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#### Abstract

The radical complex, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$, reacts with small, neutral, monodentate Lewis bases $\left(\mathrm{PMe}_{3}, \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right.$, and $\left.\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}\right)$ in THF at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right.$ reacts at ambient temperature) to yield the monomeric substitution products, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L} \cdot \mathrm{THF}$ as thermally stable solids. Electrochemical and spectroscopic data are provided. An X-ray crystal structure of the hemisolvate $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \bullet 0.5$ THF was obtained. Frozen solution ESR spectra of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ in toluene are comparable to those of other low-spin $\mathrm{d}^{5}$ "piano-stool" complexes. Rotation of the $\mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ moiety relative to the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ ring is rapid on the ESR time scale in low-temperature liquid solutions and leads to axial powder-like spectra. Analysis of this effect leads to significant insights into the electronic structure.


## Introduction

Over the past two decades, the study of paramagnetic organometallic complexes has greatly expanded. ${ }^{2}$ These complexes are generally highly reactive and many have been postulated as reaction intermediates. In particular, the $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{R}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Ph})$ family of complexes recently has received much attention. The $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}$ and Me complexes both exist in equilibria between 17e monomers and 18 e dimers in solution and as dimers in the solid state, ${ }^{3}$ while for R $=\mathrm{Ph}$ the complex exists solely as a 17 e monomer both in solution and the solid state. ${ }^{4}$

Seventeen electron complexes containing CO ligands frequently undergo substitution reactions under mild conditions.5,6 The reactions tend to proceed via associative mechanisms ${ }^{7}$ because of incompletely filled sets of bonding molecular orbitals. ${ }^{8}$ Baird and coworkers have studied extensively the substitution reactions of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{R}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}\left(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H},{ }^{9} \mathrm{Me}^{10,9 e}\right)$ with phosphines. Where $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Cp})$ isolation of a product complex requires larger phosphines, while for $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{Me}\left(\mathrm{C} \mathrm{p}^{*}\right)$ only smaller phosphines replace CO in the starting complex.

The very large size of the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ ligand should significantly restrict the size of substituents that can substitute CO in $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$, 1. Three small, monodentate Lewis bases, $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$, $\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$, and $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}$, react with 1 to yield isolable products, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$. These compounds have been spectroscopically and electrochemically characterized.

There have been many ESR studies of low-spin $d^{5}$ "piano-stool" complexes such as $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{R}_{5}\right) \operatorname{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3-x} \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{x}}(\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me})$, $\left[(\text { Arene }) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3-\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{x}}\right]^{+}$, and $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{II})$ analogs. ${ }^{11}$ As we will show, the ESR spectra of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ fit comfortably into the general scheme for these complexes and are thus rather unremarkable. However, the unique steric bulk of the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ ligand leads to selective averaging of anisotropies in the ESR spectra of low-temperature liquid solutions, and parameters obtained from such spectra provide insights into the electronic structure which were unavailable in previous studies.

## Experimental Section

General Data. All reactions of air- and moisture-sensitive materials were performed under
a nitrogen atmosphere employing standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise stated. Solids were manipulated under nitrogen or argon in a Vacuum Atmospheres glovebox equipped with a HE-493 dri-train. Solvents (Fisher) were distilled from the appropriate drying agent under argon: toluene, hexane (sodium/benzophenone), benzene, tetrahydrofuran (THF) (potassium/benzophenone), and dichloromethane $\left(\mathrm{CaH}_{2}\right) .\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ was prepared according to a literature procedure. ${ }^{4}$ NMR solvents were vacuum distilled from $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$ and placed under an argon atmosphere. $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ (PCR) was recrystallized from $95 \%$ ethanol. $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}, \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$, $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}, \quad \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OPh})_{3}$ (Strem), $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \quad \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (Aldrich), 2,2'-bipyridine (Matheson), diphenylacetylene (Eastman), and all other solvents (Fisher) were used without further purification. Elemental analyses were performed by Schwartzkopf Microanalytical Laboratory, Woodside, N.Y and Mickroanalytisches Labor Pascher, Remagen, Germany. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ (200.06 MHz) and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ ( 80.962 MHz ) NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian XL-200 NMR spectrometer equipped with a Motorola data system upgrade.

Electrochemistry. Electrochemical data were obtained on a EG\&G PAR VersaStat Model 250-1 Electrochemical Analysis system. The apparatus was maintained on a bench top under constant nitrogen purge. Freshly distilled $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was employed as the solvent, with a supporting electrolyte of $0.1 \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{NPF}_{6}$ (recrystallized from $95 \%$ ethanol). Solutions were $c a$. 3 mM in complex. ${ }^{12}$ Decamethylferrocene was added as an internal reference. Potentials are referred to the ferrocene/ferrocenium couple. All data were obtained with a Pt disk working electrode ( $\mathrm{r}=1.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) and either a $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ reference electrode or a AgCl coated Ag wire reference electrode.

ESR Spectroscopy. Electron spin resonance spectra were obtained using a Bruker ER220D X-band spectrometer equipped with a Bruker variable temperature accessory, a SystronDonner microwave frequency counter and a Bruker gaussmeter. Samples for ESR study were prepared in an argon-filled glove box by shaking the compound with degassed toluene to obtain a saturated solution; the solution was syringed into an ESR tube which was sealed with Parafilm before removal from the glove box. One series of spectra was obtained with 5 mg of the
$\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}$ complex in 3 mL of $1: 11,2-\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (dce/dcm); the solution was prepared in a glove box as before.

X-ray Structural Determination. Crystallographic data are summarized in Table 1. A specimen mounted on a glass fiber was found photographically to possess only triclinic symmetry. The centrosymmetric space group was initially assumed and later supported by the reasonable results of refinement. Variation in azimuthal scans were less than $10 \%$ and corrections for absorption were ignored. The structure was solved by direct methods. The asymmetric unit is composed of two cyrstallographically independent but chemically very similar molecules of the Cr complex and one molecule of THF. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Selected bond distances and angles are collected in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. Phenyl dihedral angles are presented in Table 4. All computations used SHELXTL 4.2 programs (G. Sheldrick, Siemens XRD, Madison, WI).

Low Temperature IR Spectroscopy. In a glovebag, a dilute solution of $\mathbf{1}$ in THF was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Two equivalents of $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ were added and the solution was allowed to warm until the blue solution turned to a green color. The solution was recooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, then transferred to a precooled IR cell via a precooled syringe (both at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). The color changes observed are the same as occur in synthetic scale reactions.
$\left(\mathbf{C}_{5} \mathbf{P h}_{5}\right) \mathbf{C r}(\mathbf{C O})_{2} \mathbf{P M e}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{T H F}$ (2). $\quad\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \quad(0.50 \mathrm{~g}, 0.76 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in 10 mL THF. The solution was then cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $0.21 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}(2.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature with stirring (ca. 1 h ). As the dark blue solution warmed it initially turned a jade green color, then deep cherry-red. The solution was filtered via cannula and layered with 12 mL of hexane to yield 2 ( $0.48 \mathrm{~g}, 0.76$ mmol ) in $88 \%$ yield as dark red crystals: mp 211-218 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 7.32$ (m, $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$, br) 5.76 (s, $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$, br); visible $\lambda_{\text {max }}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) 516 \mathrm{~nm}$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{CrO}_{3} \mathrm{P}: \mathrm{C}$, 75.31; H, 6.03. Found: C, 75.69; H, 5.79.
$\left(\mathbf{C}_{5} \mathbf{P h}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathbf{C O})_{2} \mathbf{P M e}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{P h} \cdot \mathbf{T H F}$ (3). $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}(0.50 \mathrm{~g}, 0.76 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in 10 mL THF and $0.50 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{PMe} 2 \mathrm{Ph}(3.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added. The solution was stirred
overnight. The resulting red solution was filtered via cannula and layered with 12 mL of hexane to yield 3 ( $0.48 \mathrm{~g}, 0.76 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $72 \%$ yield as dark red crystals: mp $198-200{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 7.18\left(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right.$ and $\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right)_{3}$, br), $5.49\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right)_{3}\right.$, br); visible $\lambda_{\text {max }}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) 470$ nm (sh). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{49} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{CrO}_{3} \mathrm{P}: ~ \mathrm{C}, 77.05$; H, 5.81. Found: C, 76.54; H, 5.50.
$\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{O M e})_{3} \cdot \mathbf{T H F}$ (4). The procedure is the same as for 2 except that a magenta colored product is obtained in $90 \%$ yield: mp 188-192 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{dec}) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta 7.34$ ( $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$, br), 5.32 (s, $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}$, br); visible $\lambda_{\max }\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) 532 \mathrm{~nm}$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{CrO}_{6} \mathrm{P}: \mathrm{C}, 70.49 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.65$. Found: C, 71.05; H, 5.06.

## Results and Discussion

Syntheses. Reaction of the $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$ radical with a variety of neutral, monodentate Lewis bases resulted in substitution products or no reaction between the materials depending on the ligand. The small, soft ligands $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}$ react with $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$ in THF solution at low temperatures to yield the substitution products, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ (eq 1) as highly colored, crystalline materials in high yields (compounds 2 and 4, respectively). $\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ reacts

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\begin{equation*}
\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}+\mathrm{L} \xrightarrow[\text { THF }]{-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}+\mathrm{CO} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

with 1 at ambient temperature to yield this product (3) in slighly lower yields. The former reactions proceed very rapidly at ambient temperature, however isolated yields of the products are somewhat reduced. Unlike for $\mathrm{CpMn}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}{ }^{+},{ }^{6,13}$ no evidence for disubstitution of $\mathbf{1}$ was observed. All are air-sensitive, both in solution and in the solid state. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were very broad and no resonances were observed in ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectra of these compounds.

Infrared spectral and electrochemical data for these complexes are collected in Tables 5 and 6, respectively. A cyclic voltammogram of 2 is presented in Figure 1. The CO stretching frequencies and complex reduction potentials both follow the expected trends for the ligands. Two aspects of the electrochemical data are noteworthy. Replacing Cp by $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ in a complex usually results in potential shifts of $c a .0 .2 \mathrm{~V}$ to more positive values. ${ }^{4,14}$ In contrast, the $-1 / 0$ couples for the $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ complexes show roughly the opposite trend. Hershberger and

Kochi examined a variety of ( MeCp ) $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ complexes by cyclic voltammetry and found that replacing CO by $\mathrm{PEt}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}$, resulted in potential shifts of -0.70 V and -0.42 V , respectively. ${ }^{15}$ For complexes 2 and $\mathbf{4}$ the shifts are -0.85 V and -0.54 V , respectively. Thus, the shifts in the reduction potentials of 2 and $\mathbf{4}$ relative to $\mathbf{1}$ are consistent with precedent. At ambient temperature, each complex also undergoes an irreversible oxidation approximately 1.3 V to more positive potential than the reversible reduction. The anodic waves equaled the cathodic waves in height within $20 \%$ in all cases and are also assigned as one-electron processes.

A low temperature $\left(-78^{\circ}\right)$ infrared spectrum of the reaction mixture of $\mathbf{1}$ with excess $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ shows 4 absorptions (Table 5). The spectrum is consistent with a compound of the formula $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right]\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}\right] \cdot{ }^{16,17}$ It is well established that 17 e complexes tend to undergo substitution reactions via associative pathways. $2 \mathrm{~d}, 7$ Thus, a plausible reaction mechanism is shown in eq (2) and (3). When the reaction mixture is warmed to ambient temperature, 2 is produced quantitatively (eq 4). Further studies of this and similar low temperature reactions are underway.

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\begin{align*}
& \left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}+\mathrm{PMe}_{3} \xrightarrow{-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}  \tag{2}\\
& \left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}+\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \xrightarrow{-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}} \\
& \quad\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right]\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}\right]  \tag{3}\\
& {\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right]\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}\right] \xrightarrow{\mathrm{PMe}_{3}} 2\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}+2 \mathrm{CO}} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

$\mathrm{PMePh}_{2}$ reacts with $\mathbf{1}$ at ambient temperature to yield solutions which display CO absorptions in the infrared where expected, but from which very little substitution product can be isolated. The following ligands do not react with $\mathbf{1}$ even at elevated temperatures (e.g. refluxing THF or benzene): $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}, \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OPh})_{3}, 2,2$ '-bipyridine, and $\mathrm{PhC} \equiv \mathrm{CPh}$. The data for $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}, \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$, and $\mathrm{PMePh}_{2}$ suggest that steric effects are probably very important in the lack of reactivity of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OPh})_{3}$.

Molecular Structure of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathbf{C O})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \cdot \mathbf{0} .5 \mathrm{THF}$. The X-ray crystal structure of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \cdot 0.5$ THF is displayed in Figure 2. Bond distances and angles are listed in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. Phenyl dihedral angles are given in Table 4. There are two
conformers in the unit cell that do not differ in any chemically significant way. As in other, similar paramagnetic systems, the tripodal angles deviate significantly from $90^{\circ}$.4,9a,e Fortier and coworkers have reported calculations describing the origin of this effect. ${ }^{9 e}$ The P atom lies below a C-C bond of the $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ ring (a staggered conformation). $\mathrm{Cp} * \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3},{ }^{9 \mathrm{e}}$ also adopts a staggered conformation, but for $\mathrm{CpCr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{3}{ }^{\text {9a }}$ the P atom eclipses a carbon atom of the $\mathrm{C}_{5}$ ring. As we will show below, the conformational energy difference for $\mathbf{2}$ is small, less than or on the order of $k T$ at $200 \mathrm{~K}(0.02 \mathrm{eV})$. One further feature of the structure warrants comment. Elemental analysis, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, and thermogravimetric analysis ${ }^{18}$ all support formulation of the solid phase as a monosolvate. Since all atoms in this structure were at full occupancy, it is likely that the structure was obtained of a rare crystal of an unrepresentative solvation number.

ESR Spectra. ESR spectra of 2, 3, and 4 in frozen toluene solution are rhombic with three distinct $g$-components. Spectra of $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ are shown in Figures 3 and 4. The spectrum of $\mathbf{4}$ is very similar to that of $\mathbf{2}$. Interpretation of the spectra is straightforward, and the resulting parameters are given in Table 7(a). In all cases, the low-field features ( $g_{\max }$ ) are much broader than those corresponding to the two smaller $g$ components. For 2 and 4, the low-field features increase in width with increasing temperature whereas in spectra of 3 , these features are not as broad and sharpen slightly with increasing temperature. Spectra of 4 in dcm/dce were essentially identical to those in toluene except that the low-field features were broader and could not be located accurately, even at 125 K . These linewidth effects will be discussed elsewhere. ${ }^{19}$

The $g$-matrices have one component close to the free-electron $g$-value, $g_{e}$, a second component slightly larger than $g_{e}$, and a third component substantially larger than $g_{e}$. This pattern is characteristic of low-spin $\mathrm{d}^{5}$ systems ${ }^{11}$ and can be understood qualitatively in terms of a simple ligand-field theory model. The degeneracy of the octahedral ligand-field configuration, $t_{2 g}{ }^{5}$, is lifted in lower symmetry, but strong spin-orbit coupling of the singly-occupied orbital (SOMO) with the other two components of the $t_{2 g}$ set leads to two $g$-components greater than $g_{e}$; the third $g$-component differs from $g_{e}$ through spin-orbit coupling with one of the $e_{g}$ orbitals which is empty and at much higher energy. Although the spectra of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ fit this
qualitative pattern, they exhibit a temperature-dependent linewidth effect which requires a more detailed analysis. Furthermore, the spectra in liquid solution at low temperatures are not isotropic but resemble the frozen solution spectra, albeit with significant shifts in the positions of features.

The complexes $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ have nominal $C_{s}$ symmetry so that the SOMO could belong to either the $a^{\prime}$ or $a^{\prime \prime}$ representation. Previous work on related systems $9 \mathrm{e}, 20,21$ and extended Hückel MO calculations ${ }^{19}$ suggest a SOMO of $a$ " symmetry. Taking $x z$ as the plane of symmetry, the SOMO is given by eq (5).

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\begin{equation*}
|\mathrm{SOMO}\rangle=a_{1}|\mathrm{xy}\rangle+a_{2}|\mathrm{yz}\rangle+\ldots \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
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Components of the $g$-matrix are given by eqs (6) ${ }^{11}$ where, for example, $\delta_{x^{2}-y^{2}}$ is given

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\begin{gather*}
g_{x x}=g_{e}+2\left[a_{1}^{2} \delta_{x z}+a_{2}^{2}\left(\delta_{x^{2}-y^{2}}+3 \delta_{z^{2}}\right)\right]  \tag{6a}\\
g_{y y}=g_{e}+2\left(a_{1}^{2} \delta_{y z}+a_{2}^{2} \delta_{x y}\right)  \tag{6b}\\
g_{z z}=g_{e}+2\left(4 a_{1}^{2} \delta_{x^{2}-y^{2}}+a_{2}^{2} \delta_{x z}\right)  \tag{6c}\\
g_{x z}=-2 a_{1} a_{2}\left(\delta_{x z}+2 \delta_{x^{2}-y^{2}}\right) \tag{6d}
\end{gather*}
$$

by eq (7), in which $\zeta_{\mathrm{Cr}}$ is the spin-orbit coupling constant for $\mathrm{Cr}, E_{0}-E_{k}$ is the energy of the $k$ th

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\begin{equation*}
\delta_{\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{y}^{2}}=\zeta_{\mathrm{Cr}} \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{c_{k, x^{2}-y^{2}}^{2}}{E_{0}-E_{k}} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

MO relative to the energy of the SOMO, and $c_{k, x^{2}-y^{2}}$ is the LCAO coefficient of $d_{x^{2}-y^{2}}$ in the $k$ th MO. EHMO calculations ${ }^{19}$ suggest that the two highest doubly-occupied MO's, just below the SOMO in energy (the other members of the $t_{2 g}$ set), are predominantly $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{y}^{2}}$ and $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{z}^{2}}$ in character so that $\delta_{\mathrm{xz}}, \delta_{\mathrm{yz}}, \delta_{\mathrm{xy}} \ll \delta_{\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{y}^{2}}, \delta_{\mathrm{z}}$; Thus $g_{\mathrm{yy}}$ is expected to be close to $g_{e}$, but the other components should be larger. The $g$-matrix is diagonalized by rotation about the $y$-axis by the angle $\beta$, given by eq (8), where $R=a_{2} / a_{1}$ and $Q=\delta_{z^{2}} / \delta_{x^{2}-y^{2}}$.

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\begin{equation*}
\tan 2 \beta=\frac{-4 R}{4-R^{2}(1+3 Q)} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
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The $X$ and $Z$ principal values of the $g$-matrix then are given by eq (9). Since experimentally, $g_{X}$ is

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\begin{equation*}
g_{X Z}=g_{e}+a_{1}^{2} \delta_{\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{y}^{2}}\left[4+R^{2}(1+3 Q)\right]\left\{1 \pm \sqrt{1-\frac{48 R^{2} Q}{\left[4+R^{2}(1+3 Q)\right]^{2}}}\right\} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

close to $g_{e}$ and $g_{Z}$ is much larger than $g_{e}$, the square root term of eq (9) is apparently close to $1 .{ }^{22}$ Spectra in liquid solution $10-20 \mathrm{~K}$ above the melting point of the solvent appear as approximately axial powder patterns. Spectra of 2 and 3 are shown in Figures 3 and 4; again the spectrum of $\mathbf{4}$ is qualitatively similar to that of 2 , with features significantly sharper than for 3 . In all cases, the features broaden at higher temperatures and eventually coalesce into a single broad line. Although the line narrows somewhat near room temperature, ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ splitting is never resolved. Parameters for the approximately axial spectra are given in Table 7(b).

The parallel features in the axial spectra are shifted upfield from the frozen solution $g_{Z}$ features and the perpendicular features are close to the position of the $g_{Y}$ features of the frozen solution spectra. At temperatures just above the melting point, the viscosity of toluene or dce/dcm is high, and it is not surprising that molecular rotation is too slow to produce an isotropic spectrum. Apparently there is some degree of averaging, however, such that the $g_{X}$ and $g_{Y}$ features are merged and the $g_{Z}$ features somewhat shifted. The most likely explanation of this behavior is that the $\mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ moiety is nearly freely rotating relative to the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ group. In other words, the very bulky "seat" of the "piano stool" is essentially stationary on the ESR time scale while the "legs" rotate freely. The bulkier $\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ ligand would be expected to impede this averaging process, and features in the approximately axial spectra of $\mathbf{3}$ are significantly broader than those of $\mathbf{2}$ or $\mathbf{4}$.

This behavior can be simulated using the program described by Schneider and Freed. ${ }^{23}$ Shown in Figure 5 are computer simulations using the spin Hamiltonian parameters for 2 and a 5-Gauss Lorentzian linewidth. For the simulations in Figure 5a, isotropic rotational diffusion is assumed with $D_{x}=D_{y}=D_{z}$ ranging from $10^{7}$ to $5 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ whereas in Figure 5b, rotational diffusion is anisotropic with $D_{x}=D_{y}=10^{6} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ and $D_{z}$ ranging from $10^{7}$ to $5 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. Although isotropic rotational diffusion can lead to an approximately axial spectrum, the parallel features
are very broad and both the parallel and perpendicular features shift significantly from the frozen solution positions. We can obtain an order-of-magnitude estimate of the isotropic rotational diffusion coefficients from eqs (10). Extrapolating literature values of the viscosity of

$$
\begin{gather*}
D=1 / 6 \tau_{r}  \tag{10a}\\
\tau_{r}=V_{h} \eta / k T \tag{10b}
\end{gather*}
$$

toluene ${ }^{24}$ to 200 K , we obtain $\eta \approx 0.43 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~m}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. Assuming that 2 is approximately spherical with a radius of about $7 \AA$, $\tau_{r} \approx 2 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{~s}, D \approx 7 \times 10^{5} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$, about two orders of magnitude slower than required to obtain an approximately axial spectrum from isotropic motion.

On the other hand, anisotropic rotational diffusion with $D_{x}=D_{y} \ll D_{z} \approx 2 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ gives a reasonable account of the experimental results. This rate is considerably faster than might have been expected for rotational diffusion of the $\mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ moiety in toluene at 200 $\mathrm{K},\left(D_{z} \approx 3 \times 10^{7} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right.$, assuming a volume about $1 / 10$ that of the whole complex and accounting for rotation about one axis). The most likely explanation is that the "piano-stool legs" rotate in a nearly solvent-free cavity created by the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ ligand.

Assuming that anisotropic rotational diffusion is fast enough to completely average $g_{x}$ and $g_{y}$, that the parallel axis corresponds to the Cr-Cp vector (the $z$-axis) and that the $Z$ principal axis of the $g$-matrix differs from this axis by the angle $\beta$, the parallel and perpendicular components of the averaged $g$-matrix are given by eqs (11). These equations were used to compute the values of

$$
\begin{gather*}
2 g_{\|}^{2}=g_{Z}^{2}+g_{X}^{2}+\left(g_{Z}^{2}-g_{X}^{2}\right) \cos ^{2} 2 \beta  \tag{11a}\\
4 g_{\perp}^{2}=g_{Z}^{2}+g_{X}^{2}+2 g_{Y}^{2}-\left(g_{Z}^{2}-g_{X}^{2}\right) \cos ^{2} 2 \beta \tag{11b}
\end{gather*}
$$

$\beta$ listed in Table 8. Except for 4, the agreement between values of $\beta$ computed from $g_{\|}$eq (11a)—and those computed from $g_{\perp}$-eq (11b)—is quite good, suggesting that the model is at least qualitatively correct. Extended Hückel MO calculations ${ }^{19}$ suggest that $Q \approx 1.4$; with this value, $\beta=16^{\circ}$ and eq (8) give $R=-0.46$, in reasonable agreement with the EHMO prediction of 0.34. The values of beta listed in Table 8 also may be compared with those obtained from ESR
studies of $\mathrm{CpCr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{3}{ }^{9 \mathrm{c}}$ and $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Me}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}{ }^{9 e}$ diluted into single crystals of the Mn analogs. For $\mathrm{CpCr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PPh}_{3}$, four paramagnetic sites were found with slightly different principal values of the $g$-matrix and beta ranging from 3 to $8^{\circ}$; for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Me}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$, only one site was found with beta $=2.4^{\circ}$. These angles refer to the orientation of the $g_{\max }$ principal axis relataive to the Mn-CNT axis in the host crystal and so may not be exactly equal to those relative to the Cr-CNT axis. Nonetheless, the angles are considerably smaller than those found in the present work; whether this reflects an error in our analysis or a true difference between the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ ligand and the Cp and $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Me}_{5}$ ligands is unclear.

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Table 1. Crystal and Refinement Data for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \bullet 0.5 \mathrm{THF}$
a. Crystal Data

| formula | $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{CrO}_{2} \mathrm{P}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| fw | 629.6 |
| cryst system | Triclinic |
| space group | $P \overline{1}$ |
| $a, \AA$ | $12.834(2)$ |
| $b, \AA$ | $13.271(3)$ |
| $c, \AA$ | $22.536(5)$ |
| $\alpha$, deg | $90.96(2)$ |
| $\beta$, deg | $94.29(2)$ |
| $\gamma$, deg | $112.55(1)$ |
| $V, \AA 3$ | $3530.6(12)$ |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| color | dark red |
| crystal size, $\mathrm{mm}^{3}$ | $0.44 \times 0.58 \times 0.74$ |
| D (Calcd), g/cm ${ }^{3}$ | 1.185 |
| abs coeff, cm ${ }^{-1}$ | $0.401 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |

b. Data Collection
diffractometer
radiation
temp, K
$2 \theta$ scan range, deg
scan type
reflns collcd
obsd rflns

Siemens P4
$\operatorname{MoK} \alpha(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$
293
$1.00^{\circ}$
Wycoff
14234
$6465(F>5.0 \sigma(F))$
c. Solution and Refinement

| solution | direct methods |
| :--- | :--- |
| refinement method | full-matrix least-squares |
| quantity minimized | $\Sigma w\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}-F_{\mathrm{c}}\right)^{2}$ |
| weighting scheme | $w^{-1}=\sigma^{2}(F)+0.0015 F^{2}$ |
| number of parameters refined | 838 |
| final $R$ indices (obs. data),\% | $R=5.62, \mathrm{w} R=6.67$ |
| $R$ indices (all data), \% | $R=12.75, \mathrm{w} R=8.93$ |
| GOF | 1.11 |
| data-to-parameter ratio | $7.7: 1$ |
| largest difference peak, e $\AA^{-3}$ | 0.34 |
| largest difference hole, $\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$ | -0.39 |

Table 2. Selected Bond Distances $(\AA)$ in $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{THF}$

|  | conformer A | conformer B |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cr-C(1) | $2.254(5)$ | $2.269(5)$ |
| Cr-C(2) | $2.288(5)$ | $2.256(4)$ |
| Cr-C(3) | $2.241(6)$ | $2.236(5)$ |
| Cr-C(4) | $2.198(7)$ | $2.212(5)$ |
| Cr-C(5) | $2.218(6)$ | $2.221(4)$ |
| Cr-CNTa | 1.881 | 1.881 |
| Cr-C(6) | $1.837(6)$ | $1.836(7)$ |
| Cr-C(7) | $1.834(6)$ | $1.812(7)$ |
| Cr-P | $2.383(2)$ | $2.372(2)$ |
| C(1)-C(2) | $1.430(7)$ | $1.424(7)$ |
| C(2)-C(3) | $1.441(8)$ | $1.425(8)$ |
| C(3)-C(4) | $1.425(6)$ | $1.430(7)$ |
| C(4)-C(5) | $1.429(8)$ | $1.432(8)$ |
| C(1)-C(5) | $1.429(7)$ | $1.429(8)$ |
| C(6)-O(6) | $1.162(7)$ | $1.156(9)$ |
| C(7)-O(7) | $1.149(8)$ | $1.158(9)$ |
| aCNT = centroid of the cyclopentadienyl ring |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Table 3. Bond Angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) in $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{THF}$

|  | conformer A | conformer B |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C(6)-Cr-C(7) | $78.7(3)$ | $78.0(4)$ |
| P-Cr-C(6) | $89.4(2)$ | $86.9(2)$ |
| P-Cr-C(7) | $89.8(2)$ | $90.4(2)$ |
| OC-Cr-CO (avg) | $175.8(6)$ | $176.8(7)$ |
| C(6)-Cr-CNTa | 125.8 | 124.8 |
| C(7)-Cr-CNT | 122.4 | 126.1 |
| P-Cr-CNT | 134.8 | 133.3 |
| aCNT $=$ centroid of the cyclopentadienyl ring |  |  |

Table 4. Phenyl Ring Torsion Angles (deg) in $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{THF}$

| Cp Carbon | conformer A | conformer B |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 51.9 | 47.7 |
| 2 | 48.0 | 55.6 |
| 3 | 51.1 | 45.6 |
| 4 | 54.7 | 56.8 |
| 5 | 50.0 | 55.0 |

Table 5. Infrared Spectral Data for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ Complexes

| complex | solvent | $v(\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{O}), \mathrm{cm}^{-1, \mathrm{a}}$ | reference |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$ | THF | 2005,1897 | 4 |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ | THF | 1911,1797 | this work |
| $\mathrm{CpCr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 1910,1778 | 9 f |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ | THF | 1911,1792 | this work |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{OMe}_{3}\right.$ | THF | 1923,1816 | this work |
| $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right]\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}\right]^{\mathrm{b}}$ | THF | $2025,1956,1892,1791$ | this work |
| ${ }^{\text {a Absorptions are strong unless otherwise stated. }}$ |  |  |  |
| bSpectrum taken at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |  |  |  |

Table 6. Electrochemical Data for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$

| complex | $E_{\mathrm{D}_{2}}(0 / 1+)(\mathrm{V})^{\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}}$ | $E^{\circ}(0 / 1-)(\mathrm{V})^{\mathrm{a}}$ |  | reference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{3}$ | ca.0.9e | -0.69 | 1.0 | 4 |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ | ----- | -1.42 | -- | 9 f |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | -0.07 | -1.56 | 0.98 | this work |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ | -0.37 | -1.36 | -- | 9 f |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}^{\mathrm{d}}$ | -0.06 | -1.48 | 0.86 | this work |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 0.05 | -1.26 | 0.95 | this work |
| aPotential vs Fc. |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Irreverisible. |  |  |  |  |
| cDetermined according to ref. 25. |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {d }}$ Scan rate $100 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s} ; 0.1 \mathrm{M}\left({ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right) \mathrm{PF}_{6} ;$ ca. 3 mM complex. |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {e }}$ Appears as a very broad peak. This work |  |  |  |  |

Table 7. ESR Parameters for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$.
(a) Frozen Solution Spectra.

| L | T/K (solvent) | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $A_{1}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $A_{2}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $A_{3}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}(2)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 125-160 } \\ & \text { (toluene) } \end{aligned}$ | 1.9941(3) | 2.0130(3) | 2.104(2) | 34.2(2) | 35.8(4) | 34(1) |
| $\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(3)$ | 105-120 <br> (toluene) | 1.9940(2) | 2.0130(2) | $2.1060(2)$ | 32.6(2) | 34.8(2) | 34.2(2) |
| $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}(4)$ | 4) 125-145 <br> (toluene) | 1.9944(3) | 2.0147(5) | 2.130(3) | 40.4(2) | 45.9(2) | 35(2) |
| $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}(4)$ | 4) $\begin{gathered}125-160 \\ (\mathrm{dcm} / \mathrm{dce})\end{gathered}$ | 1.9940(2) | 2.0140(2) | b | 40.2(3) | 45.5(2) | b |
| (b) Liquid Solution Spectra. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | L | T/K (Solvent) | $g_{\perp}$ | $g_{\\|}$ | $A_{\perp}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $A_{\\|}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}(2)$ | $\begin{gathered} 200 \mathrm{~K} \\ \text { (toluene) } \end{gathered}$ | 2.012(1) | 2.090(1) | 35(1) | 35(1) |  |
|  | $\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(3)$ | $\begin{gathered} 190 \mathrm{~K} \\ \text { (toluene) } \end{gathered}$ | 2.011(1) | 2.091(1) | 36(1) | 32(2) |  |
|  | $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}(4)$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 180-195 K } \\ \text { (toluene) } \end{gathered}$ | 2.006(2) | 2.112(1) | 46(3) | 45(1) |  |
|  | $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}(4)$ | $185 \mathrm{~K}$ <br> (dcm/dce) | 2.012(1) | 2.095(1) | 45(1) | 41(1) |  |
| ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ hyperfine coupling in units of $10^{-4} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. |  |  |  | ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Features poorly resolved. |  |  |  |

Table 8. Values of the angle $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ computed from axial spectra in toluene.

| L | $\beta[\mathrm{eq} \mathrm{(11a)]}$ | $\beta[\mathrm{eq} \mathrm{(11b)}]$ | $\beta$ (avg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ | $15.3 \pm 1.0^{\circ}$ | $16.6 \pm 1.3^{\circ}$ | $15.8 \pm 0.6^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ | $15.7 \pm 0.9^{\circ}$ | $15.4 \pm 1.4^{\circ}$ | $15.6 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}$ | $15.8 \pm 1.0^{\circ}$ | $5.8 \pm 4.8^{\circ}$ | $15.4 \pm 2.0^{\circ}$ |

## Figure Captions

Figure 1. Cyclic voltammogram of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ (2). Scan rate $100 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s} ; 0.1 \mathrm{M}$ $\left({ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right) \mathrm{PF}_{6}$; ca. 3 mM complex in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.

Figure 2. Molecular structure and labeling scheme for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{THF}$ (2).
Figure 3. ESR spectra of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ (2) in toluene solution at 125,165 , and 200 K . The low-field portions of the 125 and 165 K spectra are shown magnified by a factor of 4 .

Figure 4. ESR spectra of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(3)$ in toluene solution at 120, 160, and 190 K.

Figure 5. Simulated spectra based on the spin Hamiltonian parameters of 2: (a) Isotropic rotational diffusion with $D_{X}=D_{y}=D_{Z}=D$; and (b) anisotropic rotational diffusion with $D_{X}=D_{y}=10^{6} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ and $D_{z}=D=$ (i) $1 \times 10^{7}$, (ii) $2 \times 10^{7}$, (iii) $5 \times 10^{7}$, (iv) $1 \times 10^{8}$, and (v) $2 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$.



## Supporting Information

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Table 1S. Atomic Coordinates ( $\mathbf{x 1 0 4}$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Coefficients $\left(\AA^{2} \times 10^{3}\right)$ for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{PMe}_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{THF}$

|  | $x$ | $y$ | z | $U^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cr | 4760.8(7) | 2519.2(7) | 1403.6(4) | 33(1) |
| P | 3441(1) | 3332(1) | 1581.0(7) | 47(1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 6663(4) | 4615(4) | 1835(2) | 74(2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 5127(4) | 2242(4) | 2702(2) | 73(3) |
| C(1) | 4309(4) | 1849(4) | 452(2) | 32(2) |
| C(2) | 3799(4) | 959(4) | 822(2) | 29(2) |
| C(3) | 4693(4) | 835(4) | 1202(2) | 30(2) |
| C(4) | 5744(4) | 1634(4) | 1058(2) | 33(2) |
| C(5) | 5507(4) | 2248(4) | 589(2) | 32(2) |
| C(6) | 5926(6) | 3816(5) | 1649(3) | 50(3) |
| C(7) | 4941(5) | 2341(5) | 2205(3) | 47(3) |
| C(8) | 4056(7) | 4705(6) | 1888(4) | 108(5) |
| C(9) | 2528(7) | 2654(7) | 2149(4) | 104(5) |
| C(10) | 2430(7) | 3497(7) | 1028(3) | 93(5) |
| C(11) | 3049(5) | 1448(5) | -492(2) | 42(2) |
| C(12) | 2603(5) | 1778(6) | -999(3) | 61(3) |
| C(13) | 2846(6) | 2865(7) | -1072(3) | 64(3) |
| C(14) | 3541(6) | 3632(6) | -641(3) | 62(3) |
| C(15) | 3992(5) | 3309(5) | -138(3) | 47(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 3748(4) | 2204(4) | -59(2) | 33(2) |
| C(21) | 1696(5) | 517(5) | 746(3) | 50(3) |
| C(22) | 585(5) | -247(6) | 687(3) | 62(3) |
| C(23) | 352(5) | -1336(6) | 662(3) | 57(3) |
| C(24) | 1235(5) | -1692(5) | 681(3) | 55(3) |


| C(25) | 2344(5) | -934(5) | 748(3) | 45(3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(26) | 2593(4) | 176(4) | 781(2) | 32(2) |
| C(31) | 3769(5) | -263(5) | 2063(3) | 48(3) |
| C(32) | 3621(6) | -1119(5) | 2435(3) | 60(3) |
| C(33) | 4253(6) | -1756(5) | 2391(3) | 67(3) |
| C(34) | 5019(6) | -1552(5) | 1971(3) | 61(3) |
| C(35) | 5175(5) | -696(4) | 1592(3) | 44(2) |
| C(36) | 4543(4) | -46(4) | 1631(2) | 36(2) |
| C(41) | 7265(5) | 1748(5) | 1865(3) | 48(3) |
| C(42) | 8297(6) | 1691(6) | 2036(3) | 67(3) |
| C(43) | 8994(6) | 1609(6) | 1619(3) | 68(3) |
| C(44) | 8639(5) | 1551(5) | 1016(3) | 58(3) |
| C(45) | 7602(5) | 1581(5) | 850(3) | 45(3) |
| C(46) | 6899(4) | 1675(4) | 1266(2) | 33(2) |
| C(51) | 6289(5) | 2892(5) | -382(3) | 46(3) |
| C(52) | 7138(6) | 3528(6) | -715(3) | 64(4) |
| C(53) | 8104(6) | 4324(6) | -446(4) | 70(4) |
| C(54) | 8217(6) | 4491(5) | 162(4) | 66(3) |
| C(55) | 7370(5) | 3857(5) | 504(3) | 50(3) |
| C(56) | 6388(5) | 3042(4) | 236(2) | 36(2) |
| Cr' | 7100(1) | 6890(1) | 4046(1) | 33(1) |
| P' | 6725(1) | 4997(1) | 3948(1) | 41(1) |
| O(6') | 6230(5) | 6722(4) | 2764(2) | 109(3) |
| O(7') | 4648(4) | 6411(5) | 4076(3) | 138(4) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | 8981(4) | 7677(4) | 4334(2) | 27(2) |
| C(2') | 8367(4) | 7563(4) | 4846(2) | 27(2) |
| C(3') | 7676(4) | 8184(4) | 4783(2) | 29(2) |


| C(4') | 7854(4) | 8682(4) | 4221(2) | 26(2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(5') | 8653(4) | 8360(4) | 3943(2) | 29(2) |
| C(6) | 6590(6) | 6791(5) | 3255(3) | 61(3) |
| C( $7^{\prime}$ ) | 5605(6) | 6586(6) | 4085(4) | 77(4) |
| C(8') | 7487(6) | 4662(5) | 3382(3) | 64(3) |
| C( $9^{\prime}$ ) | 5250(5) | 4167(5) | 3693(3) | 74(3) |
| C(10') | 6916(6) | 4204(5) | 4570(3) | 64(3) |
| C(11') | 10965(5) | 8084(5) | 4101(2) | 40(2) |
| C(12') | 11893(5) | 7800(5) | 4054(3) | 51(3) |
| C(13’) | 11801(5) | 6750(6) | 4167(3) | 56(3) |
| C(14’) | 10821(5) | 6006(5) | 4335(3) | 51(3) |
| C(15') | 9889(5) | 6291(4) | 4387(3) | 41(2) |
| C(16') | 9944(4) | 7331(4) | 4263(2) | 30(2) |
| C(21') | 9612(5) | 7359(4) | 5700(3) | 40(2) |
| C(22') | 9762(5) | 6979(5) | 6255(3) | 50(3) |
| C(23') | 8869(6) | 6288(5) | 6531(3) | 58(3) |
| C(24’) | 7783(5) | 5943(5) | 6243(3) | 52(3) |
| C(25') | 7622(5) | 6310(4) | 5686(2) | 40(2) |
| C(26’) | 8520(4) | 7030(4) | 5410(2) | 29(2) |
| C(31') | 7515(5) | 8731(4) | 5824(2) | 39(2) |
| C(32') | 6981(5) | 9083(5) | 6246(3) | 51(3) |
| C(33’) | 5951(5) | 9163(5) | 6094(3) | 52(3) |
| C(34’) | 5464(5) | 8885(5) | 5523(3) | 52(3) |
| C(35') | 5985(4) | 8524(4) | 5100(3) | 40(2) |
| C(36’) | 7029(4) | 8446(4) | 5244(2) | 30(2) |
| C(41') | 7687(4) | 10457(4) | 4385(2) | 34(2) |
| C(42') | 7395(5) | 11317(4) | 4198(3) | 43(2) |


| C(43') | $6864(5)$ | $11262(5)$ | $3635(3)$ | $46(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| C(44’) | $6610(5)$ | $10345(5)$ | $3268(3)$ | $48(3)$ |
| C(45’) | $6901(4)$ | $9492(4)$ | $3451(2)$ | $39(2)$ |
| C(46’) | $7455(4)$ | $9548(4)$ | $4013(2)$ | $28(2)$ |
| C(51’) | $9667(4)$ | $9919(4)$ | $3331(2)$ | $38(2)$ |
| C(52’) | $10206(5)$ | $10365(5)$ | $2834(3)$ | $51(3)$ |
| C(53') | $10238(6)$ | $9685(6)$ | $2368(3)$ | $66(4)$ |
| C(54’) | $9748(6)$ | $8572(6)$ | $2413(3)$ | $66(4)$ |
| C(55’) | $9208(5)$ | $8121(5)$ | $2914(3)$ | $52(3)$ |
| C(56’) | $9164(4)$ | $8799(4)$ | $3378(2)$ | $32(2)$ |
| O(1S) | $8964(8)$ | $5124(7)$ | $8001(3)$ | $127(4)$ |
| C(1S) | $8509(8)$ | $4149(8)$ | $7683(5)$ | $112(6)$ |
| C(2S) | $9294(13)$ | $3753(11)$ | $7631(7)$ | $249(13)$ |
| C(3S) | $10284(11)$ | $4412(14)$ | $7943(9)$ | $248(14)$ |
| C(4S) | $10146(12)$ | $5342(10)$ | $8107(7)$ | $179(9)$ |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ Equivalent isotropic $U$ defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized $\mathbf{U}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ tensor.

Table 2S. Anisotropic Displacement Coefficients ( $\AA^{2} \mathbf{x} 10^{3}$ ).

|  | $\mathrm{U}_{11}$ | $\mathbf{U}_{22}$ | $\mathbf{U}_{33}$ | $\mathrm{U}_{12}$ | $\mathrm{U}_{13}$ | $\mathbf{U}_{23}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cr | 39(1) | 34(1) | 29(1) | 19(1) | 2(1) | 2(1) |
| P | 48(1) | 44(1) | 53(1) | 24(1) | 6(1) | -3(1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 71(3) | 56(3) | 74(3) | 4(3) | 1(3) | -15(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 123(4) | 76(3) | 31(3) | 52(3) | 4(3) | 7(2) |
| C(1) | 38(3) | 30(3) | 30(3) | 15(3) | 1(2) | 2(2) |
| C(2) | 38(3) | 30(3) | 26(3) | 20(2) | 2(2) | 1(2) |
| C(3) | 37(3) | 33(3) | 26(3) | 19(3) | 8(2) | 0 (2) |
| C(4) | 39(3) | 33(3) | 27(3) | 15(3) | 3(2) | O(2) |
| C(5) | 39(3) | 33(3) | 29(3) | 18(3) | 6(2) | 4(2) |
| C(6) | 58(4) | 52(4) | 44(4) | 26(4) | 9(3) | 1(3) |
| C(7) | 67(4) | 45(4) | 38(4) | 31(3) | 6(3) | -1(3) |
| C(8) | 77(6) | 67(5) | 181(9) | 35(5) | -7(6) | -49(6) |
| C(9) | 99(7) | 133(8) | 116(7) | 73(6) | 63(6) | 51(6) |
| C(10) | 103(6) | 104(6) | 105(7) | 84(6) | -19(5) | -19(5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 45(4) | 48(4) | 34(3) | 20(3) | -4(3) | 3(3) |
| C(12) | 50(4) | 82(5) | 47(4) | 24(4) | -6(3) | 7(4) |
| C(13) | 60(5) | 92(6) | 43(4) | 34(4) | -9(3) | 28(4) |
| C(14) | 64(5) | 69(5) | 63(5) | 36(4) | 5(4) | 30(4) |
| C(15) | 54(4) | 49(4) | 42(4) | 25(3) | -2(3) | 6(3) |
| C(16) | 35(3) | 43(3) | 27(3) | 22(3) | 5(2) | 7(2) |
| C(21) | 45(4) | 54(4) | 55(4) | 25(3) | 2(3) | -2(3) |
| C(22) | 41(4) | 82(5) | 72(5) | 32(4) | 7(3) | -4(4) |
| C(23) | 35(4) | 67(5) | 61(4) | 10(3) | 8(3) | 3(4) |
| C(24) | 45(4) | 43(4) | 64(4) | 4(3) | 5(3) | 6(3) |
| C(25) | 43(4) | 42(4) | 50(4) | 16(3) | 2(3) | 2(3) |


| C(26) | 34(3) | 38(3) | 27(3) | 16(3) | 2(2) | 2(2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C(31) | 57(4) | 50(4) | 36(3) | 19(3) | 5(3) | 6(3) |
| C(32) | 68(5) | 55(4) | 43(4) | 7(4) | 3(3) | 17(3) |
| C(33) | 82(6) | 44(4) | 57(5) | 6(4) | -10(4) | 30(4) |
| C(34) | 71(5) | 40(4) | 69(5) | 22(3) | -21(4) | 13(3) |
| C(35) | 46(4) | 39(3) | 47(4) | 16(3) | -4(3) | 1(3) |
| C(36) | 39(3) | 34(3) | 31(3) | 10(3) | -3(3) | 3(2) |
| C(41) | 37(4) | 61(4) | 47(4) | 19(3) | 0(3) | 12(3) |
| C(42) | 58(5) | 93(6) | 52(4) | 34(4) | -8(4) | 16(4) |
| C(43) | 38(4) | 88(5) | 80(6) | 30(4) | -3(4) | 18(4) |
| C(44) | 47(4) | 70(5) | 71(5) | 35(4) | 11(4) | 15(4) |
| C(45) | 46(4) | 53(4) | 41(4) | 26(3) | -1(3) | 3(3) |
| C(46) | 38(3) | 32(3) | 33(3) | 18(3) | -1(3) | 4(2) |
| C(51) | 54(4) | 55(4) | 39(4) | 28(3) | 14(3) | 13(3) |
| C(52) | 76(5) | 86(5) | 48(4) | 45(5) | 27(4) | 30(4) |
| C(53) | 61(5) | 74(5) | 87(6) | 35(4) | 35(5) | 43(5) |
| C(54) | 53(4) | 50(4) | 94(6) | 14(3) | 21(4) | 16(4) |
| C(55) | 49(4) | 45(4) | 53(4) | 14(3) | 5(3) | 6(3) |
| C(56) | 44(4) | 36(3) | 35(3) | 23(3) | 4(3) | 11(3) |
| Cr' | 31(1) | 27(1) | 38(1) | 10(1) | -2(1) | -2(1) |
| P' | 45(1) | 29(1) | 46(1) | 10(1) | 1(1) | -1(1) |
| O(6') | 170(6) | 62(4) | 69(4) | 29(4) | -63(4) | -3(3) |
| O(7’) | 42(3) | 111(5) | 245(8) | 18(3) | 1(4) | -83(5) |
| C(1') | 26(3) | 24(3) | 30(3) | 8(2) | 4(2) | $0(2)$ |
| C(2') | 20(3) | 27(3) | 30(3) | 6(2) | $0(2)$ | 3(2) |
| C(3') | 20(3) | 29(3) | 35(3) | 5(2) | 1(2) | 6(2) |
| C(4') | 26(3) | 19(3) | 32(3) | 7(2) | $0(2)$ | -3(2) |


| C( $5^{\prime}$ ) | 34(3) | 27(3) | 24(3) | 10(2) | 1(2) | -1(2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C( $6^{\prime}$ ) | 73(5) | 36(4) | 60(5) | 9(3) | -25(4) | 1(3) |
| C( $7^{\prime}$ ) | 31(4) | 64(5) | 127(7) | 11(4) | 2(4) | -42(4) |
| C(8) | 71(5) | 52(4) | 69(5) | 22(4) | 14(4) | -16(4) |
| C(9') | 56(5) | 43(4) | 109(6) | 6(3) | -8(4) | -8(4) |
| C(10') | 87(5) | 37(4) | 60(4) | 15(4) | 7(4) | 16(3) |
| C(11') | 40(3) | 41(3) | 41(3) | 18(3) | 5(3) | 3(3) |
| C(12') | 37(4) | 63(4) | 58(4) | 22(3) | 15(3) | 13(3) |
| C(13') | 44(4) | 80(5) | 61(4) | 45(4) | 9(3) | 1(4) |
| $\mathrm{C}\left(14{ }^{\prime}\right)$ | 56(4) | 41(4) | 66(4) | 29(3) | 1(3) | 6(3) |
| C(15') | 33(3) | 38(3) | 52(4) | 13(3) | 5(3) | 10(3) |
| C(16') | 31(3) | 34(3) | 25(3) | 15(3) | 1(2) | -2(2) |
| C(21') | 39(3) | 34(3) | 46(4) | 12(3) | 3(3) | 7(3) |
| C(22') | 48(4) | 58(4) | 47(4) | 24(3) | -9(3) | 6(3) |
| C(23') | 79(5) | 58(4) | 47(4) | 35(4) | 9(4) | 22(3) |
| C(24’) | 51(4) | 60(4) | 46(4) | 20(3) | 18(3) | 23(3) |
| C(25') | 36(3) | 44(3) | 38(3) | 13(3) | 8(3) | 10(3) |
| C(26’) | 27(3) | 30(3) | 30(3) | 12(2) | 2(2) | 0 (2) |
| C(31') | 42(3) | 39(3) | 38(3) | 19(3) | 6(3) | 3(3) |
| C(32') | 62(4) | 53(4) | 38(4) | 22(3) | 8(3) | -6(3) |
| C(33') | 61(4) | 48(4) | 52(4) | 21(3) | 30(4) | 3(3) |
| C(34') | 41(4) | 61(4) | 64(5) | 25(3) | 22(3) | 9(3) |
| C(35') | 32(3) | 44(3) | 45(4) | 14(3) | 7(3) | 1(3) |
| C(36’) | 31(3) | 25(3) | 35(3) | 9(2) | 10(2) | 6(2) |
| C(41') | 31(3) | 33(3) | 39(3) | 14(3) | 3(2) | 4(3) |
| C(42') | 41(3) | 32(3) | 59(4) | 18(3) | 5(3) | 0 (3) |
| C(43') | 39(4) | 36(3) | 69(4) | 20(3) | 8(3) | 21(3) |


| C(44') | $49(4)$ | $48(4)$ | $50(4)$ | $22(3)$ | $-7(3)$ | $15(3)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| C(45’) | $42(3)$ | $31(3)$ | $42(3)$ | $14(3)$ | $-1(3)$ | $1(3)$ |
| C(46’) | $26(3)$ | $22(3)$ | $33(3)$ | $8(2)$ | $4(2)$ | $4(2)$ |
| C(51’) | $35(3)$ | $40(3)$ | $41(3)$ | $16(3)$ | $5(3)$ | $9(3)$ |
| C(52’) | $57(4)$ | $49(4)$ | $52(4)$ | $24(3)$ | $16(3)$ | $21(3)$ |
| C(53') | $75(5)$ | $88(6)$ | $46(4)$ | $39(4)$ | $27(4)$ | $28(4)$ |
| C(54') | $100(6)$ | $79(5)$ | $37(4)$ | $53(5)$ | $15(4)$ | $3(4)$ |
| C(55') | $70(4)$ | $55(4)$ | $38(4)$ | $31(4)$ | $11(3)$ | $2(3)$ |
| C(56') | $32(3)$ | $39(3)$ | $30(3)$ | $19(3)$ | $3(2)$ | $2(2)$ |
| O(1S) | $146(7)$ | $122(6)$ | $128(6)$ | $70(5)$ | $9(5)$ | $-41(5)$ |
| C(1S) | $92(8)$ | $100(8)$ | $125(9)$ | $15(6)$ | $4(6)$ | $26(7)$ |
| C(2S) | $178(15)$ | $176(14)$ | $421(26)$ | $129(14)$ | $-108(16)$ | $-151(15)$ |
| C(3S) | $88(9)$ | $199(19)$ | $440(30)$ | $51(12)$ | $-27(13)$ | $-101(19)$ |
| C(4S) | $146(13)$ | $91(9)$ | $240(15)$ | $-1(9)$ | $-85(11)$ | $-15(9)$ |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2 \pi^{2}\left(\mathrm{~h}^{2} \mathrm{a}^{*}{ }^{2} \mathrm{U}_{11}+\ldots+2 \mathrm{hka} \mathrm{b}^{*} * \mathrm{U}_{12}\right)$

Table 3S. H-Atom Coordinates ( $\mathbf{x 1 0}{ }^{4}$ ) and Isotropic Displacement Coefficients ( $\AA^{2} \mathbf{x} 10^{3}$ ).

|  | $\mathbf{x}$ | y | z | U |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H(8A) | 3482 | 4983 | 1949 | 80 |
| H(8B) | 4481 | 4730 | 2261 | 80 |
| H(8C) | 4556 | 5143 | 1612 | 80 |
| H(9A) | 2002 | 2990 | 2214 | 80 |
| H(9B) | 2120 | 1906 | 2012 | 80 |
| H(9C) | 2974 | 2682 | 2515 | 80 |
| H(10A) | 1994 | 3843 | 1213 | 80 |
| H(10B) | 2835 | 3948 | 726 | 80 |
| H(10C) | 1931 | 2799 | 851 | 80 |
| H(11A) | 2896 | 689 | -440 | 80 |
| H(12A) | 2106 | 1245 | -1293 | 80 |
| H(13A) | 2558 | 3110 | -1423 | 80 |
| H(14A) | 3716 | 4395 | -692 | 80 |
| H(15A) | 4462 | 3843 | 164 | 80 |
| H(21A) | 1855 | 1286 | 761 | 80 |
| H(22A) | -28 | 1 | 668 | 80 |
| H(23A) | -417 | -1856 | 635 | 80 |
| H(24A) | 1084 | -2485 | 642 | 80 |
| H(25A) | 2962 | -1175 | 779 | 80 |
| H(31A) | 3330 | 179 | 2094 | 80 |
| H(32A) | 3097 | -1259 | 2735 | 80 |
| H(33A) | 4136 | -2359 | 2643 | 80 |
| H(34A) | 5456 | -1995 | 1940 | 80 |
| H(35A) | 5726 | -536 | 1305 | 80 |
| H(41A) | 6791 | 1827 | 2157 | 80 |


| H(42A) | 8529 | 1707 | 2452 | 80 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H(43A) | 9727 | 1608 | 1740 | 80 |
| H(44A) | 9119 | 1497 | 720 | 80 |
| H(45A) | 7341 | 1507 | 435 | 80 |
| H(51A) | 5611 | 2342 | -574 | 80 |
| H(52A) | 7061 | 3406 | -1140 | 80 |
| H(53A) | 8692 | 4757 | -683 | 80 |
| H(54A) | 8881 | 5064 | 349 | 80 |
| H(55A) | 7466 | 3963 | 930 | 80 |
| H(8'A) | 7309 | 3890 | 3359 | 80 |
| H(8’B) | 7266 | 4884 | 3006 | 80 |
| $\mathrm{H}\left(8^{\prime} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 8287 | 5045 | 3477 | 80 |
| H(9'A) | 5156 | 3414 | 3662 | 80 |
| H(9'B) | 4769 | 4257 | 3978 | 80 |
| H(9'C) | 5050 | 4385 | 3311 | 80 |
| H(10D) | 6714 | 3461 | 4429 | 80 |
| H(10E) | 7694 | 4500 | 4731 | 80 |
| H(10F) | 6441 | 4226 | 4875 | 80 |
| H(11B) | 11027 | 8809 | 4015 | 80 |
| H(12B) | 12589 | 8328 | 3936 | 80 |
| H(13B) | 12488 | 6561 | 4144 | 80 |
| H(14B) | 10754 | 5274 | 4408 | 80 |
| H(15B) | 9200 | 5764 | 4512 | 80 |
| H(21B) | 10251 | 7832 | 5508 | 80 |
| H(22B) | 10515 | 7215 | 6448 | 80 |
| H(23B) | 8990 | 6044 | 6919 | 80 |
| H(24B) | 7148 | 5453 | 6431 | 80 |


| H(25B) | 6872 | 6073 | 5489 | 80 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H(31B) | 8230 | 8682 | 5935 | 80 |
| H(32B) | 7317 | 9263 | 6649 | 80 |
| H(33B) | 5601 | 9436 | 6384 | 80 |
| H(34B) | 4741 | 8924 | 5422 | 80 |
| H(35B) | 5630 | 8328 | 4702 | 80 |
| H(41B) | 8048 | 10490 | 4777 | 80 |
| H(42B) | 7569 | 11950 | 4459 | 80 |
| H(43B) | 6668 | 11857 | 3505 | 80 |
| H(44B) | 6216 | 10303 | 2883 | 80 |
| H(45B) | 6726 | 8660 | 3189 | 80 |
| H(51B) | 9632 | 10387 | 3652 | 80 |
| H(52B) | 10559 | 11143 | 2811 | 80 |
| H(53B) | 10601 | 9986 | 2018 | 80 |
| H(54B) | 9774 | 8102 | 2091 | 80 |
| H(55B) | 8867 | 7343 | 2941 | 80 |
| H(1SA) | 8078 | 4204 | 7327 | 80 |
| H(1SB) | 8001 | 3633 | 7928 | 80 |
| H(2SA) | 9548 | 3998 | 7250 | 80 |
| H(2SB) | 9014 | 2969 | 7622 | 80 |
| H(3SA) | 10189 | 3956 | 8277 | 80 |
| H(3SB) | 11015 | 4564 | 7802 | 80 |
| H(4SA) | 10294 | 5519 | 8528 | 80 |
| H(4SB) | 10648 | 5940 | 7903 | 80 |
|  |  | 80 | 80 |  |

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The series of compounds $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}\right) \mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}\left(\mathrm{~L}=\mathrm{PMe}_{3}, \mathrm{PMe}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}, \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}\right)$ have been prepared and characterized by IR, NMR, and ESR spectroscopies, cyclic voltammetry, and X-ray crystallography ( $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ ). Frozen solution ESR studies and extended Hückel molecular orbital calcuations suggest the $\mathrm{Cr}(\mathrm{CO})_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ moiety freely rotates relative to the $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Ph}_{5}$ ligand.

