

Bis(tetramethylammonium) hexaaquacobalt(II)  
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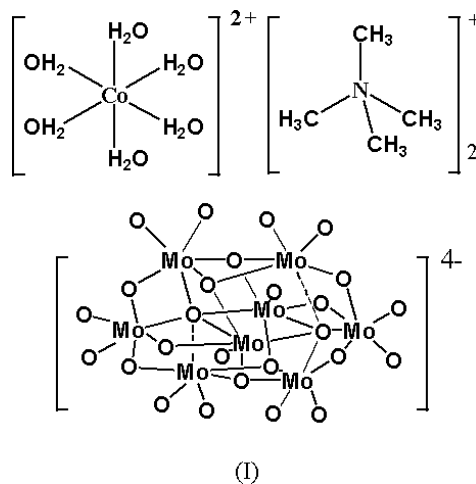
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## Key indicators

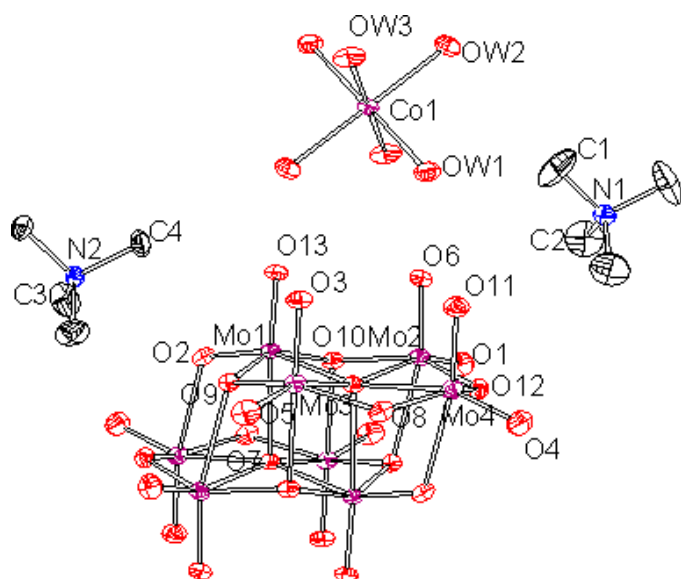
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{N}-\text{C}) = 0.014\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.039  
 $wR$  factor = 0.105  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.The title compound,  $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{12}\text{N})_2[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]$ , contains  $\beta$ -octamolybdate ( $[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]^{4-}$ ), tetramethylammonium and  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  ions. The  $[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]^{4-}$  anion and  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  cations lie on inversion centers, and the tetramethylammonium cations lie on twofold rotation axes.Received 18 March 2004  
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## Comment

More and more chemists are currently interested in topics concerning transition metal oxides (so-called polyoxometalates), owing mainly to their structural variety and promising potential applications in catalysis, biology, medicine and materials science (Wu *et al.*, 2002). Of the various polyoxometalate structures, some of the most interesting are members of the octamolybdate family, with a variety of structural isomers, including  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -octamolybdates *etc.* (Yang *et al.*, 2002).In this paper, we report a new octamolybdate compound  $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{12}\text{N})_2[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]$ . X-ray crystallography shows that the title compound is discrete, consisting of  $[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]^{4-}$  anions, and tetramethylammonium and  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  cations. The framework of this compound is similar to that of  $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{12}\text{N})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]$  (Do *et al.*, 1999), the most significant differences between the two compounds being observed in the structures of the cations, the color and the space groups. The cobalt-centered cations and the anions lie on inversion centers, and the tetramethylammonium cations lie on twofold rotation axes.

## Experimental

A mixture of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.120 g, 0.5 mmol),  $\text{MoO}_3$  (0.20 g, 1.38 mmol),  $\text{NH}_2\text{OH} \cdot \text{HCl}$  (0.15 g, 2.15 mmol),  $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{NCl}$  (0.11 g, 1.0 mmol),  $\text{Co}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$  (0.20 g, 1.13 mmol) and water (12 ml) was



**Figure 1**  
The asymmetric unit of (I), together with the symmetry-related other half of each ion. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms have been omitted.

sealed in a 20 ml Teflon-lined stainless-steel reactor and heated to 433 K for 48 h. Red crystals of  $(C_4H_{12}N)_2[Co(H_2O)_6][\beta-Mo_8O_{26}]$  suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained after the reaction was cooled to room temperature over a period of 48 h.

**Crystal data**

$(C_4H_{12}N)_2[Co(H_2O)_6][Mo_8O_{26}]$   $D_x = 2.749 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 $M_r = 1498.84$  Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$  Cell parameters from 3856 reflections  
 $a = 16.0338 (10) \text{ \AA}$  reflections  
 $b = 13.6400 (8) \text{ \AA}$   $\theta = 2.0\text{--}25.1^\circ$   
 $c = 16.6764 (10) \text{ \AA}$   $\mu = 3.23 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $\beta = 96.779 (1)^\circ$   $T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$   
 $V = 3621.6 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$  Prism, red  
 $Z = 4$   $0.43 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

**Data collection**

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer 3195 independent reflections  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans 2825 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $R_{int} = 0.021$   
 $T_{min} = 0.421$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.525$   $\theta_{max} = 25.1^\circ$   
 5426 measured reflections  $h = -12 \rightarrow 19$   
 $k = -16 \rightarrow 14$

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0357P)^2 + 82.4908P]$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$  where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.105$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.018$   
 $S = 1.10$   $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.68 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 3195 reflections  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -1.02 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 239 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

|                                      |            |  |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Mo1—O13                              | 1.681 (5)  | Mo3—O8                                   | 1.898 (5)  |
| Mo1—O2                               | 1.746 (5)  | Mo3—O9                                   | 2.002 (5)  |
| Mo1—O10                              | 1.950 (5)  | Mo3—O7 <sup>i</sup>                      | 2.338 (5)  |
| Mo1—O9                               | 1.956 (5)  | Mo3—O10 <sup>i</sup>                     | 2.339 (5)  |
| Mo1—O7 <sup>i</sup>                  | 2.162 (5)  | Mo4—O4                                   | 1.699 (6)  |
| Mo1—O7                               | 2.348 (5)  | Mo4—O11                                  | 1.700 (6)  |
| Mo2—O1                               | 1.701 (5)  | Mo4—O12                                  | 1.926 (5)  |
| Mo2—O6                               | 1.701 (5)  | Mo4—O8                                   | 1.931 (6)  |
| Mo2—O12                              | 1.882 (5)  | Mo4—O2 <sup>i</sup>                      | 2.295 (5)  |
| Mo2—O10                              | 1.992 (5)  | Mo4—O7 <sup>i</sup>                      | 2.409 (5)  |
| Mo2—O9 <sup>i</sup>                  | 2.327 (5)  | Co1—OW3                                  | 2.063 (5)  |
| Mo2—O7 <sup>i</sup>                  | 2.350 (5)  | Co1—OW2                                  | 2.076 (5)  |
| Mo3—O5                               | 1.699 (6)  | Co1—OW1                                  | 2.104 (6)  |
| Mo3—O3                               | 1.701 (5)  |  |            |
| O13—Mo1—O2                           | 104.7 (3)  | O8—Mo3—O7 <sup>i</sup>                   | 77.1 (2)   |
| O13—Mo1—O10                          | 101.7 (2)  | O9—Mo3—O7 <sup>i</sup>                   | 73.54 (18) |
| O2—Mo1—O10                           | 97.2 (2)   | O5—Mo3—O10 <sup>i</sup>                  | 88.2 (2)   |
| O13—Mo1—O9                           | 100.3 (2)  | O3—Mo3—O10 <sup>i</sup>                  | 164.0 (2)  |
| O2—Mo1—O9                            | 96.4 (2)   | O8—Mo3—O10 <sup>i</sup>                  | 83.9 (2)   |
| O10—Mo1—O9                           | 150.2 (2)  | O9—Mo3—O10 <sup>i</sup>                  | 71.56 (18) |
| O13—Mo1—O7 <sup>i</sup>              | 98.0 (2)   | O7 <sup>i</sup> —Mo3—O10 <sup>i</sup>    | 71.20 (17) |
| O2—Mo1—O7 <sup>i</sup>               | 157.3 (2)  | O4—Mo4—O11                               | 105.2 (3)  |
| O10—Mo1—O7 <sup>i</sup>              | 78.67 (19) | O4—Mo4—O12                               | 101.8 (3)  |
| O9—Mo1—O7 <sup>i</sup>               | 78.57 (19) | O11—Mo4—O12                              | 98.7 (3)   |
| O13—Mo1—O7                           | 173.8 (2)  | O4—Mo4—O8                                | 101.6 (3)  |
| O2—Mo1—O7                            | 81.4 (2)   | O11—Mo4—O8                               | 98.4 (3)   |
| O10—Mo1—O7                           | 78.01 (19) | O12—Mo4—O8                               | 146.1 (2)  |
| O9—Mo1—O7                            | 77.93 (18) | O4—Mo4—O2 <sup>i</sup>                   | 88.7 (2)   |
| O7 <sup>i</sup> —Mo1—O7              | 75.9 (2)   | O11—Mo4—O2 <sup>i</sup>                  | 166.0 (2)  |
| O1—Mo2—O6                            | 105.0 (3)  | O12—Mo4—O2 <sup>i</sup>                  | 78.0 (2)   |
| O1—Mo2—O12                           | 101.5 (3)  | O8—Mo4—O2 <sup>i</sup>                   | 78.4 (2)   |
| O6—Mo2—O12                           | 101.1 (3)  | O4—Mo4—O7 <sup>i</sup>                   | 159.0 (2)  |
| O1—Mo2—O10                           | 101.2 (3)  | O11—Mo4—O7 <sup>i</sup>                  | 95.7 (2)   |
| O6—Mo2—O10                           | 96.9 (2)   | O12—Mo4—O7 <sup>i</sup>                  | 74.59 (19) |
| O12—Mo2—O10                          | 146.1 (2)  | O8—Mo4—O7 <sup>i</sup>                   | 74.78 (19) |
| O1—Mo2—O9 <sup>i</sup>               | 89.5 (2)   | O2 <sup>i</sup> —Mo4—O7 <sup>i</sup>     | 70.28 (17) |
| O6—Mo2—O9 <sup>i</sup>               | 163.4 (2)  | OW3 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW3               | 180        |
| O12—Mo2—O9 <sup>i</sup>              | 83.4 (2)   | OW3 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW2 <sup>ii</sup> | 88.9 (2)   |
| O10—Mo2—O9 <sup>i</sup>              | 71.99 (19) | OW3—Co1—OW2 <sup>ii</sup>                | 91.1 (2)   |
| O1—Mo2—O7 <sup>i</sup>               | 160.7 (2)  | OW3 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW2               | 91.1 (2)   |
| O6—Mo2—O7 <sup>i</sup>               | 94.1 (2)   | OW3—Co1—OW2                              | 88.9 (2)   |
| O12—Mo2—O7 <sup>i</sup>              | 76.8 (2)   | OW2 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW2               | 180        |
| O10—Mo2—O7 <sup>i</sup>              | 73.42 (18) | OW3 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW1               | 94.1 (3)   |
| O9 <sup>i</sup> —Mo2—O7 <sup>i</sup> | 71.21 (16) | OW3—Co1—OW1                              | 85.9 (3)   |
| O5—Mo3—O3                            | 105.3 (3)  | OW2 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW1               | 89.7 (2)   |
| O5—Mo3—O8                            | 101.5 (3)  | OW2—Co1—OW1                              | 90.3 (2)   |
| O3—Mo3—O8                            | 101.5 (3)  | OW3 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW1 <sup>ii</sup> | 85.9 (3)   |
| O5—Mo3—O9                            | 100.3 (3)  | OW3—Co1—OW1 <sup>ii</sup>                | 94.1 (3)   |
| O3—Mo3—O9                            | 97.1 (2)   | OW2 <sup>ii</sup> —Co1—OW1 <sup>ii</sup> | 90.3 (2)   |
| O8—Mo3—O9                            | 146.4 (2)  | OW2—Co1—OW1 <sup>ii</sup>                | 89.7 (2)   |
| O5—Mo3—O7 <sup>i</sup>               | 159.4 (2)  | OW1—Co1—OW1 <sup>ii</sup>                | 180        |
| O3—Mo3—O7 <sup>i</sup>               | 95.1 (2)   |  |            |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{3}{2} - y, 1 - z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{5}{2} - y, 1 - z$ .

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

| $D-H \cdots A$                       | $D-H$ | $H \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-H \cdots A$ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| OW1—HW1A $\cdots$ O11                | 0.82  | 2.08         | 2.819 (8)    | 150            |
| OW1—HW1B $\cdots$ O4 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.82  | 2.10         | 2.852 (9)    | 153            |
| OW2—HW2A $\cdots$ O13 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.82  | 2.14         | 2.897 (7)    | 152            |
| OW2—HW2A $\cdots$ O4 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.82  | 2.42         | 2.916 (8)    | 120            |
| OW2—HW2B $\cdots$ O3 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.82  | 2.20         | 2.859 (8)    | 138            |
| OW2—HW2B $\cdots$ O5 <sup>iv</sup>   | 0.82  | 2.28         | 2.889 (8)    | 131            |
| OW3—HW3B $\cdots$ O6 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.82  | 2.02         | 2.764 (8)    | 151            |
| OW3—HW3A $\cdots$ O1 <sup>v</sup>    | 0.82  | 2.03         | 2.822 (8)    | 163            |

Symmetry codes: (ii)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{5}{2} - y, 1 - z$ ; (iii)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} + y, z$ ; (v)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + y, z$ .

All H atoms were placed at calculated positions (C–H = 0.96 Å and O–H = 0.8184–0.8200 Å) and treated using a riding model. Isotropic displacement parameters were refined for water H atoms and constrained for C-bound H atoms [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. The aqua H atoms were located from difference maps and refined freely. In the final difference map, the  $-1.020 \text{ \AA}^{-3}$  hole is 0.84 Å from atom Mo4 atom and the  $0.680 \text{ \AA}^{-3}$  peak is 0.81 Å from atom Mo2.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SMART* and *SAINT* (Siemens, 1994); data reduction: *SAINT* and *XPREP* in *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1994); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL*; program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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