

structural information on similar compounds is available. It is interesting to note the general similarities between the structure of the negatively charged selenium system in this crystal and the structure of the molecular adduct of selenium oxychloride and two pyridine molecules.³ These are presently the only structures reported for five-bonded selenium, if the present structure is so classified. Both structures have square-pyramidal arrangements (with apical oxygen atoms) about the selenium, and both have bond distances that are difficult to interpret. In the molecular compound, one of the *trans* selenium-chlorine and both of the *trans* selenium-nitrogen bonds were elongated (2.57, 2.20, and 2.19 Å, respectively), while in the ion of this report the two *cis* selenium-chlorine distances were elongated.

In both structures the bond angles formed by the oxygen, the selenium, and the tightly held chlorines are the largest deviations from right angles in the square-pyramidal units. In each structure there is good evidence for a very weak chlorine bridge to the open position below the base of the square pyramid.

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Trichlorosilyltetracarbonylcobalt, $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$

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The crystal and molecular structure of trichlorosilyltetracarbonylcobalt, $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$, has been determined from three-dimensional X-ray data collected by counter methods. The structure has been refined by least-squares techniques, until the *R* factor for 664 intensities above background is 3.4%. The material crystallizes in space group $\text{C}_{2h}^5\text{-P2}_1/c$ of the monoclinic system, with four molecules in a cell of dimensions $a = 8.561$, $b = 10.888$, $c = 11.657$ Å; $\beta = 99^\circ 47'$. Molecules of $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$ are well-separated in the solid state, the shortest $\text{Co}\cdots\text{Co}$ distance being 6.42 Å. The molecules exhibit slight, but significant, deviations from C_{3v} symmetry. The configuration of the Co atom is trigonal bipyramidal; that of the Si atom is tetrahedral. The three equatorial carbonyl groups are displaced out of the equatorial plane toward the Si atom and are in a staggered conformation with respect to the Cl atoms. The Si-Co bond length is 2.254 ± 0.003 Å.

Introduction

The work described here on the determination of the crystal and molecular structure of trichlorosilyltetracarbonylcobalt, $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$, was undertaken for several reasons. First, there is a continuing effort in this laboratory to obtain reliable experimental information on the geometries of five-coordinate transition metal complexes.² Second, there is general interest in the structures of transition metal hydrides.² The compound $\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_4$, owing to its instability, has not been studied by diffraction methods. Yet because it is one of the parent carbonyl hydrides there is a need for structural information. It has been found that the $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5$ geometries in $(\text{CO})_5\text{Mn-Mn}(\text{CO})_5$ ³ and in $\text{HMn}(\text{CO})_5$ ⁴ are essentially identical. Thus a knowledge of the structure of a compound of the type $\text{XCo}(\text{CO})_4$ should provide indirect information on the structure of $\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_4$. Third, although compounds containing

the Si-M bond, where M is a transition metal, have been known for some time,⁵ no structural information is available. Infrared spectral data on several silylcobalt carbonyls of general formula $\text{R}_3\text{SiCo}(\text{CO})_4$ ($\text{R} = \text{H}, \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{C}_2\text{H}_5, \text{C}_6\text{H}_5, \text{H}_3\text{CO}$)⁶⁻⁸ have been interpreted in terms of multiple bonding between Si and Co. It is thus of interest to determine the structure of at least one of these compounds to provide information on the Si-Co bond length. The compound $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$ was chosen because of its general stability and suitable melting point (44°).

Collection and Reduction of Intensity Data

A sample of $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$, prepared according to the method of Chalk and Harrod,⁶ was kindly supplied by Mr. A. P. Hagen. Crystals were grown by subliming the sample under vacuum from a break-seal tube into a 0.2-mm quartz capillary attached to the bottom of a glass trap which was immersed in liquid

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nitrogen. After some material was sealed into the capillary, it was again sublimed, from one end to the other, until transparent, yellow crystals were obtained which were isolated from their neighbors and were firmly attached to the capillary wall. Three such samples were examined during the preliminary precession photography. The compound was found to possess monoclinic symmetry. The systematic absences of $0k0$ for k odd and $h0l$ for l odd, observed on photographs from all crystals, are strongly indicative of the space group $\text{C}_{2h}^5\text{-P}2_1/\text{c}$. Approximate lattice constants were obtained from these photographs. The final values, and their standard deviations, as obtained from a least-squares refinement of the setting angles of fourteen reflections which had been carefully centered on a Picker four-circle automatic X-ray diffractometer, are $a = 8.561 \pm 0.004$, $b = 10.888 \pm 0.004$, $c = 11.657 \pm 0.005$ Å; $\beta = 99^\circ 47' \pm 2'$ ($t = 28^\circ$, λ (Mo $\text{K}\alpha_1$) 0.70926 Å). The formula weight is 305.45 and for four molecules in the unit cell the calculated density is 1.89 g/cm³; this is a reasonable density, but no experimental value is available for comparison owing to the sensitivity of the compound to moist air. With four molecules in $\text{P}2_1/\text{c}$ no crystallographic symmetry conditions need be imposed on the molecule.

The procedures used in data collection and processing for the most part parallel those described previously^{9,10} and only differences will be emphasized. Trial scans through several reflections from the first crystal mounted on the diffractometer showed that there were two crystals in very nearly identical orientations. This was not detectable, even in retrospect, from the preliminary precession photographs. A second crystal, used for gathering the intensity data, gave clean 2θ and ω scans, even though preliminary photographs had shown that there were reflections from randomly oriented nearby crystals. During the initial alignment, correctly indexed reflections from one such crystal were inadvertently put into the lattice parameter refinement together with correctly indexed reflections from the main crystal. The results were disastrous. Reflections with these same indices were subsequently located from the main crystal and found to be ten times more intense than those from the nearby crystal. Throughout this study we considered the possibility of random overlapping of reflections from these two crystals.

It was not possible to measure the dimensions of the main crystal accurately through the cylindrical capillary walls, especially since there was a fine deposit of microcrystallites on these walls. For the purposes of an approximate absorption correction the crystal was described as a rectangular parallelepiped of dimensions $0.30 \times 0.15 \times 0.15$ mm. The linear absorption coefficient for this material is 25.2 cm⁻¹ for Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ and 211 cm⁻¹ for Cu $\text{K}\alpha$. In order to minimize prob-

lems of absorption and fluorescence Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation was used in the data collection. The diffracted beams were filtered through 3.0-mil Zr foil. The pulse height analyzer was centered on the Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ peak to allow approximately 90% transmission. Attenuators of copper foil, with attenuator factors of about 2.3, were automatically inserted into the beam path when the intensity of the diffracted beam exceeded about 7000 counts/sec during the scan. The intensities were collected by the θ - 2θ scan technique, using a take-off angle of 0.6° and a scan rate of $1^\circ/\text{min}$. At this take-off angle, the peak intensity of a typical reflection was about 80% of its maximum value as a function of take-off angle. The 2θ scan range from 0.4° below to 0.6° above the Mo $\text{K}\alpha_1$ peak was found to be sufficient to include the total intensity from all reflections. Stationary-crystal, stationary-counter background counts of 10 sec were taken at each end of the scan. The background counts were generally high throughout reciprocal space, presumably as a result of the scattering from the microcrystallites on the capillary walls. The defining aperture for the diffracted beams, a rectangle 7×7 mm, was placed 21 cm from the crystal. Standard reflections were measured at various intervals during the runs. Their constancy indicated no decomposition of the crystal in the X-ray beam.

For reasons detailed previously, we have found it highly desirable to collect complete data sets; *i.e.*, all four forms of equivalent reflections for this monoclinic crystal. Yet the general level of intensity from Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation is lower than that from Cu $\text{K}\alpha$ used previously, and in order to eliminate the time necessary to collect four forms from a reflection whose intensity is below background, the following procedure was adopted. Preliminary scans indicated that there were few, if any, useful data to be collected beyond a 2θ value of 40° . Data were initially collected for the 1008 unique reflections within the range 0 to 40° . It was found on processing these data that only 740 F^2 values exceed $\sigma(F^2)$, where $\sigma(F^2)$ is the estimated standard deviation of F^2 obtained in the manner described previously.⁹ (We shall subsequently refer to intensities for which $F^2 < \sigma(F^2)$ as being below background.) Accordingly the three additional forms to complete the data set were generated from these 740 reflections. Subsequent processing of the entire data set led to 644 reflections that were above background; thus 96 intensities which were above background for one form only, when averaged, decreased below background. After processing of the entire data set comparisons of the estimated standard deviations from individual measurements and from the range estimate of equivalent forms⁹ enabled us to eliminate a few intensities that were incorrect owing to card punching errors. In addition, four pairs of intensities were eliminated because of overlap with reflections from the secondary crystal. These were easily detected because intensities from one Friedel pair agreed very well but were very much more intense than those recorded for the other equivalent Friedel pair.

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The absorption correction eventually applied¹¹ led to transmission factors from 1.32 to 1.46. This range is sufficiently small so that our inexact knowledge of the shape of the crystal is probably not critical. In fact, comparison of a refinement with and without absorption corrections showed no significant shifts in parameters and no significant changes in agreement factors.

Final processing of the data that had been corrected for absorption, punching errors, and overlap led to the following results: of the 740 reflections observed more than once, the average value of $\sigma(F^2)$ from equivalent forms exceeded the range estimate⁹ of $\sigma(F^2)$ 427 times; the R factor for averaging (which is a measure of R_1 for an F^2 refinement) was 5.8%; the predicted weighted R factor, R_2 , for an F^2 refinement is 5.0%. Because in this collection scheme some reflections were observed more than once, while others were not, the estimated standard deviations of the reflections were divided by \sqrt{n} , where n is the number of times a given reflection was observed through its equivalent forms.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure

Initial solution and refinement of the structure were carried out from the unique data set during the period when intensities of the equivalent forms were still being collected.

The coordinates of the cobalt atom were derived from a three-dimensional Patterson function based on the 1008 unique intensities. Least-squares refinement on F (with $\sigma(F) = 0.5\sigma(F^2)/F$) of those 740 data above background yielded values of $R_1 = \Sigma||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma|F_o|$ and the weighted R factor or $R_2 = (\Sigma w(F_o - F_c)^2 / \Sigma w F_o^2)^{1/2}$ of 52.3 and 55.0%, respectively. In all calculations of F_c , the atomic scattering factors tabulated by Ibers¹² were used for Co, Si, Cl, C, and O. The effects of anomalous dispersion of Co were included in F_c ;¹³ the values of f' and f'' were those given by Cromer.¹⁴

A difference Fourier at this stage showed peaks which represented feasible silicon and chlorine positions. The set chosen was not entirely correct and led to a value of R_1 of 46%. A second difference Fourier clearly revealed an alternative set which gave a value of R_1 of 25%. A third difference Fourier, following intermediate least-squares refinements, revealed the carbon and oxygen atoms. Refinement of the atomic positions and isotropic thermal parameters for all atoms converged satisfactorily and gave a value of R_1 of 11.9%.

At this stage refinement was commenced on the 664 reflections above background, which had been obtained from the final processing of all the measurements. The same calculational model, namely isotropic thermal parameters for all the atoms, led to values of R_1 and R_2 of 7.4 and 6.4%, respectively. In the next round of

calculations individual anisotropic thermal parameters were assigned to all atoms. There are several justifications for this procedure. First, the R factors for the isotropic refinement were well above those predicted from the agreement among equivalent forms in the data processing. This suggests that the least-squares model is inappropriate. Second, the isotropic thermal parameters on the oxygen and chlorine atoms were about 8 Å². This high value, though not unexpected since data were collected only 15° or so below the melting point of the material,¹⁵ leads one to believe that there is considerable motion in the crystal which might more suitably be described by an anisotropic model. The complete anisotropic refinement, involving 118 variable scale, positional, and thermal parameters, reduced the values of R_1 and R_2 to 3.4 and 2.7% on F ; the corresponding values on F^2 are 5.0 and 5.4%. This last value agrees well with that of 5.0% predicted from the data processing; we take this agreement as a further indication that the anisotropic refinement was justified and that refinement of the structure is complete. The estimated error in an observation of unit weight is 1.12. Thus the values assigned to $\sigma(F^2)$ are reasonable on an absolute scale. A final structure factor calculation for 1008 unique reflections based on these parameters gave R_1 and R_2 values of 8.7 and 2.9%, respectively. The agreement of the weighted R factor for the complete data set with that for reflections above background suggests that the relative weighting scheme was also reasonable.

A final difference Fourier, based on the 664 observed reflections, showed no density greater than 0.28 e/Å³, roughly 6% of the height of a carbon atom in the structure.

Table I presents the final positional and thermal parameters. The estimated standard deviations on these parameters were derived from the inverse least-squares matrix. The root-mean-square amplitudes of vibration derived from these thermal parameters are presented in Table II. The magnitudes of these quantities are reasonable. The orientations of the vibrational ellipsoids are also reasonable; an indication of these orientations is provided in Figures 1 and 2. In Table III the final values of $10F_o$ and $10F_c$ (in electrons) are listed for all reflections. Those for which $F^2 < \sigma(F^2)$ are marked with an asterisk; they were not included in the least-squares refinements. A value of F_o of 0 appears if, upon correction for background, the value of F_o^2 was equal to or less than 0. For none of the unobserved reflections did F_c^2 exceed 1.5 $\sigma(F_o^2)$. An extinction correction was not applied since the data of Table III provided no indication that one was necessary.

Description and Discussion of the Structure

The structure consists of well-separated monomeric $\text{Cl}_3\text{Si}-\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4$ units, the shortest Co...Co distance

(11) In addition to various local computer programs for the CDC 3400, local modifications of the following programs were used: Hamilton's GONOR absorption program, Zalkin's FORDAP Fourier program, the Busing and Levy ORFLS least-squares and ORFFE error function programs, and Johnson's ORTEP thermal ellipsoid plotting program.

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TABLE I
POSITIONAL AND THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$

Atom	x	y	z	β_{11}^a	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Co	0.22354 (12) ^b	0.46735 (10)	0.27868 (9)	0.01418 (20)	0.00836 (11)	0.00926 (11)	-0.00007 (15)	0.00276 (11)	-0.00019 (12)
Si	0.30131 (26)	0.34426 (22)	0.14346 (19)	0.01604 (42)	0.00953 (28)	0.00884 (25)	-0.00040 (29)	0.00305 (26)	-0.00042 (20)
Cl ₁	0.16715 (28)	0.36338 (23)	-0.01723 (18)	0.02694 (51)	0.01808 (36)	0.00898 (26)	0.00157 (36)	0.00021 (28)	-0.00163 (23)
Cl ₂	0.52806 (25)	0.37542 (21)	0.12177 (20)	0.01762 (44)	0.01690 (36)	0.01489 (28)	-0.00104 (31)	0.00756 (28)	-0.00139 (24)
Cl ₃	0.29176 (27)	0.16167 (20)	0.18141 (20)	0.02891 (51)	0.00876 (27)	0.01484 (29)	0.00031 (32)	0.00704 (31)	-0.00088 (20)
C ₁	0.3906 (10)	0.4098 (7)	0.3707 (6)	0.0207 (19)	0.0109 (11)	0.0062 (9)	-0.0024 (11)	0.0004 (11)	0.0001 (7)
O ₁	0.5026 (7)	0.3731 (6)	0.4324 (5)	0.0242 (14)	0.0165 (9)	0.0111 (7)	0.0038 (9)	-0.0009 (8)	-0.0006 (8)
C ₂	0.0407 (10)	0.3872 (8)	0.2473 (8)	0.0191 (20)	0.0106 (11)	0.0130 (11)	-0.0006 (12)	0.0047 (12)	-0.0022 (8)
O ₂	-0.0761 (8)	0.3348 (6)	0.2291 (6)	0.0217 (14)	0.0191 (10)	0.0233 (10)	-0.0071 (10)	0.0057 (10)	-0.0043 (7)
C ₃	0.2550 (10)	0.5899 (8)	0.1851 (7)	0.0187 (18)	0.0083 (10)	0.0118 (11)	0.0018 (11)	0.0032 (11)	0.0011 (8)
O ₃	0.2749 (8)	0.6695 (6)	0.1249 (6)	0.0353 (16)	0.0105 (9)	0.0186 (9)	0.0007 (9)	0.0098 (10)	0.0040 (6)
C ₄	0.1638 (10)	0.5595 (8)	0.3915 (8)	0.0169 (17)	0.0119 (13)	0.0131 (12)	0.0012 (12)	0.0024 (11)	-0.0021 (9)
O ₄	0.1245 (8)	0.6134 (6)	0.4652 (6)	0.0289 (15)	0.0182 (10)	0.0151 (9)	0.0048 (9)	0.0050 (9)	-0.0059 (7)

^a The form of the anisotropic ellipsoid is $\exp(-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl))$. ^b Numbers in parentheses here and in succeeding tables are estimated standard deviations in the least significant digits.

TABLE II
ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE AMPLITUDES OF VIBRATION (Å)^a

Co	0.221 (2)	0.224 (2)	0.251 (2)
Si	0.229 (3)	0.237 (4)	0.253 (3)
Cl ₁	0.238 (4)	0.309 (3)	0.344 (3)
Cl ₂	0.218 (3)	0.308 (3)	0.338 (3)
Cl ₃	0.227 (4)	0.286 (3)	0.342 (3)
C ₁	0.202 (15)	0.243 (12)	0.291 (12)
O ₁	0.250 (9)	0.290 (8)	0.346 (8)
C ₂	0.236 (13)	0.255 (14)	0.308 (12)
O ₂	0.242 (9)	0.340 (8)	0.415 (8)
C ₃	0.215 (14)	0.260 (12)	0.286 (12)
O ₃	0.228 (10)	0.317 (8)	0.391 (9)
C ₄	0.237 (14)	0.259 (14)	0.311 (13)
O ₄	0.232 (9)	0.330 (8)	0.387 (9)

^a The figures provide an indication of the directions of these principal axes of vibration.

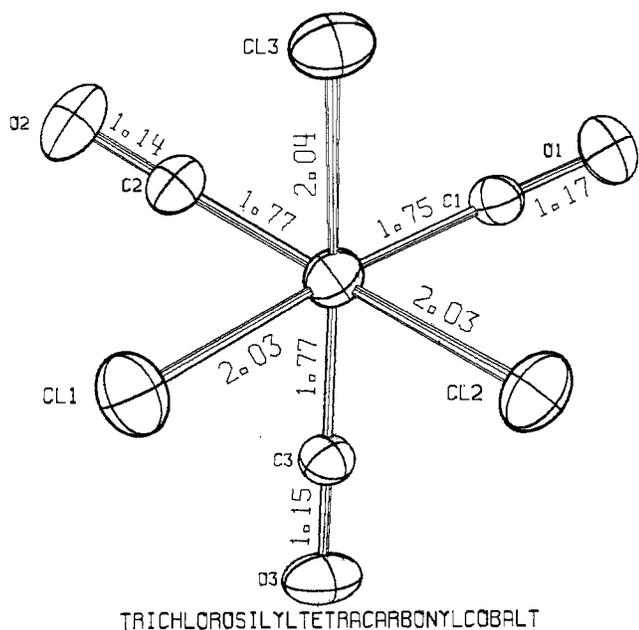


Figure 1.—One molecule of $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$ viewed down the Si-Co bond.

being 6.42 Å. Shortest intermolecular contacts all exceed the sums of appropriate van der Waals radii.

Selected intramolecular and intermolecular distances and angles are presented in Tables IV¹⁶ and V.

(16) Reasonable assumptions concerning the effects of thermal motion result in changes in these bond distances that are less than 0.01 Å for those involving Co and less than 0.05 Å for the others; however, the trends apparent in Table IV are not changed.

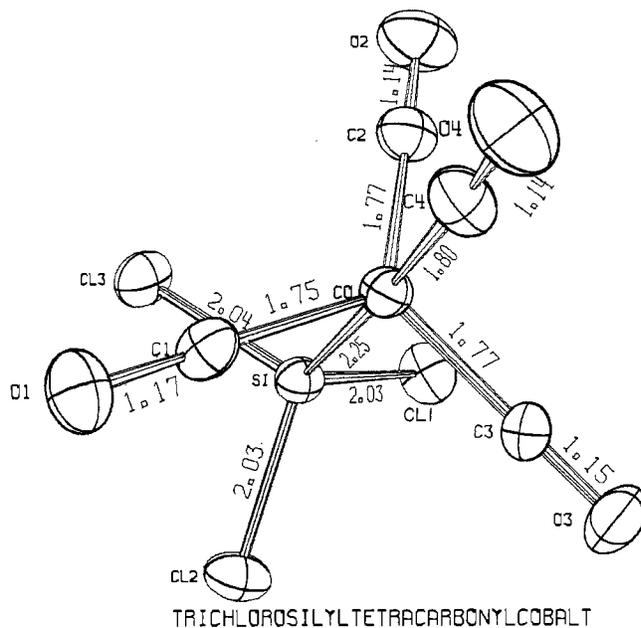


Figure 2.—Perspective drawing of $\text{Co}(\text{SiCl}_3)(\text{CO})_4$.

Figure 1 displays the monomeric unit viewed down the Si-Co bond; Figure 2 is a perspective drawing of the unit. It is apparent from the data in these tables and from the figures that the entire molecule possesses approximate C_{3v} symmetry, in agreement with the deductions from the infrared study.⁸ Statistically significant deviations from this symmetry, exemplified by the dihedral angles between the three Si, Co, $C_{1,2,3}$ planes, may be attributed to unsymmetrical molecular packing in this monoclinic structure. The C_{3v} configuration with equatorial carbonyls and chlorines staggered can be rationalized by the minimization of van der Waals repulsions between nonbonded atoms in the molecule.

The five-coordinate Co atom has a trigonal bipyramidal arrangement for its ligands; the Co is displaced 0.15 Å out of the equatorial plane of the carbonyl carbon atoms toward the terminal carbonyl. This displacement is somewhat less than has been found in general for five-coordinate transition metal complexes.² A preliminary report¹⁷ on the structure of

(17) B. T. Kilbourn, T. L. Blundell, and H. M. Powell, *Chem. Commun.*, 444 (1965).

$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{PAu-Co}(\text{CO})_4$ indicates a very similar Co environment in this compound. In $\text{Cl}_3\text{Si-Co}(\text{CO})_4$ the mean axial-equatorial C-C distance is 2.62 Å, essentially that found in other compounds where equatorial carbonyl groups are free to move away from axial ones (e.g., $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ ¹⁸ and $\text{HMn}(\text{CO})_5$ ⁴). However, shorter nonbonded distances are possible when the equatorial carbonyls are constrained by other structural features (e.g., $((\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2\text{P})\text{H}(\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4)_2$ ¹⁸).

The $\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4$ fragment has idealized symmetry C_{3v} , but not T_d symmetry. It has been pointed out¹⁹ that the infrared spectral data on $\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_4$ are consistent with either of these symmetries. We believe it reasonable to assume that the structure of $\text{HCo}(\text{CO})_4$ will contain a $\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4$ fragment that differs very little from that found here.

The Si atom deviates slightly but significantly from a tetrahedral environment. The mean Co-Si-Cl bond angle is 113.3° , the mean Cl-Si-Cl angle is 105.4° , and the mean Cl...Cl distance is 3.24 Å. The Si-Cl distance of 2.03 Å found here compares favorably with those usually found, for example with 2.01 Å in hexachlorodisilane²⁰ and silicon tetrachloride.²¹

The Si-Co bond length of 2.254 Å represents the first determination of a length for this linkage. If one takes the tetrahedral radius of Si to be 1.17 Å and the single bond radius of Co to be 1.16 Å,²² then a "single"

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Si-Co bond length should be approximately 2.33 Å. In view of the approximate nature of this estimate, the Co-Si bond in this structure could be considered a single bond. Yet the radius estimate for Co is probably too short, for "single" Co-Co bonds in a variety of compounds are longer than 2.47 Å.²³ Thus a Si-Co bond length of 2.254 Å could be interpreted as indicative of some multiple bond character. On the basis of an infrared study Hagen and MacDiarmid⁸ have proposed that there is considerable (d \rightarrow d) π bonding in this Si-Co bond. If this is the case, then it might manifest itself in differences between the Co-CO apical linkage and the Co-CO equatorial linkages. The apical Co...O distance is possibly significantly longer than the equatorial Co...O distances, but the general variations among Co-C and C-O distances negate this being used as an argument in favor of Si-Co multiple bonding. In short, this study does not in any way refute the conclusions of Hagen and MacDiarmid⁸ concerning multiple Si-Co bonding, nor does it corroborate them. Clearly, examination of the Si-Co bond in other substituted silylcobalt carbonyls will provide valuable information on the nature of the bonding. A determination of the structure of $\text{Co}(\text{SiF}_3)(\text{CO})_4$ is contemplated in the near future.

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of a Perfluoropropyl Complex of Molybdenum: $\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$

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Tricarbonyl- π -cyclopentadienylheptafluoropropylmolybdenum, $\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$, crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $\text{P}2_1/c$ (No. 14) with $a = 8.301 \pm 0.007$ Å, $b = 15.240 \pm 0.014$ Å, $c = 11.249 \pm 0.012$ Å, $\beta = 106^\circ 15' \pm 05'$, $Z = 4$. A complete three-dimensional single-crystal X-ray analysis, based on 2172 independent reflections collected with an automated diffractometer, has been completed. The molecular stereochemistry is similar to that in $\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, but the molybdenum-perfluoropropyl distance is 2.288 Å, as compared to a metal-carbon distance of 2.397 Å in the molybdenum ethyl. This structure thus provides the first direct measurement of the contraction in metal-carbon bond length which occurs on fluorinating a transition metal alkyl. The factors stabilizing transition metal fluoroalkyls are discussed, and a table of metal-alkyl and metal-fluoroalkyl bond lengths is included.

Both chemical observations and physical measurements^{1,2} indicate that the metal-carbon bond strength

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of transition metal perfluoroalkyls is greater than that of the corresponding nonfluorinated alkyls. While this may, in part, be due to d-orbital contraction on the metal (caused by the high electronegativity of the perfluoroalkyl group), the decrease in the C-F stretching