition in the Reaction of **2** with ZnEt<sub>2</sub>)

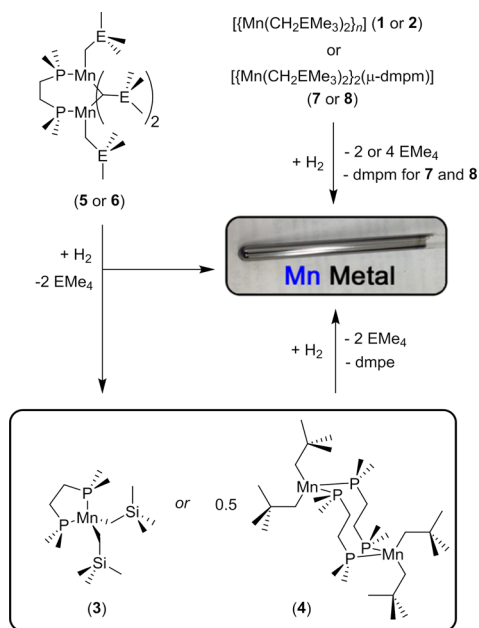
complex	$T_{\text{reaction}}$ with H <sub>2</sub> (°C)/time (h)	H <sub>2</sub> reaction byproducts <sup>b</sup>	$T_{\text{reaction}}$ with ZnEt <sub>2</sub> (°C)/time (h)	ZnEt <sub>2</sub> reaction byproducts <sup>a,b</sup>
1	120/48	SiMe <sub>4</sub>	25/12	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , SiMe <sub>4</sub> , ZnRX
2	25/72	CMe <sub>4</sub>	25/12	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , CMe <sub>4</sub> , ZnRX
3	120/24	SiMe <sub>4</sub> , dmpe	60/1	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , 9, <sup>d</sup> SiMe <sub>4</sub> , u.p. <sup>c</sup>
4	70/216 (or 100/24)	CMe <sub>4</sub> , dmpe	25/72	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , 9, <sup>d</sup> ZnRX
5	120/4	SiMe <sub>4</sub> , <b>3</b>	25/48	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , 9, <sup>d</sup> SiMe <sub>4</sub> , ZnRX,
6	25/168 (or 60/1)	CMe <sub>4</sub> , <b>4</b>	25/12	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , 9, <sup>d</sup> ZnRX, u.p. <sup>c</sup>
7	120/4	SiMe <sub>4</sub> , dmpm, u.p. <sup>c</sup>	90/0.5	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , ZnRX, dmpm
8	100/4	CMe <sub>4</sub> , dmpm	95/1	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , ZnRX, dmpm

<sup>a</sup>R = CH<sub>2</sub>EMe<sub>3</sub>; X = Et, R; E = C, Si. <sup>b</sup>Byproducts identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>c</sup>u.p. = unidentified product. <sup>d</sup>Compound **9** is [MnH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>].<sup>60</sup>

manganese center, showed low reactivity toward H<sub>2</sub>; the reaction with **3** was only complete after 12 h at 120 °C, and the reaction with **4** was complete after 24 h at 100 °C. Dimetallic **5** and **6**, which contain 1/2 equiv of dmpe per manganese center, reacted with H<sub>2</sub> to form **3** or **4**, accompanied by tetramethylsilane or neopentane and manganese metal. Complete consumption of **5** required 4.5 h at 120 °C,<sup>58</sup> and the analogous reaction with **6** proceeded over 1 week at room temperature. The similarity in the reaction conditions required for consumption of **6** and **2** supports the proposal (vide supra) that, in solution, **6** exists in equilibrium with **2** and **4** (i.e., H<sub>2</sub> likely reacts with **2** that is in equilibrium with **6** in solution, leaving unreacted **4**). Compounds **7** and **8** reacted with H<sub>2</sub> over the course of 4 h at 120 and 100 °C, respectively. However, unlike the dmpe analogues (**5** and **6**), compounds **7** and **8** reacted with H<sub>2</sub> to provide manganese metal without formation of an observable monometallic intermediate. A general trend for **1**–**8** is the greater reactivity of the neopentyl complexes toward H<sub>2</sub>.

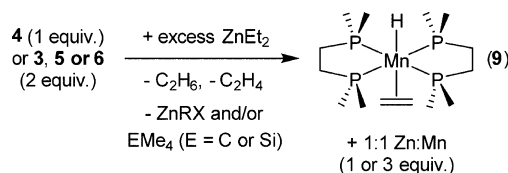
Overall, the reactions of the dialkylmanganese(II) complexes and their bisphosphine adducts with H<sub>2</sub> highlight the utility of



Scheme 3. Reactions of 1–8 with H<sub>2</sub> in Benzene or Toluene

metal alkyl complexes for electropositive metal deposition, demonstrating the thermodynamic feasibility of key reaction steps en route to manganese deposition. In solution, base-free **2** and dmpe complex **6** displayed the highest reactivity. However, solution reaction temperatures may not be of direct relevance to thermal ALD, given that adsorption to the surface of the growing thin film during ALD is likely to result in phosphine dissociation and/or formation of surface-bound species with coordination geometries and steric environments which differ significantly from those in the intact precursor complex.

Complexes **1–8** were also reacted with 1–3 equiv of ZnEt<sub>2</sub> (per Mn) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (**2–8**) or *d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene (**1**) in a sealed NMR tube; the reactions were monitored by <sup>1</sup>H and/or <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy (Figures S56–S63 in the Supporting Information), and precipitated solids were characterized by PXRD and in some cases XPS (Figures S66–S71 in Supporting Information). Complexes **1**, **2**, and **4–6** reacted completely over 12–72 h at room temperature, whereas **3** required heating for 1 h at 60 °C and dmpm complexes **7** and **8** required heating at 90–95 °C for 30–60 min. In each of these reactions, a silver-colored mirror was deposited onto the walls of the NMR tube, and ethane, ethylene, and ZnX(CH<sub>2</sub>EMe<sub>3</sub>) (X = Et, CH<sub>2</sub>EMe<sub>3</sub>; E = Si, C) were released, accompanied in some cases by a small amount of EMe<sub>4</sub> (E = Si, C); H<sub>2</sub> formation was not observed. Compounds **7** and **8** released free dmpm,<sup>59</sup> whereas dmpe complexes **3–6** formed [MnH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>] (**9**)<sup>60</sup> (0.5 equiv per Mn in **3** and **4** and 0.25 equiv per Mn in **5** and **6**; Scheme 4), and free dmpe was not liberated.

Scheme 4. Reactions of Dmpe Complexes 3–6 with ZnEt<sub>2</sub> (R = CH<sub>2</sub>EMe<sub>3</sub>; X = Et, R; E = C, Si) in Benzene

The reactivities of **5** and **6** with ZnEt<sub>2</sub> are greater than those of **3** and **4**, respectively, implying that **3** and **4** are not formed as intermediates in the reactions of **5** and **6** with ZnEt<sub>2</sub>, in contrast to the analogous reactions with H<sub>2</sub> (vide supra). The aforementioned manganese(I) hydride compound, diamagnetic [MnH(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>] (**9**), was first prepared by Wilkinson et al. via the reactions of manganese dihalides with MgEt<sub>2</sub><sup>45</sup> and may be formed in this work by bimolecular HR reductive elimination from manganese dihydride and manganese hydrido/alkyl centers or comproportionation between a manganese dihydride species and elemental manganese (or an unobserved zerovalent manganese species formed en route to manganese metal).

By PXRD, the insoluble product from the reactions of **1–8** with ZnEt<sub>2</sub> was a 1:1 manganese/zinc alloy,<sup>61</sup> accompanied by zinc metal in the case of **2**. The presence of both zinc and manganese was further confirmed by XPS on representative samples (Zn/Mn = 0.68:1 for **2** and 1.32:1 for **7**). Elemental zinc deposition could potentially occur via hydride transfer from a manganese hydride intermediate to a dialkyl zinc compound, leading to a zinc hydrido/alkyl species with very limited thermal stability; the only isolated zinc hydrido hydrocarbyl compounds contain extremely large aryl groups (e.g. R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-*i*Pr<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>62</sup> C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-2,6-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-2,4,6-*i*Pr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-2,6-(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-2,4,6-*i*Pr<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-4-SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sup>63</sup>, although ZnHMe has been observed in an argon matrix<sup>64</sup> and by spectroscopy in the gas phase.<sup>65,66</sup>

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In the solid state, dineopentylmanganese(II) (**2**) is tetrametallic with two terminal alkyl groups and six bridging alkyl groups. The outer manganese centers are trigonal planar, whereas the inner manganese centers are tetrahedral. dmpe complexes of bis(trimethylsilylmethyl)manganese(II) and dineopentylmanganese(II) adopt three distinct structural types: monometallic [LMnR<sub>2</sub>] (**3**), dimetallic [R<sub>2</sub>Mn(μ-L)<sub>2</sub>MnR<sub>2</sub>] (**4**), and dimetallic [{RMn(μ-R)}<sub>2</sub>(μ-L)] (**5** and **6**). In contrast, dmpm only yielded [{RMn(μ-R)}<sub>2</sub>(μ-L)] complexes (**7** and **8**). All polymetallic complexes with doubly bridging alkyl groups feature one long and one short Mn–C bond, and the neopentyl complexes exhibit more acute Mn–C–Mn angles and shorter Mn–Mn distances than trimethylsilylmethyl analogues.

All complexes have nonzero magnetic susceptibilities between 300 and 5 K. Both [Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(dmpe)] (**3**) and [{Mn-(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-dmpe)}<sub>2</sub>] (**4**) obey the Curie–Weiss law, whereas tetrametallic dineopentylmanganese(II) (**2**) and [{RMn(μ-R)}<sub>2</sub>(μ-L)] (L = dmpe (**5** and **6**), dmpm (**7** and **8**)) engage in strong antiferromagnetic coupling with *J* values from −107 to −117 cm<sup>−1</sup>. A comparison of solution and solid-state magnetic data indicates that the structures of the dmpm complexes (**7** and **8**) are maintained in solution, whereas the [{RMn(μ-R)}<sub>2</sub>(μ-dmpe)] complexes (**5** and **6**) exist in equilibrium at 25 °C with species with a higher average magnetic susceptibility: most likely [(dmpe)MnR<sub>2</sub>] and “MnR<sub>2</sub>”. However, the solution magnetic susceptibilities of **5** and **6** decreased with decreasing temperature until an asymptote was reached, consistent with the presence of only **5** or **6** in solution at low temperature. In contrast, the magnetic susceptibility (per Mn) of dineopentylmanganese(II) (**2**) almost doubled as the temperature was reduced from 335 to 185 K, implying that the tetrametallic solid-state structure is in

equilibrium with species which exhibit less effective anti-ferromagnetic coupling and are favored at lower temperatures.

The two compounds without bridging alkyl groups (3 and 4) exhibited the most desirable thermal stability and volatility for ALD or CVD applications, and all  $\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3$  derivatives exhibited slightly increased thermal stability relative to  $\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_3$  analogues; monometallic 3 was the most promising, melting at 62–63 °C, subliming at 60 °C (5 mTorr), and undergoing negligible decomposition after 24 h at 120 °C.

Solution reactions of 1–8 with  $\text{H}_2$  yielded manganese metal with elimination of 2 equiv of HR ( $\text{R} = \text{CH}_2\text{EMe}_3$ ; in all cases, neopentyl complexes displayed higher reactivity toward  $\text{H}_2$  than trimethylsilylmethyl analogues), demonstrating the thermodynamic feasibility of the key reaction steps required for manganese(II) dialkyl complexes to serve, in combination with  $\text{H}_2$ , as precursors for metal ALD or pulsed CVD. In contrast, the solution reactions of 1–8 with  $\text{ZnEt}_2$  yielded a zinc/manganese alloy with an approximate 1:1 Zn/Mn ratio, eliminating ethane and ethylene, accompanied by dmpm,  $[\text{MnH}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)(\text{dmpe})_2]$  (9),  $\text{EMe}_4$ , and/or  $\text{ZnXR}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{CH}_2\text{EMe}_3$ ;  $\text{X} = \text{Et}, \text{R}$ ). ALD/pulsed CVD studies using 3, 4, and the recently reported  $[(\text{allyl}^{\text{TMS}2})\text{Mn}\{\text{C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3\}(\text{PMe}_3)]^{67}$  in combination with  $\text{H}_2$  are in progress and will be reported in due course.

## ■ EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Details.** An argon-filled MBraun UNILab glovebox equipped with a –30 °C freezer was employed for the manipulation and storage of all oxygen- and moisture-sensitive compounds. Air-sensitive preparative reactions were performed on a double-manifold high-vacuum line equipped with a two-stage Welch 1402 belt-drive vacuum pump (ultimate pressure  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  Torr) using standard techniques.<sup>68</sup> The vacuum was measured periodically using a Kurt J. Lesker 275i convection enhanced Pirani gauge, and residual oxygen and moisture were removed from the argon stream by passage through an Oxisorb-W scrubber from Matheson Gas Products. Commonly utilized specialty glassware included a swivel frit assembly, thick-walled flasks equipped with Teflon stopcocks, J. Young or Wilmad-LabGlass LPV NMR tubes, Wilmad-LabGlass LPV EPR tubes, and Starna 1-Q-10/GS UV–vis–NIR cells with Spectrosil far-UV quartz windows (transparent from 170 to 2700 nm), quartz to Pyrex graded seals, and Teflon stopcocks. Where indicated, a Branson 2510 ultrasonic bath was used to sonicate reaction mixtures. A VWR Clinical 200 Large Capacity Centrifuge (with 28° fixed-angle rotors that hold  $12 \times 15$  mL or  $6 \times 50$  mL tubes, in combination with VWR high-performance polypropylene conical centrifuge tubes) located within a glovebox was used where indicated.

Anhydrous diethyl ether was purchased from Aldrich, hexanes and toluene were purchased from Caledon, and deuterated solvents were purchased from ACP Chemicals. Hexanes and toluene were initially dried and distilled at atmospheric pressure from sodium/benzophenone and sodium, respectively. All solvents were stored over an appropriate drying agent (diethyl ether, toluene,  $d_8$ -toluene,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6 = \text{Na}/\text{Ph}_2\text{CO}$ ; hexanes =  $\text{Na}/\text{Ph}_2\text{CO}/\text{tetraglyme}$ ) and introduced to reactions or solvent storage flasks via vacuum transfer with condensation at –78 °C.

dmpe, dmpm, trimethylsilylmethylmagnesium chloride solution (1.0 M in diethyl ether), and 1,4-dioxane were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Manganese dichloride, neopentyl chloride, and diethylzinc (minimum 95% in a Sure-Pak cylinder) were purchased from Strem Chemicals. Argon and hydrogen gas were purchased from PraxAir. Bis(trimethylsilylmethyl)magnesium<sup>69</sup> and dineopentylmagnesium<sup>28b</sup> were prepared according to the literature, though a slight excess of 1,4-dioxane was used, leading to between 0.25 (trimethylsilylmethyl) and 0.8 equiv (neopentyl) of 1,4-dioxane in the products. Bis(trimethylsilylmethyl)manganese(II)<sup>39</sup> was prepared according to literature procedures, though the reactant bis(trimethylsilylmethyl)

magnesium contained 0.25 equiv of 1,4-dioxane.  $[\{\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\mu\text{-CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3)(\text{PEt}_3)\}_2]$  was prepared as previously described.<sup>37</sup>

NMR spectroscopy ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , and  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ ) was performed on Bruker DRX-500, AV-200, and AV-600 spectrometers. Spectra were obtained at 298 K unless otherwise indicated. All  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were referenced relative to  $\text{SiMe}_4$  through a resonance of the proteo impurity of the solvent used:  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  ( $\delta$  7.16 ppm) and toluene- $d_8$  ( $\delta$  2.08, 6.97, 7.01, and 7.09 ppm). In addition, all  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were referenced relative to  $\text{SiMe}_4$  through a resonance of the trace  $^{13}\text{C}$  in the solvents:  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  ( $\delta$  128.06 ppm) and toluene- $d_8$  ( $\delta$  20.43, 125.13, 127.96, 128.87, and 137.48 ppm). The  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra were referenced using an external standard of 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (0.0 ppm). Various impurities (normally solvents) were identified by comparing to the tables of NMR chemical shifts of common impurities prepared by Goldberg et al.<sup>70</sup> Evans NMR measurements were conducted on the Bruker DRX-500 spectrometer in a manner described in the Supporting Information, and values are the average of two independent experiments. For 2,  $\chi_{\text{M}}(\text{corr})$  values above and below room temperature were collected using two different sets of samples; the values from 298 to 335 K were adjusted to give the same room-temperature value by correcting the mass used from 8.3 to 8.6 mg, which is within the error of the mass balance.

Combustion elemental analyses were performed on a Thermo EA1112 CHNS/O analyzer. Samples for elemental analysis (typically 1–4 mg) were packed and sealed in preweighed  $3 \times 6$  mm smooth wall tin capsules inside the glovebox. After removal from the glovebox, these capsules were packed into  $5 \times 8$  mm pressed aluminum capsules containing approximately 10 mg of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ .

Single-crystal X-ray crystallographic analyses were performed on crystals coated in Paratone oil and mounted on a SMART APEX II diffractometer with a 3 kW sealed-tube Mo generator and SMART6000 CCD detector in the McMaster Analytical X-ray (MAX) Diffraction Facility. Numerical absorption corrections were applied by face indexing, and a further semiempirical absorption correction was applied using redundant data. Raw data were processed using XPREP (as part of the APEX v2.2.0 software) and solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97).<sup>71</sup> The structure was completed by difference Fourier synthesis and refined with full-matrix least-squares procedures based on  $F^2$ . In all cases, non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were generated in ideal positions and then updated with each cycle of refinement. Powder X-ray diffraction experiments were performed on a Bruker D8 Advance powder diffractometer with  $\text{Cu K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.154$  nm) operated at 40 kV and 40 mA. Powders were packed in 0.5 mm o.d. special glass (SG; wall thickness 0.01 mm) capillary tubes for X-ray diffraction (purchased from Charles Supper Co.) and sealed by inverting to submerge the open end in a pool of Apiezon H-grease within the glovebox. Calculated powder patterns were generated from the low-temperature single-crystal data (for complexes 2–8) and a file downloaded from the Cambridge Crystallographic Database (for complex 1)<sup>39</sup> using Mercury. Experimental powder diffractograms were generated and viewed using Gaddis, Powdercell, Crystal Sleuth, Diffrac.eva, Topaz, and PANalytical HighScore.

UV/vis spectra were obtained on a Cary 50 UV/visible spectrometer using 10 mM to 10  $\mu\text{M}$  solutions in hexanes. Melting points were measured on a DigiMelt SRS MPA 160 melting point apparatus; between 1 and 2 mg of each sample was flame-sealed in a thin glass tube under an atmosphere of argon. X-ray photoelectron spectra were collected on either a Thermo Scientific Thetaprobe or a K-Alpha instrument (Thermo Scientific, East Grinstead, U.K.), both of which are located at the University of Toronto. A monochromated Al K-Alpha was used with a spot size of 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . An initial survey spectrum was collected at low-energy resolution for composition, as well as the high-energy resolution spectrum of the Zn 2p, Zn Aug, and Mn 2p regions. SQUID measurements were collected on a Quantum Design MPMS instrument between 5 and 300 K at applied fields ranging from 100 Oe (for most) to 10000 Oe (for complexes 3 and 6). Roughly 50 mg of sample was placed in a sealed sample rod assembly for transport of air-sensitive samples into the magnetometer (with the

exception of 3, where between 2.9 and 3.4 mg of sample was placed in a flame-sealed glass capillary).

Thermal stability data were obtained by sealing approximately 10 mg of powder under argon in a flask with a Teflon valve. This flask was heated to the desired temperature for 24 h and then cooled to room temperature for visual inspection as well as PXRD and/or  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. When “very little” is used to describe the extent of decomposition, this indicates that the compound darkened in color but that decomposition was not observed by PXRD or  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy.

Complexes 1–8 are exceptionally air sensitive, as is diethylzinc, and the phosphines dmppm and dmpe are malodorous. Therefore, all syntheses were conducted under an atmosphere of argon, in a fume hood where necessary.

**[{Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}{Mn(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Mn}] (2).** MnCl<sub>2</sub> (2 g, 15.9 mmol) was suspended in 20 mL of diethyl ether. Mg(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(1,4-dioxane)<sub>0.8</sub> (4.9 g, 20.7 mmol) was dissolved separately in 40 mL of diethyl ether and added dropwise to the MnCl<sub>2</sub> suspension over 20 min. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 4 days with regular sonication. The resulting yellow/light brown suspension was centrifuged to remove MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and the solvent was removed from the resulting solution in vacuo. Crude 2 was extracted into toluene, forming a dark brown solution, and the solvent was again removed in vacuo. The remaining solid was recrystallized from hexanes (~10 mL) at –30 °C to afford large brown crystals. The mother liquors were then concentrated and maintained for several days at –30 °C to afford a second batch of crystals; the total yield was 60% (1.88 g). Note that, on one occasion, a white solid was obtained rather than the expected dark brown solid. This solid was likely the Et<sub>2</sub>O or 1,4-dioxane adduct of dineopentylmanganese(II) and was converted to pure 2 by extended exposure to dynamic vacuum. Compound 2 was found to sublime at 90 °C (5 mTorr) and to melt between 99 and 102 °C. X-ray-quality crystals were obtained from hexanes at –30 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 32.6 ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298 K) 28.2; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 233 K) 14.9, 28.9, 65.9 ppm. Vis: λ<sub>max</sub> 464 nm. Anal. Found (calcd): C, 60.18 (60.90); H, 10.75 (11.24).

**[Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(dmpe)] (3) and [{Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-dmpe)]<sub>2</sub> (4).** The 1:1 dialkylmanganese(II)/dmpe adducts were prepared according to literature procedures.<sup>36b</sup> Complex 3 was purified by sublimation (60 °C at 5 mTorr) to give a bright yellow powder, and complex 4 was purified by recrystallization from hexanes to afford a white powder (4 also sublimed cleanly between 80 and 100 °C at 5 mTorr). X-ray-quality crystals of 3 and 4 were obtained from hexanes at –30 °C. Data for complex 3 are as follows.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 20.6, 44.0, 58.1 ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298 K) 20.6, 43.4, 56.4 ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 233 K) 26.2, 76 (v broad) ppm. Anal. Found (calcd): C, 44.16 (44.31); H, 10.36 (10.09). Data for complex 4 are as follows.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 25.2, 46.3, 59.1 ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298 K) 25.1, 45.6, 56.5 ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 233 K) 30.6, 67 (v broad) ppm. Anal. Found (calcd): C, 56.02 (55.32); H, 11.11 (11.03).

**[{Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-dmpe)] (5).** [{Mn(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}]<sub>∞</sub> (1; 67.1 mg, 0.294 mmol of Mn) and [Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(dmpe)] (3; 110.9 mg, 0.292 mmol) were dissolved in toluene at –78 °C. The resulting light orange solution was stirred for 1 h at –78 °C and 3 h at room temperature before solvent was removed in vacuo. The resulting powder was dissolved in 1 mL of hexanes, centrifuged to remove a white solid impurity, and maintained at –30 °C for several days to produce orange-red crystals, which when crushed yielded an orange powder (87.2 mg; 49% yield). The product was found to melt cleanly between 145 and 146 °C when heated quickly.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 5.2, 12.7, 19 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298 K) 5.2, 12.7, 19 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 233 K) 2.5, 7.6, 12.1, 19 (v broad) ppm. Vis: λ<sub>max</sub> 477 nm. Anal. Found (calcd): C, 43.01 (43.40); H, 9.58 (9.93).

**[{Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-dmpe)] (6).** Tetrametallic 2 (110 mg, 0.14 mmol) and dimetallic 4 (200 mg, 0.29 mmol) were dissolved in 5 mL of toluene. The solution was stirred overnight at room temperature and then maintained at –30 °C for several days to obtain black crystals. The mother liquor was concentrated and maintained at –30 °C for several days to obtain a second batch of

crystals, leading to a total yield of 92% (279 mg). The product sublimed at 110 °C at 5 mTorr and melted with some decomposition between 149 and 151.5 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 12.8, 26 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298 K) 12.2, 25 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 233 K) 4.0, 11.3, 31 (v broad) ppm. Vis: λ<sub>max</sub> 486 nm. Anal. Found (calcd): C, 57.06 (57.34); H, 11.23 (11.11).

**[{Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(dmppm)] (7).** A suspension of [{Mn(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}]<sub>∞</sub> (1; 119 mg, 0.52 mmol per Mn) in toluene (20 mL) was cooled to –78 °C. A solution of dmppm (180 mg, 1.3 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was then added dropwise, and after the suspension was stirred for 30 min at –78 °C and 1.5 h at room temperature, it turned to a clear orange solution. The solvent was then removed in vacuo, and the solid was extracted with hexanes. After the extract was centrifuged to remove residual solid, the clear red hexanes solution was maintained at –30 °C for several days. The resulting red crystals were of X-ray quality. Crushing the crystals afforded a light pink powder (99 mg; 52% yield). Complex 7 sublimed cleanly at 100 °C (5 mTorr) and melted without significant decomposition when heated rapidly to 176 °C (note: partial melting commenced at 160 °C).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 3.1, 7.9, 15.5, 24 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298 K) 3.1, 7.7, 15.4, 25 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 233 K) 2.5, 8.4, 15.4, 25 (v broad) ppm. Vis: λ<sub>max</sub> 476 nm. Anal. Found (calcd): C, 42.24 (42.40); H, 9.86 (9.83).

**[{Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(dmppm)] (8).** dmppm (220 mg, 1.61 mmol) was added to a solution of tetrametallic 2 (310 mg, 0.39 mmol) in a 4:1 mixture of hexanes and toluene (10 mL total). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h, after which time the solvent was removed in vacuo to give a brown powder (70% yield). Both recrystallization over days at –30 °C from saturated hexanes, and slow evaporation of hexanes yielded thin red needles. The product sublimed between 100 and 120 °C at 5 mTorr and melted without decomposition between 161 and 165 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) 8.1, 13.8, 21 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 298 K) 8.1, 13.8, 21 (v broad) ppm; (*d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene, 233 K) 4.9, 11.4, 12.9, 19 (v broad) ppm. Vis: λ<sub>max</sub> 481 nm. Anal. Found (calcd): C, 56.16 (56.60); H, 11.34 (11.02).

**Reactions with H<sub>2</sub>(g).** Approximately 10 mg of each complex was dissolved in approximately 1 mL of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (with the exception of [{Mn(μ-CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}]<sub>∞</sub>, which was suspended in approximately 1 mL of *d*<sub>8</sub>-toluene). The resulting solution (or suspension) was placed in a thick-walled NMR tube with a J. Young Teflon valve and was freeze–pump–thawed (×3). The NMR tube was then placed under an atmosphere of hydrogen gas, cooled to –95 °C using a liquid nitrogen/acetone bath, sealed at this low temperature, and warmed to room temperature to provide approximately 1.7 atm of hydrogen gas. Reactions were then observed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy as a function of time and temperature. Upon reaction completion, gases were removed by exposing to dynamic argon and solutions were decanted. Shiny metallic mirrors on the walls of the NMR tubes were sonicated into around 2 mL of toluene (rarely, the mirrors were physically scratched into suspension). The resulting silver-black powder was then washed twice with 5 mL of toluene and once with 5 mL of hexanes, dried in vacuo, and examined by PXRD.

**Reactions with Diethylzinc.** These reactions were conducted in a manner analogous to those with H<sub>2</sub>, with the following modifications: approximately 10–15 mg of each manganese complex was used, and rather than addition of H<sub>2</sub>, 1–3 equiv of neat diethylzinc was added to the solution (or suspension) in the NMR tube within the glovebox, and the Teflon valve was immediately closed to ensure that volatile reaction byproducts did not escape. The resulting silver mirrors were sonicated to yield silver-black powders (in most cases pyrophoric) which were examined by PXRD as well as XPS in some cases.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Crystallographic details, X-ray structures of 5 (crystal- lized from toluene), 8, and [{Mn(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ-



CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], UV/visible spectra, SQUID data and fits, Evans magnetic measurement data, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of pure products and reactions with H<sub>2</sub> and ZnEt<sub>2</sub>, and PXRD and XPS data (PDF)  
Crystallographic data (CIF)

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