I(1) - Ir(1) - P(1)	92.50 (3)	C(2) - P(2) - C(19)	105.1 (2
l(1)—lr(1)—P(2)	92.62 (3)	C(2)-P(2)-C(25)	107.4 (2
I(1) - Ir(1) - N(1)	86.77(10)	C(19)—P(2)—C(25)	98.9 (2
P(1) - Ir(1) - P(2)	174.46 (4)	N(1) = Si(1) = C(1)	104.5 (2
P(1) = Ir(1) = N(1)	89.3(1)	N(1) - Si(1) - C(3)	110.3 (2
P(2) = Ir(1) = N(1)	88.9(1)	N(1)—Si(1)—C(4)	111.1 (2
l(1) - lr(1) - H(1)	176(1)	C(1)— $Si(1)$ — $C(3)$	111.4 (2
l(1) - lr(1) - H(2)	88(1)	C(1) - Si(1) - C(4)	109.4 (2
P(1) - Ir(1) - H(1)	87(1)	C(3) - Si(1) - C(4)	110.0 (3
P(1) - Ir(1) - H(2)	90(1)	N(1) - Si(2) - C(2)	103.9 (2
P(2) - Ir(1) - H(1)	87(1)	N(1) - Si(2) - C(5)	112.2 (2
P(2) - Ir(1) - H(2)	91(1)	N(1)—Si(2)—C(6)	110.4 (2
N(1) - Ir(1) - H(1)	90(1)	C(2)-Si(2)-C(5)	109.7 (2
N(1) - Ir(1) - H(2)	174(1)	C(2)—Si(2)—C(6)	110.3 (3
H(1) - Ir(1) - H(2)	95 (2)	C(5)-Si(2)-C(6)	110.3 (3
Ir(1) - P(1) - C(1)	106.6(1)	Ir(1)N(1)Si(1)	108.7 (2
Ir(1) - P(1) - C(7)	120.6 (2)	Ir(1)N(1)Si(2)	108.5 (2
Ir(1) - P(1) - C(13)	116.2(2)	Si(1)N(1)Si(2)	125.0 (2
C(1) - P(1) - C(7)	106.3 (2)	Ir(1) - N(1) - H(3)	87 (3)
C(1) = P(1) = C(13)	105.6 (2)	Si(1)-N(1)-H(3)	113 (3)
C(7) - P(1) - C(13)	100.2 (2)	Si(2)—N(1)—H(3)	107 (3)
lr(1) - P(2) - C(2)	107.5 (2)	P(1) - C(1) - Si(1)	107.4 (2
Ir(1)—P(2)—C(19)	121.4 (2)	P(2)—C(2)—Si(2)	109.3 (2
Ir(1)—P(2)—C(25)	115.4 (2)		

The metal hydride and amine H atoms were refined with isotropic displacement parameters. The remaining H atoms were fixed in calculated positions (methyl groups staggered, with C—H = 0.98 Å and displacement parameters 20% larger than those of the parent atoms).

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# Chlorotris(triphenylphosphine)copper(I) Tetrahydrofuran Solvate

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## Abstract

The structure of  $[CuCl{P(C_6H_5)_3}_3].C_4H_8O$  consists of discrete  $[CuCl{P(C_6H_5)_3}_3]$  molecules containing pseudo-tetrahedrally coordinated copper, together with one disordered tetrahydrofuran solvent molecule per molecule of complex.

### Comment

The structure of  $[CuCl{P(C_6H_5)_3}_3]$ , (1), has been determined previously in its unsolvated form [(2); Gill *et al.*, 1976], as a 1:3 solvate with tetrahydrofuran [(3); Folting, Huffman, Mahoney, Stryker & Caulton, 1987] and as a 1:1 acetone solvate [(4); Barron *et al.*, 1987].



One of these previously determined structures, (2), exhibits very nearly tetrahedral coordination geometry [angles 108.41 (7)–110.51 (6)°], with the Cu—Cl distances [mean 2.335 (2) Å] shorter than the Cu—P distances [mean 2.351 (1) Å]. In structures (3) and (4), the Cu—P distances are shorter than the Cu—Cl distances [2.3183 (17) and 2.3469 (27) Å, respectively, for (3); 2.326 (4) and 2.349 (6) Å for (4)] and a concomitant increase of the P—Cu—P angles [115.00 (4) and 115.0 (2)°, respectively, for (3) and (4)] relative to those in (2) is exhibited. This may be considered to be a consequence of the increased mutual steric repulsion of the triphenylphosphine ligands in (3) and (4) relative to (2). However, in the structure described herein, (1), the Cu— Cl bond length [2.324 (2) Å] is shorter than the Cu—P

C16 C21

C22

C23 C24 C25 C26 C31

C32 C33

C34

C35 C36 C41 C42 C43 C44 C44 C45

C46 C51 C52 C53 C54 C55 C56 C61

C62 C63 C64 C65 C66 C71 C72 C73 C74 C75

bond lengths [mean 2.346 (1) Å], as is the case of (2), yet interligand angles corresponding closely to those of (3) and (4) are retained. This is in accordance with the observation that the presence of solvent of crystallization has a strong effect on the coordination geometry of  $[CuX{P(C_6H_5)_3}]$  (X = Cl, Br, I) complexes (Barron *et al.*, 1987).



Fig. 1. The structure of the title complex with 40% probability ellipsoids and partial labelling scheme. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

## **Experimental**

Crystals of the title compound were obtained from tetrahydro-furan solution.

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Crystal data	
[CuCl(C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> ].C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O $M_r = 957.90$ Monoclinic $P2_1/c$ a = 13.314 (5) Å b = 10.077 (5) Å c = 36.510 (10) Å $\beta = 94.85 (3)^{\circ}$ $V = 4880 (3) Å^{3}$ Z = 4 $D_x = 1.304 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ $D_m$ not measured	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å Cell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 7.0-11.0^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.642 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Block $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$ Colourless
Data collection Siemens R3m diffractometer Wyckoff scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.048$ $\theta_{\rm max} = 22.52^{\circ}$

Absorption correction: $\psi$ scans ( <i>SHELXTL</i> ; Sheldrick, 1986) $T_{min} = 0.864, T_{max} = 0.881$ 5305 measured reflections 5087 independent reflections	$h = 0 \rightarrow 12$ $k = 0 \rightarrow 9$ $l = -35 \rightarrow 35$ 3 standard reflections monitored every 97 reflections intensity decay: 1%
2832 observed reflections $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ <i>Refinement</i>	
Refinement on $F^2$ R(F) = 0.0609 $wR(F^2) = 0.1372$ S = 0.945 5086 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.002$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.300 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.336 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Atomic scattering factors from International Table

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	for Crystallography (1992,
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-	6.1.1.4)

# Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalentisotropic displacement parameters ( $Å^2$ )

$$U_{\rm eq} = (1/3) \Sigma_i \Sigma_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j.$$

х	v	z	$U_{eq}$
0.30117 (6)	0.71255 (9)	0.10146(2)	0.0296 (3)
0.3177 (2)	0.4986(2)	0.07880(6)	0.0484 (6)
0.17698 (14)	0.8073 (2)	0.06004 (5)	0.0320(6)
0.25456 (15)	0.6809(2)	0.16130 (5)	0.0346 (6)
0.46700 (13)	0.7925 (2)	0.10126 (5)	0.0305 (5)
0.1500 (5)	0.9832 (7)	0.0686(2)	0.031(2)
0.1312 (6)	1.0163 (9)	0.1046(2)	0.047(2)
0.1173 (6)	1.1467 (10)	0.1142(2)	0.056 (3)
0.1230 (6)	1.2467 (8)	0.0886 (3)	0.053 (3)
0.1421 (6)	1.2149 (9)	0.0534 (3)	0.056(2)
0.1561 (5)	1.0841 (8)	0.0436(2)	0.039(2)
0.2015 (5)	0.8012 (7)	0.0117(2)	0.030(2)
0.1287(6)	0.8333 (7)	-0.0165(2)	0.046 (2)
0.1473 (7)	0.8254 (8)	-0.0528(2)	0.057 (3)
0.2402 (7)	0.7839 (10)	-0.0616 (2)	0.066 (3)
0.3142 (6)	0.7497 (8)	-0.0351 (2)	0.064 (3)
0.2938 (5)	0.7572 (8)	0.0016(2)	0.048 (3)
0.0517 (6)	0.7296 (8)	0.0563 (2)	0.037 (2)
-0.0362 (6)	0.8037 (9)	0.0588(2)	0.048 (2)
-0.1297 (6)	0.7365 (9)	0.0547 (3)	0.064 (3)
-0.1340(7)	0.6046(11)	0.0479(2)	0.069 (3)
-0.0485 (8)	0.5349 (10)	0.0455 (3)	0.072 (3)
0.0462 (6)	0.5966 (9)	0.0503(2)	0.055 (3)
0.2285 (6)	0.8324 (8)	0.1869(2)	0.035 (2)
0.1546 (6)	0.8422 (10)	0.2117 (2)	0.062 (3)
0.1395 (7)	0.9598 (12)	0.2293 (3)	0.071 (3)
0.1983 (9)	1.0663 (11)	0.2233(3)	0.074 (3)
0.2721 (8)	1.0606 (9)	0.1992(3)	0.062 (3)
0.2875 (6)	0.9427 (9)	0.1814(2)	0.052 (3)
0.1414 (5)	0.5823 (8)	0.1650(2)	0.036(2)
().1374 (6)	0.4673 (8)	0.1853 (2)	0.051 (3)
0.0494 (8)	0.3961 (9)	0.1859(3)	0.071 (3)
-0.0364 (8)	0.4391 (10)	0.1676(3)	0.069 (3)
-0.0357 (7)	0.5527(11)	0.1471 (3)	0.074 (3)
0.0510(7)	0.6240 (9)	0.1457 (2)	0.064 (3)
0.3434 (5)	0.5917 (8)	0.1938(2)	0.036 (2)
0.3890 (6)	0.4792(8)	0.1812(2)	0.045 (2)
0.4522 (6)	0.4028 (8)	0.2049(3)	0.053 (3)
0.4701(6)	0.4404 (10)	0.2409(3)	0.059 (3)
0.4276(6)	0.5516(10)	0.2536(2)	0.056 (3)
0.3641 (6)	0.6295 (8)	0.2299 (2)	0.045 (2)
0.4877(6)	0.9003(7)	0.1131(2)	0.033(2)
0.4102 (6)	1.0345 (8)	0.1030(2)	0.045 (2)
0.4217(0)	1.1908 (8)	0.1077(2)	0.052 (2)
0.5108(7)	1.2387 (8)	0.1234 (2)	0.051 (3)
0.5868 (7)	1.1003 (9)	0.1.548 (2)	0.055 (3)

C76	().5768 (6)	1.0185 (8)	0.1296 (2)	0.040(2)
C81	0.5580 (5)	0.7062 (8)	0.1336(2)	0.033 (2)
C82	0.6216 (6)	0.6080 (9)	0.1232(2)	0.053 (3)
C83	0.6839 (6)	0.5397 (9)	0.1486(3)	0.066 (3)
C84	0.6843 (7)	0.5675 (9)	0.1855 (3)	0.061 (3)
C85	0.6213 (6)	0.6635 (9)	0.1963 (2)	0.058 (3)
C86	0.5573 (5)	0.7346 (8)	0.1712(2)	0.045(2)
C91	0.5280(5)	0.7805 (8)	0.0580(2)	0.029(2)
C92	0.5692 (6)	0.8904 (8)	0.0422 (2)	0.042 (2)
C93	0.6133 (6)	0.8764 (9)	0.0091(2)	0.054 (3)
C94	0.6208 (6)	0.7550 (9)	-0.0068(2)	0.053 (3)
C95	0.5793 (6)	0.6471 (9)	0.0083 (2)	0.048 (2)
C96	0.5303 (5)	0.6586(8)	0.0407 (2)	0.039(2)
01†	0.8524 (14)	0.1075(18)	0.1689 (9)	0.210 (9)
C1	0.8524 (14)	0.1075(18)	0.1689 (9)	0.210 (9)
C2	0.8448 (15)	0.076(4)	0.2041 (8)	0.178 (10)
C3	0.8298 (14)	-0.058(3)	0.2056(7)	0.168 (8)
04†	0.8585 (13)	-0.1174 (19)	0.1742 (10)	0.182 (9)
C4	0.8585 (13)	-0.1174 (19)	0.1742 (10)	0.182 (9)
C5	0.8792 (16)	-0.006 (5)	0.1517(6)	0.199 (12)

<sup>†</sup> Occupancies: 19.1% O1 and 80.9% O4.

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Cu—Cl	2.324 (2)	Cu—P1	2.346 (2)
Cu—P2	2.341 (2)	Cu—P3	2.352 (2)
Cl—Cu—P2	104.23 (8)	CI—Cu—P3	101.47 (8)
Cl—Cu—P1		P2—Cu—P3	111.93 (8)
P2—Cu—P1	115.28 (8)	P1—Cu—P3	118.03 (8)

The position of the Cu atom was estimated using Patterson methods and all the remaining non-H-atom positions were estimated using subsequent Fourier syntheses. All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically and H atoms were inserted in calculated positions with common type-specific refined isotropic displacement parameters (phenyl: C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso} = 0.055 \text{ Å}^2$ ; tetrahydrofuran: C—H = 0.97 Å and  $U_{\rm iso} = 0.252 \,\text{\AA}^2$ ); a riding model was used in the subsequent refinement. The solvent was found to be disordered, the O atom being distributed between the locations of atoms O1 and O4 only, with refined O-atom occupancies of 19.1 and 80.9%, respectively. No attempt was made to model the solvent as two molecules, however, since thermal motion of the solvent was in any case high. Anisotropic displacement parameters were retained for solvent non-H atoms in order to partially accommodate the variation in bond distances resulting from superposition of the two molecules.

Data collection: P3 (Siemens, 1982a). Data reduction: XTAPE (Siemens, 1982b). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1986). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993).

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# Diamminebis[dimethylglyoximato(1–)]cobalt(III) Fluoborate and Perchlorate

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### Abstract

One of the title complexes, *trans*-diamminebis[2,3-butanedione dioximato(1–)]cobalt(III) tetrafluoroborate,  $[Co(C_4H_7N_2O_2)_2(NH_3)_2]BF_4$ , is isomorphous with the other, *trans*-diamminebis[2,3-butanedione dioximato-(1–)]cobalt(III) perchlorate,  $[Co(C_4H_7N_2O_2)_2(NH_3)_2]$ -ClO<sub>4</sub>. The octahedral coordination complex has an axial Co—N(NH<sub>3</sub>) bond of 1.953 (2) (BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> salt) or 1.954 (3) Å (ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> salt).

### Comment

When considering the biochemical reactions of the vitamine  $B_{12}$  system, the Co—C bond cleavage step is of great interest (Finke, Schiraldi & Mayer, 1984). It has been revealed that the axial Co—C bond strength in the simple molecular models of vitamine  $B_{12}$  is influenced by the ligand located in the opposite position, *i.e.* the 'structural *trans* effect' (Heeg, Elder & Deutsch, 1980). To define a 'zero' for this 'structural *trans* effect' series, the Co—N(NH<sub>3</sub>) bond distance in the structures of *trans*-[(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Co(Hdmg)<sub>2</sub>]X (where  $X = NO_3^-$ , Br<sup>-</sup>

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