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# *trans*-(Methanol)(methyldiphenylphosphine)bis(pentane-2,4-dionato)cobalt(III) hexafluorophosphate hydrate

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The title compound  $[Co(C_5H_7O_2)_2(C_{13}H_{13}P)(CH_4O)]$ - $PF_6 \cdot H_2O$ , (I), which was converted from *trans*-[Co(acac)<sub>2</sub>- $(PMePh_2)(H_2O)]PF_6$  (acac is pentane-2,4-dionato) by recrystallization from aqueous methanol, has been confirmed as have a coordinated methanol ligand. The molecular structure of the complex cation, trans-[Co(acac)<sub>2</sub>(PMePh<sub>2</sub>)(MeOH)]<sup>+</sup>, is similar to that of the above aqua complex found in the ClO<sub>4</sub> salt [Kashiwabara et al. (1995). Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn, 68, 883-888]. The Co-O bond length for the coordinated methanol is 2.059 (3) Å. There is an intermolecular hydrogen bond between the OH group of the coordinated methanol and one of the O atoms of the acac ligands in an adjacent complex cation  $[O5 \cdots O3' = 2.914 (4) \text{ Å}]$ , giving a centrosymmetric dimeric dicationic complex.



## Comment

This is, to my knowledge, the first X-ray crystallographic study of a non-organometallic cobalt(III) complex bearing a methanol ligand, although two organo–cobaloxime derivatives with a coordinated methanol ligand have been reported (Flohr *et al.*, 1978; Dreos *et al.*, 1995).

### **Experimental**

The corresponding aqua complex, trans-[Co(acac)<sub>2</sub>(PMePh<sub>2</sub>)-(H<sub>2</sub>O)]PF<sub>6</sub>, was prepared according to the literature method of Kashiwabara *et al.* (1982). The aqua complex was recrystallized from aqueous methanol, depositing purple prismatic crystals of the title methanol complex.

| Crystal data                                 |   |
|--|---|
| $[Co(C_5H_7O_2)_2(C_{13}H_{13}P)-$           | Z = 2   |
| $(CH_4O)$ ]PF <sub>6</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O | $D_x = 1.507 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$                             |
| $M_r = 652.37$                               | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                                      |
| Triclinic, P1                                | Cell parameters from 24                                     |
| a = 10.904 (3) Å                             | reflections   |
| b = 13.184 (4)  Å                            | $\theta = 14.8 - 15.0^{\circ}$                              |
| c = 10.352 (2) A                             | $\mu = 0.784 \text{ mm}^{-1}$                               |
| $\alpha = 99.74 \ (2)^{\circ}$               | T = 293 (2)  K  |
| $\beta = 97.24 \ (2)^{\circ}$                | Prismatic, purple   |
| $\gamma = 80.06 \ (2)^{\circ}$               | $0.50 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$                   |
| V = 1437.4 (6) A <sup>3</sup>                |   |
| Data collection                              |   |
| Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer                 | $R_{\rm int} = 0.032$                                       |
| $\omega$ –2 $\theta$ scans                   | $\theta_{\rm max} = 30.03^{\circ}$                          |
| Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan           | $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$                                    |
| (North et al., 1968)                         | $k = -18 \rightarrow 18$                                    |
| $T_{\min} = 0.769, \ T_{\max} = 0.855$       | $l = -14 \rightarrow 0$                                     |
| 8835 measured reflections                    | 3 standard reflections                                      |
| 8405 independent reflections                 | every 150 reflections                                       |
| 3541 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$       | intensity decay: 1.02%                                      |
| Refinement                                   |   |
| Refinement on $F^2$                          | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0481P)^2]$                     |
| R(F) = 0.055                                 | + 2.2359 <i>P</i> ]   |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.167$                            | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                              |
| S = 0.965                                    | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003$                         |
| 8405 reflections                             | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.627 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  |
| 396 parameters                               | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.817 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| H-atom parameters constrained                |   |

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å,  $^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-H\cdots A$        | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| $O5-H5\cdots O3^{i}$ | 0.82           | 2.10                    | 2.914 (4)    | 173                         |
|                      |                |                         |              |                             |

Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z.

There were positional disorders for four equatorial F atoms (F2, F3, F4 and F5) of the  $PF_6^-$  anion over two sites, both of which corresponded to a regular octahedral arrangement with two axial F atoms (F1 and F6). The population of these disordered atoms were assumed to be 0.5. The O atom of water of crystallization was treated as two partial-occupancy isotropic O atoms (O61 and O62). H atoms bound to the O atom were not included in the calculation. All other H atoms were included in the structural calculation by means of a riding model.

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