$0.34 \times 0.33 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$ 

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# Bis( $\mu$ -3,5-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine- $\kappa^2 N^1$ : $N^2$ )bis[dichloridocobalt(II)]

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 298 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å; R factor = 0.032; wR factor = 0.085; data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1.

In the centrosymmetric dinuclear compound,  $[Co_2Cl_4-(C_4H_8N_4)_2]$ , the Co<sup>II</sup> atom is coordinated by N atoms from two 3,5-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine ligands and two Cl atoms in a distorted tetrahedral geometry. A six-membered ring is formed by four N atoms from two ligands and the two Co<sup>II</sup> centers; the Co···Co distance is 3.756 (9) Å.

#### **Related literature**

For related compounds, see: Cheng et al. (2007); Lavrenova et al. (1992); Liu et al. (2003); Nockemann & Meyer (2007).



#### Experimental

Crystal data  $[Co_2Cl_4(C_4H_8N_4)_2]$   $M_r = 483.95$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  a = 6.7412 (10) Å b = 12.2094 (16) Å

c = 11.4423 (14) Å  $β = 97.8270 (10)^{\circ}$   $V = 933.0 (2) Å^{3}$  Z = 2Mo Kα radiation  $\mu = 2.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 K

#### Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area-	4733 measured reflections
detector diffractometer	1638 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan	1304 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\rm int} = 0.023$
$T_{\min} = 0.46, \ T_{\max} = 0.67$	

#### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$ 102 parameters $wR(F^2) = 0.085$ H-atom parameters constrainedS = 1.07 $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.43$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>1638 reflections $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.58$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1-N2 <sup>i</sup>	2.023 (3)	Co1-Cl2	2.2154 (11)
Co1-N1	2.030 (3)	Co1-Cl1	2.2382 (11)
N2 <sup>i</sup> -Co1-N1	107.55 (11)	N2 <sup>i</sup> -Co1-Cl1	109.60 (9)
N2 <sup>i</sup> -Co1-Cl2	108.46 (9)	N1-Co1-Cl1	109.49 (9)
N1-Co1-Cl2	108.50 (9)	Cl2-Co1-Cl1	113.10 (5)

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

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 20008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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#### Comment

The rational design and synthesis of novel coordination polymers is of current interest in the field of supramolecular chemistry and crystal engineering, not only because of their intriguing structural motifs but also because of their potential applications in catalysis, molecular adsorption, magnetism, nonlinear optics, and molecular sensing. 1,2,4-Triazole and its derivatives possess good coordination ability due to the hetercyclic nitrogen atoms in the structure. Many polymers of 3,5-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazol-4-amine (Dmatrz) have been synthesized. In 1992, Lavrenova reported a series of metal-Dmatrz complexes, such as CuCl<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz)(0.5H<sub>2</sub>O), CdCl<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz), Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O), Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz)(0.5H<sub>2</sub>O), Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O), Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz)<sub>2</sub>, Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz)<sub>3</sub> (Lavrenova *et al.*, 1992). Other metal- Dmatrz complexes such as Cu(Dmatrz)SCN, Zn<sub>2</sub>(Dmatrz)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, Ag<sub>3</sub>(Dmatrz)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> have also reported (Liu, *et al.*, 2003; Cheng, *et al.*, 2007; Nockemann, *et al.*, 2007). However, so far coordination polymer constructed from CoCl<sub>2</sub> and Dmatrz has never been reported. In the present word, we solvothermally synthesized a CoCl<sub>2</sub>-Dmatrz complex and it is reported here.

The molecular structure of the complex (I) (Fig. 1) has one one Co(II), one Dmatrz and two chlorine anions in its asymmetric unit. The Co(II) center is four-coordinated by four nitrogen atoms from two Dmatrz ligands and two chlorine atoms in a tetrahedral geometry. Each Dmatrz ligand links two Co(II) centers *via* its two neighboring nitrogen atoms with a Co…Co separation of 3.756 (9) Å (Fig.1). A six membered ring is formed *via* four nitrogen atoms from two Dmatrz ligands and two cobalt centers. The chlorine atoms can form hydrogen bonds with nitrogen atom from the uncoordinated amino group of Dmatrz. For example, The H4B…Cl2(ii) and N4…Cl2(ii) distances are 2.514 and 3.277 Å, respectively [Symmetry codes: (ii) -x + 1, -y, -z + 1]. The N4—H4B… Cl2(ii) angle is 148.39 °.

#### **Experimental**

A mixture of Dmatrz(0.05 mmol, 0.006 g), CoCl<sub>2</sub>(0.1 mmol, 0.024 g) and ethanol(5 mm l) was put into a Teflon-lined autoclave. The reaction mixture was heated at 120 centigrade for one and a half day, followed by slow cooling to room temperatrue and blue single crystals were collected. Elemental analyse found: C, 19.80; H, 3.39; N, 23.04; Cl, 29.28; Co, 24.45%.

#### Refinement

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with C—H = 0.96Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl H atoms, N—H = 0.86Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for amino H atoms.

Figures



Fig. 1. The structure of (I), with the atomic numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1, -y, -z + 1.]

Fig. 2. Three dimensional supramolecular architecture constructed by intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The dotted lines indicate the hydrogen bonds.

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Crystal data	
$[Co_2Cl_4(C_4H_8N_4)_2]$	$F_{000} = 484$
$M_r = 483.95$	$D_{\rm x} = 1.723 {\rm ~Mg~m^{-3}}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
Hall symbol: -P 2ybc	Cell parameters from 4733 reflections
a = 6.7412 (10)  Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 25.0^{\circ}$
<i>b</i> = 12.2094 (16) Å	$\mu = 2.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 11.4423 (14)  Å	T = 298  K
$\beta = 97.8270 \ (10)^{\circ}$	Block, blue
$V = 933.0 (2) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.34 \times 0.33 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}$
<i>Z</i> = 2	

#### Data collection

Siemens CCD area-detector diffractometer	1638 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	1304 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Monochromator: graphite	$R_{\rm int} = 0.023$
T = 298  K	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^{\circ}$
$\phi$ and $\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\min} = 2.5^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -7 \rightarrow 7$
$T_{\min} = 0.46, \ T_{\max} = 0.67$	$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$
4733 measured reflections	$l = -13 \rightarrow 8$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	H-atom parameters constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.085$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0358P)^2 + 1.1376P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.07	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
1638 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.43 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
102 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.58 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	Extinction correction: none

#### Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*-factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

	x	У	Z	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
Co1	0.59569 (7)	0.10736 (4)	0.40423 (4)	0.03186 (17)
Cl1	0.84618 (15)	0.10010 (9)	0.29461 (10)	0.0545 (3)
Cl2	0.44352 (17)	0.26855 (9)	0.39618 (12)	0.0652 (3)
N1	0.7034 (4)	0.0747 (2)	0.5750 (2)	0.0360 (7)
N2	0.6098 (4)	0.0089 (2)	0.6507 (2)	0.0345 (7)
N3	0.8558 (4)	0.0937 (2)	0.7526 (2)	0.0341 (7)
N4	0.9948 (5)	0.1233 (3)	0.8494 (3)	0.0505 (9)
H4A	0.9879	0.0948	0.9174	0.061*
H4B	1.0872	0.1700	0.8409	0.061*
C1	0.7059 (5)	0.0212 (3)	0.7575 (3)	0.0328 (8)
C2	0.8540 (5)	0.1240 (3)	0.6382 (3)	0.0365 (8)
C3	0.6643 (6)	-0.0339 (3)	0.8663 (3)	0.0476 (10)
H3A	0.6222	0.0194	0.9195	0.071*
H3B	0.7834	-0.0698	0.9030	0.071*
H3C	0.5602	-0.0871	0.8471	0.071*
C4	1.0012 (7)	0.1982 (4)	0.5962 (4)	0.0576 (12)
H4C	1.0375	0.1709	0.5233	0.086*
H4D	1.1183	0.2022	0.6541	0.086*
H4E	0.9437	0.2699	0.5837	0.086*

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

# Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$	
Co1	0.0308 (3)	0.0312 (3)	0.0334 (3)	-0.00153 (19)	0.00350 (19)	0.0033 (2)	
Cl1	0.0476 (6)	0.0600 (6)	0.0604 (6)	-0.0015 (5)	0.0239 (5)	-0.0066 (5)	
Cl2	0.0540 (7)	0.0417 (6)	0.0976 (9)	0.0137 (5)	0.0018 (6)	0.0003 (6)	
N1	0.0369 (17)	0.0385 (16)	0.0317 (16)	-0.0077 (13)	0.0015 (13)	0.0046 (13)	
N2	0.0335 (16)	0.0330 (15)	0.0364 (16)	-0.0055 (12)	0.0026 (13)	0.0025 (13)	
N3	0.0354 (16)	0.0355 (16)	0.0301 (15)	-0.0018 (13)	-0.0004 (12)	-0.0044 (12)	
N4	0.051 (2)	0.067 (2)	0.0298 (16)	-0.0194 (17)	-0.0085 (14)	-0.0041 (15)	
C1	0.0337 (19)	0.0314 (18)	0.0329 (19)	0.0008 (15)	0.0026 (14)	-0.0022 (14)	
C2	0.0371 (19)	0.0365 (19)	0.0353 (19)	-0.0045 (15)	0.0030 (15)	0.0000 (15)	
C3	0.058 (3)	0.049 (2)	0.036 (2)	-0.0039 (19)	0.0052 (18)	0.0071 (17)	
C4	0.061 (3)	0.067 (3)	0.045 (2)	-0.029 (2)	0.007 (2)	0.000 (2)	
Geometric param	neters (Å, °)						
Co1—N2 <sup>i</sup>		2.023 (3)	N4—H	4A	0.8600	)	
Co1—N1		2.030 (3)	N4—H	4B	0.8600		
Co1—Cl2		2.2154 (11)	C1—C	3	1.475 (5)		
Co1—Cl1		2.2382 (11)	С2—С	4	1.472 (5)		
N1—C2		1.310 (4)	С3—НЗА		0.9600		
N1—N2		1.394 (4)	С3—НЗВ		0.9600		
N2—C1		1.312 (4)	С3—Н	3C	0.9600		
N2—Co1 <sup>i</sup>		2.023 (3)	C4—H4C		0.9600		
N3—C1		1.350 (4)	С4—Н	4D	0.9600	)	
N3—C2		1.358 (4)	С4—Н	4E	0.9600	)	
N3—N4		1.397 (4)					
N2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1		107.55 (11)	N2—C	1—N3	108.3	(3)	
N2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—Cl2		108.46 (9)	N2—C	1—C3	127.4	(3)	
N1—Co1—Cl2		108.50 (9)	N3—C	1—С3	124.3	124.3 (3)	
N2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—Cl1		109.60 (9)	N1—C	2—N3	108.1	(3)	
N1—Co1—Cl1		109.49 (9)	N1—C	2—C4	127.5	(3)	
Cl2—Co1—Cl1		113.10 (5)	N3—C	2—C4	124.4	(3)	
C2—N1—N2		107.7 (3)	C1—C	3—НЗА	109.5		
C2—N1—Co1		126.2 (2)	C1—C	3—Н3В	109.5		
N2—N1—Co1		125.3 (2)	H3A—C3—H3B 109.		109.5		
C1—N2—N1		107.7 (3)	C1—C3—H3C		C1—C3—H3C 109.5		
C1—N2—Co1 <sup>i</sup>		126.9 (2)	H3A—	-C3—H3C	109.5		
N1—N2—Co1 <sup>i</sup>		124.1 (2)	H3B—	С3—НЗС	109.5		
C1—N3—C2		108.1 (3)	C2—C	4—H4C	109.5		
C1—N3—N4		124.1 (3)	С2—С	4—H4D	109.5		
C2—N3—N4		127.6 (3)	H4C—	C4—H4D	109.5		
N3—N4—H4A		120.0	С2—С	4—H4E	109.5		
N3—N4—H4B		120.0	H4C—	C4—H4E	109.5		
H4A—N4—H4B		120.0	H4D—	C4—H4E	109.5		

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

## Fig. 1



Fig. 2

