

Figure 3.—Stereoscopic pair showing the hydrogen bonding and ionic packing in  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3][\text{Cr}(\text{CN})_6(\text{NO})] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as viewed along the  $b$  axis. The horizontal axis is  $a$ ; the vertical axis is  $c$ . For visual clarity only one layer of ions is shown. A second layer of ions can be generated by the twofold screw axes parallel to  $b$ . The hydrogen bonding between layers of ions can be inferred from Table VII. The identities of the unlabeled atoms can be determined by comparison to Figures 1 and 2.

array of alternating cations and anions. Layers of water molecules occur at  $x \approx 0$  and  $x \approx 0.5$  and probably account for the fact that the crystals grow as thin plates with the faces  $\{100\}$  as the plate faces. The NO group, both  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules, all five CN ligands, and at least one H atom from each of the N atoms of the ethylenediamines are all involved in the network of hydrogen bonds (Table VII). The network of strong hydrogen bonds may also account for the slight deviations of the Cr—C—N and Cr—N—O groups from linearity. A stereoscopic view of the hydrogen-bonding scheme and ionic

packing appears in Figure 3. For visual clarity only a portion of the unit cell is shown.

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## The Structure of Hydridotetrakis(trifluorophosphine)cobalt(I), $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$

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The crystal structure of hydridotetrakis(trifluorophosphine)cobalt(I),  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$ , has been determined from three-dimensional X-ray data collected by photographic methods at  $-125^\circ$ . The material, as grown from the liquid phase, crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group  $C_{2h}^2-C2/c$ , with four molecules in a cell of dimensions  $a = 13.02$  (1),  $b = 7.63$  (1),  $c = 13.08$  (1) Å, and  $\beta = 122.4$  (1) $^\circ$ . The calculated density is 2.49 g/cm $^3$ . The structure has been solved by standard methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods to a final  $R$  factor on  $F$  of 0.11, based on 664 visually estimated intensities. The  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  molecule is required crystallographically to possess  $C_2$  symmetry. There is a distorted tetrahedron of  $\text{PF}_3$  groups about the Co atom, the P—Co—P angles being 101.8 (3), 108.2 (2), 109.7 (2), and 118.0 (2) $^\circ$ . Various positions for the H atom, which was not located, are considered in terms of the distorted geometry of the molecule. A model is favored in which the H atom occupies an apical position of a distorted trigonal bipyramid. The Co—P distances average 2.052 (5) Å, indicative of considerably more multiple bonding than in metal— $\text{PR}_3$  bonds, where R is alkyl or aryl.

### Introduction

The structure of  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$ , and indeed of other simple carbonyl hydrides, has been the subject of study and contention for many years. A brief history of the subject has been given previously.<sup>1</sup> Ewens and Lister<sup>2</sup> deduced from electron diffraction studies of the gas that the CO groups are arranged approximately tetrahe-

drally about the central Co atom in  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$ . (At that time it was assumed that the H atom was attached to one of the O atoms.) Eventually, spectroscopic studies<sup>3</sup> provided evidence that the H atom is bonded to the Co atom. The characteristic band initially identified as a Co—H stretching band<sup>4,5</sup> was later shown<sup>6</sup>

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to be a Co-H bending vibration. A tetrahedral model of  $\text{Co}(\text{CO})_4$ , distorted to  $C_{3v}$  symmetry with the introduction of the H atom on the trigonal axis, was proposed.<sup>3</sup> Recently, broad-line nmr studies<sup>7</sup> have been interpreted in favor of a short Co-H distance of 1.42 Å. Such an interpretation is at variance with the wealth of diffraction evidence, collected over the last few years, which indicates that metal-hydrogen distances in transition metal hydride complexes are those expected for normal covalent bonds, *i.e.*, 1.6 Å or longer. In particular, the broad-line nmr results on  $\text{MnH}(\text{CO})_5$  of 1.42<sup>8</sup> and 1.44<sup>9</sup> Å for the Mn-H distance do not agree with the neutron diffraction value<sup>10</sup> of 1.601 (16) Å. It is now known that the interpretation of these broad-line nmr experiments is more complex than initially thought, and reliable details on the structures of these molecules are important in the reinterpretation of the nmr data. Thus details on the structure of  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$  are highly desirable, but the experimental conditions are made very difficult by the fact that the material decomposes on melting at  $-18^\circ$ .

The analogous compound  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  closely resembles  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$  in its chemical properties, but it is considerably more stable. The present X-ray diffraction study of  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  was undertaken not only because of its obvious relation to the structure of  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$  but also for two additional reasons. First, although the chemistry of  $\text{PF}_3$  complexes of transition metals has been systematically studied recently by Nixon,<sup>11</sup> Kruck,<sup>12</sup> and Clark<sup>13</sup> no structural information from diffraction studies is available.<sup>13a</sup> Because of the ability of  $\text{PF}_3$  to function as a  $\pi$ -accepting ligand, the chemical properties of its transition metal complexes resemble those of carbonyl complexes more than aryl- or alkylphosphine complexes. This resemblance should also be evident in the structural details and in particular the shortening of the metal- $\text{PF}_3$  bond over the metal- $\text{PR}_3$  bond should provide a useful indication of the degree of multiple bonding. Second, of the approximately two dozen crystal structures of transition metal hydride complexes reported, only three neutron diffraction studies are available. The present compound contains a sufficiently small number of atoms to make it an attractive candidate for a neutron diffraction study following a successful X-ray study.

### Experimental Section

**Collection of X-Ray Data.**—A sample of  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  was generously supplied by Professor R. J. Clark. Portions of the pale

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yellow liquid were transferred to and sealed in 0.3-mm quartz capillaries.

Crystals were grown from the liquid (mp  $-51^\circ$ ) by passing a cold stream of nitrogen gas over a capillary mounted on a precession camera. A description of the low-temperature apparatus is given elsewhere.<sup>14</sup> Nineteen crystals were grown and examined by polarized light and by preliminary X-ray photographs. Of these, only three crystals were of sufficient quality to merit data collection. Various equipment failures aborted attempts to collect sufficient data from the first two of these crystals. A total of 1859 nonunique reflections were collected from the third crystal at  $-125 \pm 6^\circ$ .

Preliminary precession photographs showed Laue symmetry  $2/m$  and systematic extinctions for  $hkl$ ,  $h + k = 2n + 1$ , and for  $h0l$ ,  $l = 2n + 1$ , consistent with the space groups  $C_{2h}^6-C2/c$  and  $C_6^4-Cc$ . The unit cell parameters at  $-125^\circ$  are  $a = 13.02$  (1),  $b = 7.63$  (1),  $c = 13.08$  (1) Å, and  $\beta = 122.4$  (1) $^\circ$ , where the error estimates have been obtained from repeated measurements and where the wavelength of Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation has been taken as 0.7107 Å. For four molecules per unit cell, the calculated density is  $2.49 \pm 0.01$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>.

The (110) axis of the crystal was aligned with the spindle axis on a precession camera and a series of timed exposures of 11 reciprocal lattice layers ( $hk0$ ;  $h, h - 4, l$ ;  $h, h - 2, l$ ;  $hhl$ ;  $h, h + 2, l$ ;  $h, h + 4, l$ ;  $h, h - 2l, l$ ;  $h, h + l, l$ ;  $h, h + 2l, l$ ;  $h, h + 2l + 2, l$ ;  $h, h + 4/3l, l$ ) was taken using Zr-filtered Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. Of the 1859 reflections observed, 1162 are nonequivalent in the noncentrosymmetric space group and 664 are nonequivalent in the centrosymmetric space group. Intensities were estimated visually against a calibrated strip. Lorentz-polarization corrections were applied;<sup>15</sup> no corrections for extinction effects or absorption were made. The linear absorption coefficient for  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  is  $23.6$  cm<sup>-1</sup> for Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. The crystal was cylindrical with an estimated diameter of 0.3 mm and an estimated length of 0.6 mm. Thus with  $\mu R = 0.35$  it is doubtful that the neglect of an absorption correction introduces errors greater than those of intensity estimation.

**Determination and Refinement of the Structure.**—The centric space group  $C2/c$  was initially assumed. The data from the various layers were interscaled<sup>16</sup> through the use of the Hamilton-Rollett-Sparks algorithm.<sup>16</sup> The following weighting scheme was applied:  $w = (5/|F|)^2$  for  $I > 10$ ;  $w = (I/(2|F|))^2$  for  $I \leq 10$ , where  $w$  is the weight,  $|F|$  is the observed structure amplitude, and  $I$  is the raw intensity reading on a scale where a value of 2 is barely visible on the films. This weighting scheme was selected on the basis of a comparison of two independent sets of intensity measurements of the same reciprocal lattice layer. The intensity of a reflection common to more than one layer was obtained as a weighted average and a new weight was assigned to the averaged intensity on the basis of the weights and number of separate observations of this reflection. The agreement among separate observations of the same reflection was generally that expected for visual estimates of intensity. The goodness of fit, defined as the sum of the squares of the deviations from the weighted average divided by the number of reflections observed on more than one film, was 1.48.

The positions of the Co atom and one of the P atoms were located using a three-dimensional Patterson function.<sup>15</sup> Two cycles of least-squares refinement<sup>15</sup> resulted in an agreement factor  $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o| = 0.53$ . Additional difference Fourier syntheses and least-squares cycles led to the location and refinement of the remaining nonhydrogen atoms. All of these atoms were refined anisotropically (78 variables) to a final  $R_1$  factor of 0.112 and a weighted  $R$  factor or  $R_2 = (\sum w|F_o| -$

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TABLE I  
VALUES OF  $5|F_o|$  AND  $5|F_c|$  (IN ELECTRONS) FOR CoH(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>

Table with columns labeled K, L, U, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC, K, L, FC. Rows contain numerical data representing intensity values for various reflections.

TABLE II  
FINAL ATOMIC PARAMETERS FOR CoH(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>a</sup>

Atom	x	y	z	10 <sup>4</sup> β <sub>11</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup> β <sub>22</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup> β <sub>33</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup> β <sub>12</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup> β <sub>13</sub>	10 <sup>4</sup> β <sub>23</sub>
Co	0	0.1477 (3)	1/4	83 (3)	135 (4)	68 (2)	0	16 (2)	0
P(1)	-0.1304 (3)	0.0095 (4)	0.1029 (3)	62 (3)	137 (5)	76 (3)	-13 (3)	26 (2)	-9 (3)
P(2)	-0.0816 (4)	0.3175 (4)	0.3072 (3)	83 (4)	165 (7)	88 (3)	-8 (3)	37 (3)	14 (4)
F(1,1)	-0.2681 (7)	0.0442 (12)	0.0477 (9)	64 (7)	242 (20)	148 (10)	-3 (8)	24 (8)	-34 (11)
F(1,2)	-0.1393 (9)	0.0210 (13)	-0.0182 (6)	144 (11)	271 (21)	114 (8)	-18 (8)	36 (7)	-6 (10)
F(1,3)	-0.1349 (8)	-0.1947 (9)	0.1102 (8)	120 (11)	155 (16)	114 (8)	-18 (8)	35 (8)	-12 (9)
F(2,1)	-0.0857 (9)	0.5172 (12)	0.2876 (10)	173 (12)	212 (19)	194 (12)	46 (12)	138 (10)	43 (13)
F(2,2)	-0.2188 (9)	0.2900 (14)	0.2581 (10)	91 (12)	432 (30)	154 (12)	-51 (12)	69 (10)	-46 (15)
F(2,3)	-0.0341 (10)	0.3288 (12)	0.4440 (7)	165 (14)	277 (23)	86 (8)	1 (11)	57 (9)	-22 (10)

<sup>a</sup> x, y, and z are in fractional coordinates. Significant parameters are in the form:  $\exp[-(h^2\beta_{11} + k^2\beta_{22} + l^2\beta_{33} + 2hk\beta_{12} + 2hl\beta_{13} + 2kl\beta_{23})]$ . The standard deviations of the least significant figures are given in parentheses here and in subsequent tables.

$|F_o|)^2/\Sigma w(F_o)^2$  of 0.109, using the 664 observed reflections.

Atomic scattering factors for Co, P, and F were taken from the usual tabulation.<sup>17</sup> Anomalous dispersion effects were included in F<sub>c</sub><sup>18</sup> the values of Δf' and Δf'' for Co and P were those of Cromer.<sup>19</sup>

A final difference electron density map showed no significant features. The maximum residual electron density is 1.5 e<sup>-</sup> Å<sup>-3</sup>, compared with 4.0 e<sup>-</sup> Å<sup>-3</sup> for F atoms in a previous Fourier map. It is not surprising in view of the quality of the data and size of the unit cell that no reasonable position for the H atom could be assigned on the basis of the difference Fourier map. Table I lists values of 5|F<sub>o</sub>| and 5|F<sub>c</sub>| (in electrons) for the 664 reflections. The final atomic parameters are given in Table II.

Initially data collection was begun on a higher quality crystal grown from a different preparation of CoH(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, but this crystal was lost owing to experimental difficulties after two nets of data had been obtained. It is interesting that the 94 independent nonzero intensities collected from these two nets yield a value of R<sub>1</sub> of 0.17 when the structural parameters of Table II are em-

ployed and only the scale factors are varied. Under the rather extreme conditions of complete isotropic refinement (36 variables) R<sub>1</sub> is reduced to 0.10 and the derived parameters do not differ significantly from those given in Table II.

The possibility that the compound crystallizes in the noncentric space group Cc was considered. The data were inter-scaled again without the averaging of Friedel pairs. The structure found in C<sub>2</sub>/c was distorted slightly and refinement was initiated in Cc. Since Cc is a polar space group two enantiomeric structures must be considered. Least-squares refinements gave values of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> of 0.123 and 0.124 for one configuration compared with 0.121 and 0.120 for the other configuration. Using this same noncentric data set we find that the corresponding values of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> for the centric solution are 0.126 and 0.130. Thus the improvement in agreement in the noncentric case is small.

The better noncentric structure had basically the same geometry as the centric structure, but the bond angles and rms amplitudes of vibration were greatly altered. The Co-P distances in the Cc structure varied from 1.98 to 2.15 Å; the P-F distances ranged from 1.41 to 1.68 Å. The thermal ellipsoids of some of the F atoms were physically unreasonable, although positive definite. In the last cycle of least-squares refinement there were

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90 correlation coefficients greater than 0.50. If one assumes only random errors in the data and then applies the *R* factor ratio test,<sup>20</sup> then one can reject the hypothesis that the true space group is *Cc* at the 0.005 significance level. All of these facts suggest that the centric solution is the correct one.

### Description of the Structure

Figure 1 shows a view of the  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  molecule

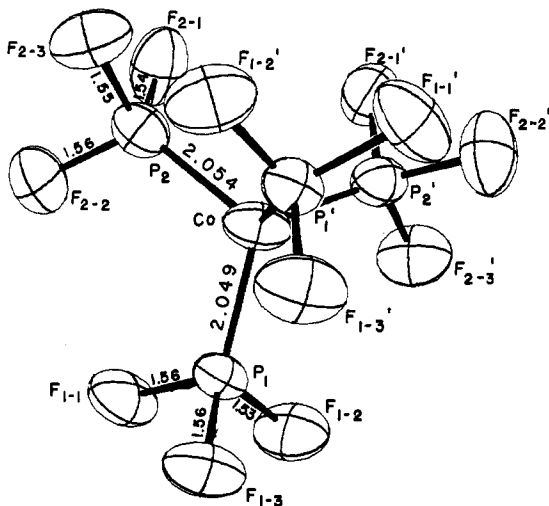


Figure 1.—A drawing of the  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  molecule, with the H atom omitted. The 50% probability ellipsoids are shown.

with the H atom omitted. A stereoscopic view of the unit cell is shown in Figure 2. All intermolecular distances are normal. The shortest interaction (3.0 Å) is between F atoms. Root-mean-square amplitudes of vibration are listed in Table III. The directions and

TABLE III

ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE AMPLITUDES OF VIBRATION (Å)<sup>a</sup>

Atom	Min	Intermed	Max
Co	0.189 (3)	0.200 (3)	0.282 (5)
P(1)	0.180 (4)	0.211 (4)	0.243 (6)
P(2)	0.210 (5)	0.221 (5)	0.262 (6)
F(1,1)	0.20 (1)	0.26 (1)	0.36 (1)
F(1,2)	0.21 (1)	0.28 (1)	0.33 (1)
F(1,3)	0.21 (1)	0.25 (1)	0.33 (2)
F(2,1)	0.23 (1)	0.25 (1)	0.37 (1)
F(2,2)	0.22 (2)	0.30 (1)	0.37 (1)
F(2,3)	0.22 (1)	0.29 (1)	0.33 (2)

<sup>a</sup> Figure 1 provides an indication of the directions of these principal axes of vibration.

shapes of the thermal ellipsoids (Figure 1) appear reasonable.

Interatomic distances and bond angles calculated from the final structure parameters are tabulated in Tables IV and V, respectively. The P atoms form a distorted tetrahedron around the Co atom. The P(1)–Co–P(1)' angle is expanded to 118.0 (2)° from the tetrahedral angle of 109.5°; the P(2)–Co–P(2)' angle is contracted to 101.8 (3)°. The fluorine atoms are arranged such that there is maximum F···F interaction along the edges of the tetrahedron and minimum interaction in the faces of the tetrahedron.

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TABLE IV

INTERATOMIC DISTANCES (Å)

Atoms <sup>a</sup>	Distance	Atoms <sup>a</sup>	Distance
Co–P(1)	2.049 (4)	P(1)–P(1)'	3.513 (7)
Co–P(2)	2.054 (5)	P(1)–P(2)	3.354 (6)
Av Co–P <sup>b</sup>	2.052 (5)	P(1)–P(2)'	3.324 (6)
		P(2)–P(2)'	3.19 (1)
P(1)–F(1,1)	1.555 (9)		
P(1)–F(1,2)	1.529 (10)	F(1,1)–F(1,2)	2.27 (2)
P(1)–F(1,3)	1.564 (8)	F(1,1)–F(1,3)	2.34 (1)
P(2)–F(2,1)	1.542 (10)	F(1,2)–F(1,3)	2.33 (1)
P(2)–F(2,2)	1.555 (11)	F(2,1)–F(2,2)	2.33 (1)
P(2)–F(2,3)	1.550 (10)	F(2,1)–F(2,3)	2.31 (1)
		F(2,2)–F(2,3)	2.34 (1)
Av P–F	1.549 (12)	F(1,1)–F(2,2)	3.10 (1)
		F(1,2)–F(2,3)'	3.01 (1)
		F(1,3)–F(1,3)'	3.46 (2)
		F(2,1)–F(2,1)'	2.88 (2)

<sup>a</sup> Atoms with primes are related by twofold symmetry to the corresponding unprimed atoms. <sup>b</sup> A number in parentheses associated with an average quantity is the standard deviation of a single observation. This quantity is taken as the larger of that calculated from the inverse matrix for a single observation or from the range of values assumed to be from the same population. From these calculations we conclude that the individual estimates of error on the derived parameters are reasonable.

TABLE V

BOND ANGLES (DEG)

Atoms	Angle	Atoms	Angle
P(1)–Co–P(1)'	118.0 (2)	P(1)–Co–P(2)	109.7 (2)
P(2)–Co–P(2)'	101.8 (3)	P(1)–Co–P(2)	108.2 (2)
Co–P(1)–F(1,1)	121.2 (4)	F(1,1)–P(1)–F(1,2)	94.6 (6)
Co–P(1)–F(1,2)	120.5 (4)	F(1,1)–P(1)–F(1,3)	97.3 (6)
Co–P(1)–F(1,3)	119.7 (3)	F(1,2)–P(1)–F(1,3)	97.8 (6)
Co–P(2)–F(2,1)	122.7 (5)	F(2,1)–P(2)–F(2,2)	97.8 (6)
Co–P(2)–F(2,2)	117.9 (4)	F(2,1)–P(2)–F(2,3)	96.8 (6)
Co–P(2)–F(2,3)	118.4 (4)	F(2,2)–P(2)–F(2,3)	98.1 (7)
Av Co–P–F	120.7 (19)	Av F–P–F	97.1 (13)

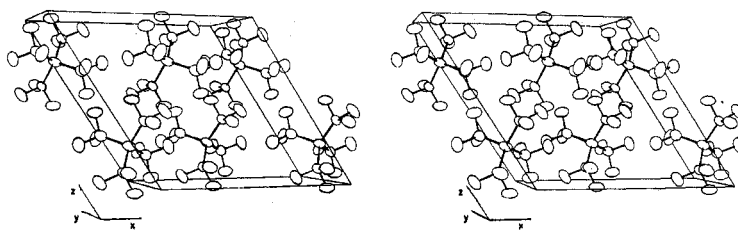
**The Hydrogen Atom.**—The infrared and nmr spectra provide evidence for the existence of a Co–H bond in  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$ . Bands<sup>21</sup> at 1973 and 1425  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the ir spectra for  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  and  $\text{CoD}(\text{PF}_3)_4$ , respectively, show the expected ratio of 1.384 and therefore are assigned to the frequencies of the Co–H and Co–D stretching vibrations. The nmr spectrum shows a large high-field chemical shift at  $\tau$  22.5,<sup>22</sup> which is characteristic of transition metal hydride complexes, *e.g.*,  $\tau$  20.74,<sup>23</sup> for  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$ . Thus the possibility of an F–H–F bond, *e.g.*, between F(2,1) and F(2,1)', can be discounted.

The hydrogen atom was not detected in the final difference Fourier map. However, several chemically reasonable positions for the H atom can be eliminated on the basis of the arrangement of the other atoms in the molecule, thereby reducing the probable structural models to only one or two. The H atom may be considered either to be centered on an edge or centered in a face of the tetrahedron defined by the four P atoms surrounding the Co atom. The most reasonable tetrahedral edge on which to position the H atom is the

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Figure 2.—A stereoscopic view of the unit cell of  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$ .

one corresponding to the greatest P-Co-P angle, *viz.*, the P(1)-P(1') edge. Placing the H atom on the  $C_2$  axis bisecting the P(1)-P(1') edge produces a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal molecule with the H atom in an equatorial position and the axial  $\text{PF}_3$  groups displaced toward the H atom and the equatorial  $\text{PF}_3$  groups displaced away from the H atom. If one assumes a Co-H distance of 1.60 Å, which is the Mn-H distance in  $\text{MnH}(\text{CO})_5$ ,<sup>10</sup> the H atom would be 1.84 Å from P(1) and 2.00 Å from F(1,3).

Alternatively, the H atom may be located in a tetrahedral face, thus implying a disordered crystal structure because of the crystallographic  $C_2$  axis passing through the molecule. Both a twofold and a fourfold disorder are possible, but in either case an isolated molecule could be described as a distorted trigonal bipyramid with H axial and the adjacent equatorial  $\text{PF}_3$  groups displaced toward the H atom. A twofold disordered structure may be described as having a statistical average of  $1/2$  H in the P(1)-P(1')-P(2) face (trans to P(2)') and  $1/2$  H in the P(1)-P(1')-P(2)' face (trans to P(2)). A second twofold disordered structure has  $1/2$  H trans to P(1) and  $1/2$  H trans to P(1)'. The fourfold disordered structure would have a statistical average of  $1/4$  H in each of the four tetrahedral faces.

Table VI summarizes the P...H and F...H distances for various positions for the H atom.

TABLE VI  
ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS FOR THE H ATOM IN  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$

Model	H position (1.6 Å from Co)	Average P...H distance, Å	Average F...H distance, Å	Trigonal- bipyramidal confign
1	P(1)-P(1)' edge	1.84	2.00	H equatorial
2	Trans to P(1)	2.08	2.65	H axial, twofold disorder
3	Trans to P(2)	2.21	2.77	H axial, twofold disorder

On the basis of a minimization of nonbonded repulsions given in Table VI, we favor models 2 and 3 over model 1. This is in agreement with the observation, stated previously, that the maximum F...F interaction (Table IV) is along the edges of the tetrahedron and the minimum interaction is in the faces of the tetrahedron. (All of these intramolecular interactions exceed twice the van der Waals radius for F.) Such a choice is also consistent with the spectroscopic evidence for the structure of  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$ . It is clearly not possible to choose among models 2 and 3 and a combination of these two models. For a molecule with H trans to P(2)', the fractional coordinates of H (Co-H of 1.60 Å)

are 0.0636, 0.0154, 0.2054. The equatorial  $\text{PF}_3$  ligands are displaced toward the hydrogen atom such that the H-Co-P angles are 70, 72, and 78° for P(1), P(1)', and P(2), respectively. The distance of the Co atom from the P(1)-P(1')-P(2) plane is 0.59 Å. This type of displacement is generally observed in transition metal hydride complexes. Table VII summarizes

TABLE VII  
FIVE-COORDINATE METAL HYDRIDE COMPLEXES

Compd (P = P(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	Metal-to-plane distance, Å	Trans H-M-L angle, deg	Ref
$\text{IrH}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}_2$	0.23	171	a
$\text{CoH}(\text{N}_2)\text{P}_3$	{0.29 0.32}	{168 (4) 166 (4)}	b
$\text{RhH}(\text{CO})\text{P}_3$	0.36	170 (5)	c
$\text{IrH}(\text{NO})\text{P}_3^+$	0.51	?	d
$\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$	0.59	?	e
$\text{RhHP}_4$	0.70 <sup>f</sup>	180 <sup>f</sup>	g

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these displacements and also the trans hydrogen-metal-ligand angles observed from X-ray structures of five-coordinate complexes, all of which are trigonal bipyramids (sometimes distorted) with an H atom in an axial position.

**The  $\text{PF}_3$  Ligands.**— $\text{PF}_3$  is generally considered to be a strong  $\pi$ -bonding ligand in transition metal complexes.<sup>21</sup> The highly electronegative F atoms lower the energy of the 3d orbitals of P and thereby increase the electron-accepting ability of the ligand. Thus  $\text{PF}_3$  is comparable with CO in bonding character. The  $\text{PF}_3$  ligand replaces CO in substitution reactions, but mixtures of intermediate and final substitution products are often obtained,<sup>24</sup> indicating a similarity in the nature of the metal-CO and metal- $\text{PF}_3$  bonds. Force constant calculations have suggested both  $k_{\text{M-P}} > k_{\text{M-C}}$ <sup>25</sup> and  $k_{\text{M-P}} < k_{\text{M-C}}$ .<sup>26</sup> The  $\text{PF}_3$ -metal complexes are thermally more stable than the corresponding CO complexes. Thus,  $\text{CoH}(\text{PF}_3)_4$  decomposes at 250° in contrast to -18° for  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_4$ .<sup>21</sup> A mass spectral study<sup>27</sup> of the series  $\text{CoH}(\text{CO})_x(\text{PF}_3)_{4-x}$ ,  $x = 0-4$ , has

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shown that the Co-CO and Co-PF<sub>3</sub> bond energies are essentially identical (56 ± 15 kcal/mol). Also, calculated heats of formation of the series of complexes imply similar bonding character for CO and PF<sub>3</sub> to Co.

Corresponding to these strong bonding abilities of PF<sub>3</sub> we find the M-PF<sub>3</sub> bond distance to be short compared with M-PR<sub>3</sub> where R is alkyl or aryl. The average Co-P distance in CoH(PF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> is 2.052 (5) Å. This is significantly shorter than Co-PR<sub>3</sub> distances that have been reported: [Co(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (bridged P), 2.16 (1) Å;<sup>28</sup> [Co(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(*n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, 2.18 (2) Å;<sup>29</sup> Co(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 2.18 Å;<sup>30</sup> CoH(N<sub>2</sub>)-{P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>}<sub>3</sub>, 2.19 (1) Å (av);<sup>31</sup> Co{P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>H}<sub>3</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>, 2.20 (2) Å (av);<sup>32</sup> Co(C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)<sub>2</sub>{P(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, 2.23 (1) Å;<sup>33</sup> Co<sub>3</sub>CCH<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 2.25 Å;<sup>34</sup> Co(C<sub>2</sub>HF<sub>4</sub>)-(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 2.27 (1) Å.<sup>35</sup>

A similar contraction has been observed<sup>36</sup> for metal-fluoroalkyl bonds relative to metal-alkyl bonds. The contraction of *ca.* 0.07 Å for Co-C derivatives is considerably less than that observed above for the Co-P analogs.

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## The Crystal Structure and Absolute Configuration of D-β<sub>2</sub>-(SSS)-(Triethylenetetramine-(S)-prolinato)cobalt(III) Tetrachlorozincate

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The crystal structure and absolute configuration of D-β<sub>2</sub>-(SSS)-(triethylenetetramine-(S)-prolinato)cobalt(III) tetrachlorozincate, D-β<sub>2</sub>-(SSS)-[Co(trien)((S)-Pro)]ZnCl<sub>4</sub>, has been determined from three-dimensional X-ray data collected by counter methods. The compound crystallizes in space group P2<sub>1</sub> (C<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>; no. 4), with *a* = 7.01 (1) Å, *b* = 15.58 (2) Å, *c* = 9.66 (1) Å, β = 109.9 (3)°, and *Z* = 2. Measured and calculated densities are, respectively, 1.76 (2) and 1.76 (1) g cm<sup>-3</sup>. The structure has been refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques to a final residual *R* = 0.055 for 1694 independent nonzero reflections. The crystal is composed of discrete D-β<sub>2</sub>-(SSS)-Co(trien)((S)-Pro)<sup>2+</sup> cations and ZnCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> anions held together by hydrogen bonds and electrostatic forces. The coordination around cobalt is octahedral with the quadridentate trien ligand in the β configuration and the proline residue coordinated through the amino nitrogen and a carboxyl oxygen. Large angular distortions within the D-β<sub>2</sub>-(SSS)-Co(trien)((S)-Pro)<sup>2+</sup> cation are shown to relieve steric crowding within the complex. A detailed comparison is made between this structure and that of the related complex cation L-β<sub>2</sub>-(RRS)-Co(trien)((S)-Pro)<sup>+</sup>.

### Introduction

It was shown that the coordination of sarcosine in Co(en)<sub>2</sub>sar<sup>2+</sup><sup>1,2</sup> and Co(trien)sar<sup>2+</sup> (en = ethylenedi-

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