

triphenylphosphine of $1.828 \pm 0.005 \text{ \AA}^{89}$). The phenyl rings are planar (see Table V) with average C-C distances of 1.391 and 1.403 \AA in the two rings. The individual distances are given in Table IV. The C-C and C-N distances and the various angles in the ligand chain are close to the expected values.

The packing of the molecules in the unit cell is illustrated in Figure 2. The closest intermolecular approach to a palladium atom is 3.65 \AA from a terminal sulfur atom of an isothiocyanate group. There are six other intermolecular contacts less than 3.6 \AA which can be viewed as van der Waals contacts or slightly longer (see Table VIII). The slight bends at C1 and C2 of the thiocyanate groups may be related to crystal packing. A similar explanation is given for

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TABLE VIII
INTERMOLECULAR CONTACT DISTANCES SHORTER THAN 3.6 \AA

Atom (at x , y , z)	Atom	Posi- tion ^a	Dis- tance, \AA	Atom (at x , y , z)	Atom	Posi- tion ^a	Dis- tance, \AA
S1	C11	-2	3.535	N3	C16	-2	3.498
N3	C4	-1	3.522	C2	C6	2	3.455
N3	C15	-2	3.492	C18	C18	-1	3.528

^a The equivalent transformations are represented by: 1 for x, y, z ; 2 for $x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z$; -1 for $-x, -y, -z$; -2 for $-x, 1/2 + y, 1/2 - z$.

similar bends observed in the other thiocyanate complexes (see Table VI) since there are no apparent electronic reasons for deviations from linearity.

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of *trans*-Chloronitrosylbis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) Perchlorate

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The crystal structure of *trans*-[CoCl(NO)(C₂H₈N₂)₂][ClO₄], *trans*-chloronitrosylbis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) perchlorate, has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffractometry at 20°. This complex crystallizes in the monoclinic space group *P*2₁/*c* with $a = 6.636$ (1) \AA , $b = 16.003$ (2) \AA , $c = 12.315$ (2) \AA , and $\beta = 103.74$ (2)°. The structure, including hydrogen atoms, has been refined by least-squares techniques to an unweighted *R* factor of 0.062. The cobalt atom in *trans*-CoCl(NO)(en)₂⁺ is in a distorted octahedral environment formed by the four nitrogen atoms of the ethylenediamine ligands, a chlorine atom, and the nitrogen atom of the NO group. The bent Co-N-O angle of 124.4 (11)° suggests that this complex contains a formally coordinated NO⁻ group. The unusually long Co(III)-Cl distance of 2.575 (3) \AA indicates that the NO⁻ ligand exerts a large structural trans influence which is attributed to its strong σ -donor and weak π -acceptor capacity. In the crystal structure of this complex, there are hydrogen bonds between the ethylenediamine ligands and the oxygen atoms of the ClO₄⁻ ions.

Introduction

Because of its electronic structure NO is a versatile ligand.¹ The majority of nitrosyl complexes are thought to involve σ donation from NO⁺ to the transition metal and an appreciable amount of metal→ligand π back-bonding. This group of nitrosyl compounds is characterized by a linear M-N-O group, a contracted M-N bond length, and an N-O infrared stretching frequency which is usually in the 1750–2000-cm⁻¹ range.

However, examples^{2–4} of complexes containing an NO⁻ group have recently been prepared and found to have several common physical and structural features. The N-O frequencies are in the region of ~1500–

1750 cm⁻¹ and the electronic spectra and magnetic susceptibility indicate an oxidation state of the metal consistent with the presence of a formally coordinated NO⁻ group. Moreover, an M-N-O angle of approximately 120° has been found in the two X-ray structural investigations^{5,6} of this type of nitrosyl. These data suggest that the nitrogen atom of coordinated NO⁻ is sp² hybridized and that less π bonding of the metal-to-ligand type occurs than in complexes involving NO⁺.

In order to determine the structural parameters associated with a bonded NO⁻ group we undertook a study of *trans*-[CoCl(NO)(en)₂][ClO₄] where en is ethylenediamine. This complex is the first six-coordinate compound of this type which has been studied by X-ray methods, and an unexpectedly large structural trans influence of the NO⁻ ligand was found. The preliminary results of this study were reported earlier.⁷

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Collection and Reduction of the X-Ray Data

trans-[CoCl(NO)(en)₂][ClO₄] was prepared by the method of Nyholm and Feltham.⁸ Well-formed reddish brown crystals were obtained from a cold saturated aqueous solution in approximately 20 min. Precession and Weissenberg photographs showed the following absences indicative of the space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14, C_{2h}^5): $h0l$, $l = 2n + 1$ and $0k0$, $k = 2n + 1$. Unit cell parameters were determined by least-squares treatment of 2θ values for 16 reflections, $55 < 2\theta < 99^\circ$, centered on a GE XRD-5 diffractometer using Cu K α radiation (λ 1.5418 Å) and a takeoff angle of 2° . The cell dimensions determined were $a = 6.636$ (1), $b = 16.003$ (2), $c = 12.315$ (2) Å, and $\beta = 103.74$ (2°). A crystal density of 1.80 (1) g/cm³ was measured by flotation in a carbon tetrachloride-methyl iodide solution. The calculated density is 1.80 g/cm³ for four molecules in the unit cell.

Intensity data were collected at 20° on a hexagonal prismatic crystal mounted with its a^* axis parallel to the φ axis of a GE XRD-5 diffractometer. The hexagonal faces of the crystal were (100) and ($\bar{1}00$) while the six rectangular faces were {011} and {010}. Two parallel pairs of the hexagonal edges were 0.058 mm in length and were separated by 0.14 mm while the other parallel pairs ((010) and (0 $\bar{1}0$)) were 0.11 mm long and separated by 0.094 mm. The height of the hexagonal prism was 0.30 mm. Mosaicity of the crystal was examined by the ω -scan technique using a takeoff angle of 4° . The kinematic intensity profile⁹ for several reflections had a width at half-maximum intensity of approximately 0.40° .

Intensities were collected by the θ - 2θ scan technique using a scan rate of $1^\circ/\text{min}$. Mo K α radiation filtered through either 2 mils (low-order reflections) or 1 mil of Nb foil was used with the width of the pulse height analyzer set to accept about 95% of the radiation when centered on the Mo K α peak. A symmetric scan range of 2° was used for all reflections and stationary-crystal, stationary-counter background counts of 20 sec each were taken at the ends of the scan range. Alignment and quality of the crystal were monitored by two standards with χ values of 0 and 59° . The intensity data were put on a common scale using these two standards. A maximum intensity variation of $\pm 5\%$, which showed no systematic trend, was observed during data collection.

The 1671 independent reflections for $2\theta_{\text{MoK}\alpha} \leq 45^\circ$ [$(\sin \theta)/\lambda \leq 0.54$] were collected. Values of F^2 were obtained after correction of the raw intensities for background, Lorentz, polarization, and absorption effects. Standard deviations were assigned each reflection by use of the formula

$$\sigma(I) = [C + 0.25(t_c/t_b)^2(B_1 + B_2) + (PI)^2]^{1/2}$$

where C is the total integrated count in time t_c , t_b is the time required for each background count B_1 and B_2 , P is a factor introduced to correct for random fluctua-

tions present during data collection, and I is the net integrated intensity. A value of 0.045 was chosen for P . By use of the criterion $I > 2.0\sigma(I)$, 1155 reflections were classified as observed and used in the solution and refinement of the structure. For Mo K α radiation the linear absorption coefficient $\mu = 18.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and the transmission coefficients ranged from 0.76 to 0.85 for the crystal. The absorption corrections were calculated using a modified version of Coppens' program¹⁰ which evaluates the absorption integral by the numerical method of Gauss.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure

From a three-dimensional Patterson function, the cobalt and chlorine atoms in the cation were located. A structure factor calculation phased on these two atoms gave a value of 37% for the usual agreement factor. A Fourier synthesis phased on these two atoms showed the locations of the remaining Cl, N, and O atoms. Four cycles of full-matrix least-squares refinement in which all 17 atoms were assigned isotropic temperatures led to an R_1 of 11.3% and an R_2 of 13.4%. All full-matrix least-squares refinements were carried out on F , and the function minimized was $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ where the weights, w , were taken as $4F_o^2/\sigma^2(F_o^2)$. The usual agreement factors were defined as $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c||/\sum |F_o|$ and $R_2 = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2/\sum wF_o^2]^{1/2}$.

When all atoms were assigned anisotropic temperature factors and three more cycles of least-squares refinement of all parameters were calculated, the values of R_1 and R_2 decreased, respectively, to 0.077 and 0.092. These structure factors were used to phase a difference Fourier synthesis which showed 16 peaks ($\Delta\rho = 0.4\text{--}0.6 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$) in reasonable locations for hydrogen atoms and a peak of height $0.8 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$ near atom O(4) of the perchlorate ion. In order to examine the perchlorate and nitrosyl group regions, least-squares calculations were performed in which all atom positional parameters were varied and all but the five oxygen and sixteen hydrogen atoms were allowed to vibrate anisotropically. Inspection of a difference electron density map at this stage revealed that the two highest peaks (1.0 and $0.8 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$) were within 1.0 \AA of atom O(4) and the next peak of height $0.7 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$ was approximately 0.9 \AA from the nitrosyl oxygen atom. None of these peaks corresponded to a chemically reasonable geometry for a disordered perchlorate or nitrosyl group. A structure factor calculation and a difference Fourier synthesis, which excluded contributions from atoms N(5) and O(5), were computed as a final test of disorder in the N-O region. No residual peaks were discernible on this difference Fourier map in the vicinity of the N-O group.

All positional and anisotropic thermal parameters were varied in three final cycles of least-squares refinement which converged to give values for the agreement factors of $R_1 = 0.062$ and $R_2 = 0.068$. (The isotropic

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TABLE I OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE AMPLITUDES (X10) FOR [CoCl(NO)(C2H5N2)2][ClO4]

Table with multiple columns containing observed and calculated structure amplitudes (X10) for [CoCl(NO)(C2H5N2)2][ClO4]. The table is organized into groups of columns, each with sub-headers for observed (O) and calculated (C) amplitudes. The data rows represent different reflections.

thermal parameters of the hydrogen atoms were not varied but were assigned B values one unit greater than those for the atoms to which they were bonded.) During the last cycle of refinement the maximum change of a positional or thermal parameter for a nonhydrogen atom was 0.2σ and the average change was about 0.03σ. The two highest peaks of 0.7 and 0.6 e^-/Å^3 on the final difference electron density map (σ(Δρ) = 0.13 e^-/Å^3) were in the vicinity of atom O(4) of the perchlorate group. At the completion of the structural analysis the error of an observation of unit weight was 2.08.

Past X-ray determinations of nitrosyl structures usually have assumed that the N atom of the N-O group has been bonded to the metal atom. In a few studies^{5,11} analysis of the thermal ellipsoids with the N and O atoms form factors reversed has shown that the M-N-O structure is the more reasonable one. In order to clarify which atom was attached to Co in this structure, a structure factor calculation was performed in which the scattering factor used for atoms N(5) and O(5) was the N atom core¹² scattering factor. The difference Fourier map phased on these structure factors showed, as would be predicted, that the N atom bonded to Co had a valence electron density peak height (2.42 e^-/Å^3) less than that of the O(5) atom (2.47 e^-/Å^3) although it was initially anticipated that the peak height differences for these two atoms would be greater. However,

thermal bias on Fourier difference maps¹³ is known to be particularly severe at the nuclear positions. Since the O(5) atom, with an isotropic thermal parameter of 9.0 Å^2, undergoes greater thermal motion than the N(5) atom (B = 4.8 Å^2), a reduction in the peak height of the former atom is expected. Moreover, examination of this difference map shows that the valence electron density decreases more slowly for the oxygen than the nitrogen atom as one moves away from their respective nuclear positions. It is difficult to interpret these observations as being consistent with an arrangement other than a Co-N-O linkage.

The major programs used in the solution of this structure were Zalkin's *FORDAP* for Patterson and Fourier synthesis and Prewitt's *SFLS-5* structure factor calculations and least-squares refinement. Corrections for the real and imaginary components of anomalous dispersion¹⁴ were applied to the cobalt¹⁵ and chlorine atom scattering factors. Hydrogen scattering factors were those of Stewart, *et al.*,¹⁶ and all other light atom scattering factors were those of the neutral atoms given by Ibers.¹⁷

The amplitudes, 10|F_o|, and the final calculated structure factors, 10F_c, are given for the observed reflections in Table I. The 516 unobserved reflections

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TABLE II
FINAL POSITIONAL AND THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR [CoCl(NO)(C₂H₈N₂)₂][ClO₄]

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	β_{11}^b	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Co	0.1672 (2) ^a	0.22578 (9)	0.4058 (1)	146 (3)	33.1 (7)	47 (1)	0 (1)	19 (1)	2.5 (8)
Cl(1)	0.9179 (4)	0.2407 (2)	0.5361 (2)	234 (8)	70 (2)	52 (2)	2 (3)	42 (3)	-12 (5)
Cl(2)	0.5630 (4)	0.4315 (2)	0.2221 (3)	245 (8)	34 (1)	76 (3)	-6 (3)	16 (3)	4 (2)
N(1)	0.9261 (14)	0.1939 (6)	0.2877 (7)	217 (24)	34 (5)	41 (7)	0 (8)	16 (11)	4 (5)
N(2)	0.1815 (13)	0.1071 (6)	0.4452 (8)	162 (22)	44 (5)	45 (8)	8 (8)	21 (11)	3 (5)
N(3)	0.3932 (14)	0.2393 (7)	0.0317 (9)	158 (24)	40 (6)	80 (9)	9 (8)	9 (11)	1 (6)
N(4)	0.1269 (14)	0.3464 (6)	0.3735 (9)	229 (26)	40 (5)	66 (9)	5 (9)	3 (13)	4 (5)
N(5)	0.3347 (16)	0.2162 (7)	0.3089 (9)	273 (30)	34 (5)	120 (11)	31 (10)	71 (14)	16 (6)
C(1)	0.9271 (19)	0.1036 (8)	0.2735 (10)	240 (34)	44 (7)	61 (10)	-29 (11)	-3 (14)	-2 (7)
C(2)	0.9924 (17)	0.0622 (8)	0.3860 (9)	261 (32)	28 (5)	56 (10)	-22 (11)	11 (13)	10 (6)
C(3)	0.4363 (20)	0.3514 (10)	0.5200 (14)	264 (40)	58 (8)	106 (14)	-36 (14)	7 (17)	-25 (9)
C(4)	0.2356 (21)	0.3948 (9)	0.4720 (13)	339 (43)	41 (7)	109 (15)	-10 (13)	23 (20)	-10 (8)
O(1)	0.5844 (19)	0.4587 (10)	0.1213 (10)	670 (47)	186 (15)	138 (13)	-194 (21)	-33 (19)	82 (11)
O(2)	0.3523 (13)	0.4123 (8)	0.2064 (9)	320 (29)	124 (9)	141 (12)	2 (12)	57 (14)	40 (7)
O(3)	0.6611 (17)	0.3572 (8)	0.2532 (11)	477 (39)	94 (9)	245 (18)	91 (14)	10 (20)	11 (10)
O(4)	0.6439 (32)	0.4843 (11)	0.3007 (14)	1463 (105)	108 (11)	245 (22)	88 (28)	25 (39)	97 (13)
O(5)	0.4653 (20)	0.1778 (8)	0.3217 (10)	581 (45)	79 (7)	200 (15)	-5 (14)	224 (21)	10 (8)
H(1)N(1) ^c	-0.062 (16)	0.2075 (9)	0.2232 (94)						
H(2)N(1) ^d	0.819 (16)	0.2167 (68)	0.3081 (86)						
H(1)N(2)	0.287 (17)	0.0786 (71)	0.4351 (88)						
H(2)N(2)	0.166 (17)	0.1018 (72)	0.507 (10)						
H(1)N(3)	0.335 (19)	0.2567 (78)	0.073 (10)						
H(2)N(3)	0.487 (18)	0.2709 (72)	0.051 (93)						
H(1)N(4)	0.154 (17)	0.3527 (75)	0.302 (10)						
H(2)N(4)	0.1007 (19)	0.3467 (80)	0.348 (10)						
H(1)C(1)	0.831 (17)	0.0822 (74)	0.232 (10)						
H(2)C(1)	0.044 (18)	0.0857 (70)	0.2366 (96)						
H(1)C(2)	0.900 (17)	0.0887 (70)	0.425 (10)						
H(2)C(2)	0.999 (17)	1.0008 (80)	0.374 (10)						
H(1)C(3)	0.478 (19)	0.1334 (81)	0.105 (11)						
H(2)C(3)	0.521 (21)	0.3486 (90)	0.484 (11)						
H(1)C(4)	0.147 (20)	0.0972 (79)	0.038 (11)						
H(2)C(4)	0.259 (18)	0.4586 (89)	0.477 (10)						

^a The numbers in parentheses are esd's in the last figure quoted. ^b Anisotropic temperature factors are of the form $\exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl)] \times 10^4$. ^c H atom thermal parameters were not refined but were assigned a *B* value one unit greater than the equivalent *B* for the carbon to which they were attached. ^d H(2)N(1) designates the second H atom attached to the N(1) atom.

were included in a terminal structure factor calculation and there were three reflections for which $|F_o|$ was greater than twice the minimum observable. Table II lists the positional and thermal parameters obtained in the last cycle of least-squares refinement. The rms amplitudes of thermal vibration and their direction cosines are given in Table III. Except for the oxygen atoms, the anisotropy of thermal motion for the atoms is small.

Results and Discussion

The crystal structure is composed of *trans*-CoCl(NO)(en)₂⁺ cations and ClO₄⁻ anions. A view of the *trans*-CoCl(NO)(en)₂⁺ ion projected down the crystallographic *c* axis is given in Figure 1 and the numbering scheme is included in this figure. Figure 2 shows a projection of the crystal packing down the *a** axis. Selected interatomic bond distances and angles in the structure are given in Table IV.

In *trans*-CoCl(NO)(en)₂⁺ four nitrogen atoms from two ethylenediamine ligands, one nitrogen atom of the NO group, and a chlorine atom form a distorted octahedral environment around the central cobalt atom. The four N atoms of the ethylenediamine groups lie very nearly in a plane and the Co atom is displaced

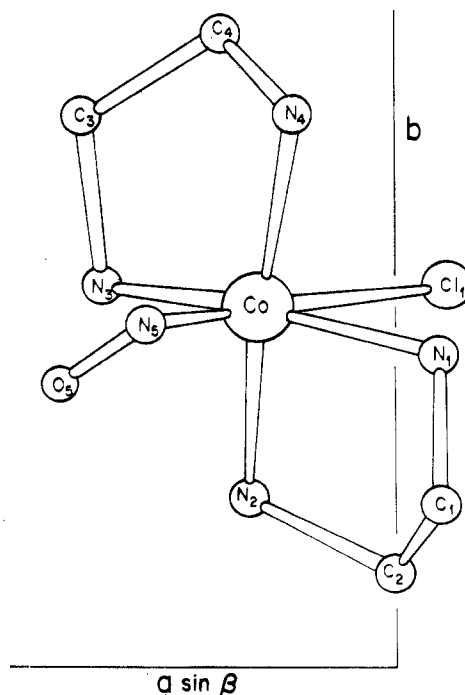


Figure 1.—The *trans*-CoCl(NO)(en)₂⁺ ion projected down the crystallographic *c* axis.

TABLE III
 ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE AMPLITUDES OF VIBRATION (Å) AND THEIR DIRECTION COSINES^a

Atom	Minor axis	Medium axis	Major axis
Co	0.175 (0.988, 0.022, 0.151)	0.184 (-0.140, -0.263, 0.955)	0.209 (-0.061, 0.965, 0.256)
Cl(1)	0.176 (-0.477, 0.200, 0.856)	0.225 (0.877, 0.050, 0.477)	0.306 (0.052, 0.979, -0.199)
Cl(2)	0.205 (0.224, 0.963, -0.147)	0.219 (0.698, -0.054, 0.714)	0.251 (-0.680, 0.263, 0.684)
N(1)	0.169 (0.021, -0.264, 0.964)	0.210 (0.442, 0.867, 0.228)	0.218 (0.897, -0.421, -0.136)
N(2)	0.179 (-0.176, -0.086, 0.980)	0.183 (0.973, -0.164, 0.160)	0.240 (0.147, 0.983, 0.113)
N(3)	0.178 (0.904, -0.223, 0.366)	0.229 (0.184, 0.973, 0.139)	0.249 (-0.387, -0.058, 0.920)
N(4)	0.197 (0.573, -0.281, 0.770)	0.230 (0.262, 0.953, 0.152)	0.247 (0.777, -0.115, -0.620)
N(5)	0.181 (-0.500, 0.849, -0.171)	0.234 (0.827, 0.410, -0.386)	0.308 (0.257, 0.334, 0.907)
C(1)	0.180 (0.598, 0.412, 0.688)	0.228 (-0.325, -0.660, 0.678)	0.272 (0.733, -0.629, -0.260)
C(2)	0.160 (0.290, 0.843, -0.454)	0.202 (0.487, 0.279, 0.828)	0.262 (0.824, -0.461, -0.330)
C(3)	0.188 (0.615, 0.549, 0.566)	0.279 (0.784, -0.499, -0.369)	0.318 (-0.080, -0.671, 0.737)
C(4)	0.220 (0.228, 0.902, 0.365)	0.266 (0.777, -0.395, 0.490)	0.298 (-0.587, -0.172, 0.791)
O(1)	0.237 (-0.438, -0.585, 0.682)	0.295 (0.715, 0.233, 0.659)	0.600 (-0.544, 0.777, 0.317)
O(2)	0.255 (0.991, 0.115, -0.072)	0.288 (0.115, -0.434, 0.894)	0.426 (-0.071, 0.894, 0.443)
O(3)	0.246 (0.736, -0.607, 0.301)	0.394 (0.454, 0.772, 0.446)	0.445 (-0.503, -0.191, 0.843)
O(4)	0.229 (0.181, 0.746, 0.641)	0.499 (0.234, -0.666, 0.709)	0.598 (0.955, 0.022, -0.295)
O(5)	0.240 (0.820, 0.209, -0.533)	0.323 (-0.214, 0.975, 0.054)	0.424 (0.531, 0.070, 0.845)

^a Direction cosines are referred to the orthogonal coordinate system a, b, c^* .

0.09 Å out of this mean plane toward the NO group. (The weighted least-squares plane through N(1), N(2), N(3), and N(4) shows that these four atoms are alternatingly above and below this plane by 0.01 Å.) A similar displacement of the central metal atom by 0.2 Å toward an NO group occurs in the $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}^{2-}$ ion,¹⁸ but the related species, *trans*- $\text{RuNO}(\text{OH})(\text{NO}_2)_4^{2-}$,¹⁹ does not show an analogous distortion. An average value of 1.964 (5) Å was determined for the four Co-N(en) distances which compares well with other Co(III)-N(sp³) distances reported in the literature such as for $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{I}_3$,²⁰ 1.936 (15) Å; *trans*- $\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{SO}_3(\text{NCS})$,²¹ 1.962 (10) Å; and (+)- $\text{D}[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$,²² 1.978 (4) Å.

The Co-N(O) distance of 1.820 (11) Å is significantly shorter ($\sim 13\sigma$) than the average Co-N(en) in this complex which indicates that there is some multiple character in the cobalt-nitrosyl bond. If a correction of -0.03 Å is made in going from sp³- to sp²-hybridized nitrogen, the shortening is approximately 0.11 Å. This contraction is not as large as that found in other nitrosyls— $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}^{2-}$, ~ 0.24 Å;¹⁸ $\text{RuNO}(\text{S}_2\text{CN}$

$(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2)_3$,²³ ~ 0.25 Å; $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Cr}(\text{NO})_2\text{Cl}$,²⁴ ~ 0.41 Å—all of which can be formally described as having a coordinated NO⁺ group. It is also apparent that within the group of complexes designated as containing an NO⁺ group, the amount of contraction is greatest when the formal charge on the metal atom is smallest.

It seems reasonable that if the NO group in a nitrosyl complex can be formally described as NO⁺, more back- π -donation of the metal to ligand type can occur than if the group is best depicted as NO⁻. The two complexes $[\text{IrNO}(\text{X})(\text{CO})(\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3)_2][\text{BF}_4]$,^{5,6} where X = Cl or I, are thought to contain an NO⁻ group and the Ir-C(O) bonds (Ir-C = 1.86 (1), 1.70 (5) Å; X = Cl, I) are significantly shorter than the Ir-N(O) bonds (Ir-N = 1.97 (1) Å, 1.89 (3) Å; X = Cl, I). Since the covalent radius of C(sp) is greater than that of N(sp²), these relative distances were taken as evidence for the occurrence of less π back-bonding in the Ir-N(O) bond than in the Ir-C(O) bond. Some metal-to-nitrogen π bonding probably occurs as indicated by the contraction (0.09 (3) Å) of the Ir-N bond in the iodide compared to the chloride. Presumably, the iodo complex would leave the greater electron density on the metal and

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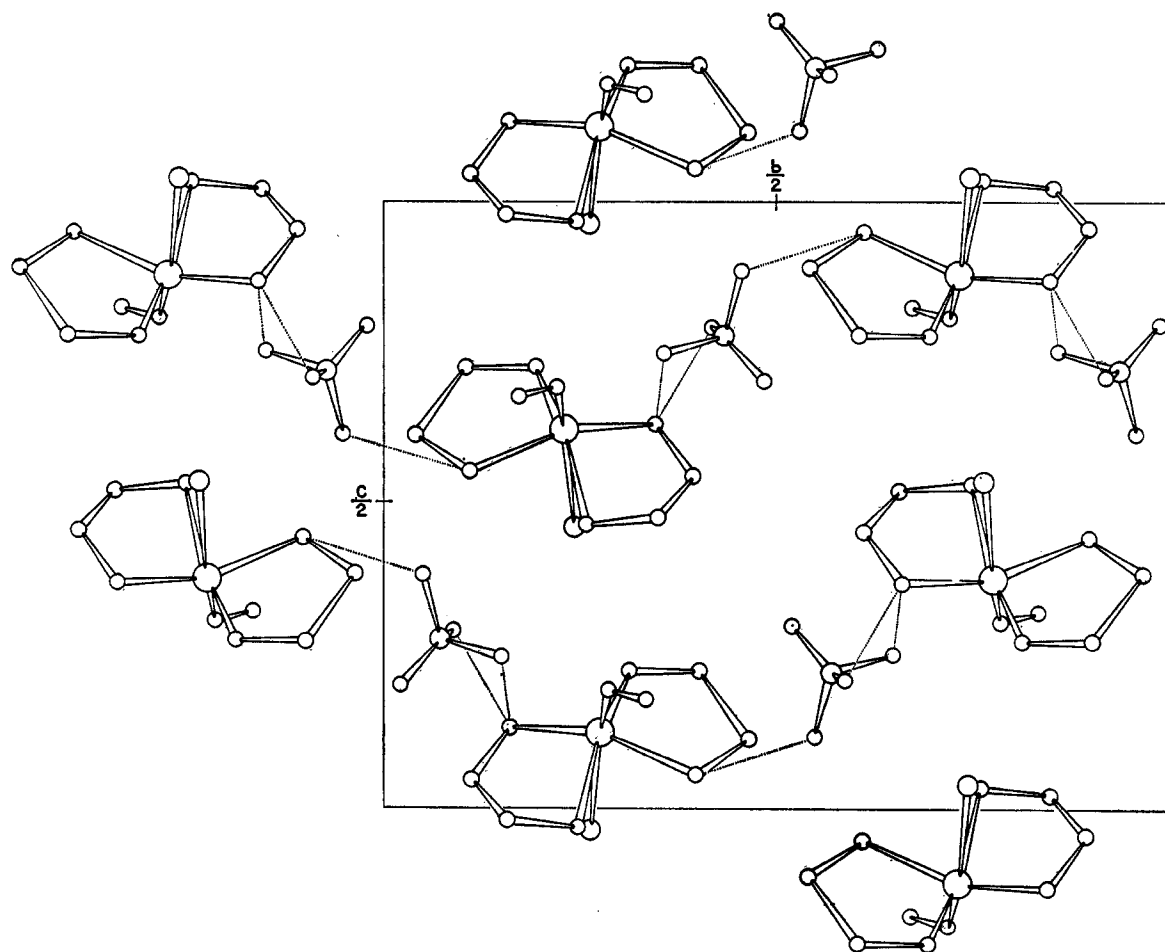


Figure 2.—The crystal packing of *trans*-[CoCl(NO)(en)₂][ClO₄] projected on the crystallographic *bc* plane. Only the hydrogen bonds with O···H distances less than 2.4 Å are indicated in the figure.

TABLE IV
PRINCIPAL MOLECULAR DIMENSIONS^a

Bond Distances, Å		Intramolecular Nonbonded Contacts, Å		Interbond Angles, Deg			
Co-N(1)	1.957 (9)	N(1)···N(2)	2.65 (1)	Co-N(5)-O(5)	124.4 (11)	Cl(1)-Co-N(4)	87.6 (3)
Co-N(2)	1.957 (10)	N(3)···N(4)	2.68 (1)	Cl(1)-Co-N(5)	177.6 (4)	Co-N(1)-C(1)	108.8 (7)
Co-N(3)	1.965 (10)	N(1)···N(4)	2.86 (1)	N(5)-Co-N(1)	90.5 (4)	Co-N(2)-C(2)	111.3 (7)
Co-N(4)	1.977 (10)	N(2)···N(3)	2.91 (1)	N(5)-Co-N(2)	94.6 (4)	Co-N(3)-C(3)	109.1 (7)
Co-N(5)	1.820 (11)	N(1)···O(5)	3.51 (2)	N(5)-Co-N(3)	94.1 (4)	Co-N(4)-C(4)	109.3 (8)
Co-Cl(1)	2.575 (3)	N(2)···O(5)	2.92 (2)	N(5)-Co-N(4)	91.4 (5)	N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	110 (1)
N(5)-O(5)	1.043 (17) [1.109] ^b	N(3)···O(5)	3.04 (2)	N(1)-Co-N(2)	85.1 (4)	N(2)-C(2)-C(1)	105 (1)
C(1)-N(1)	1.46 (2)	N(4)···O(5)	3.66 (2)	N(3)-Co-N(4)	85.6 (4)	N(3)-C(3)-C(4)	108 (1)
C(2)-N(2)	1.48 (2)	N(1)···Cl(1)	3.16 (1)	N(2)-Co-N(3)	95.6 (4)	N(4)-C(4)-C(3)	107 (1)
C(3)-N(3)	1.49 (2)	N(2)···Cl(1)	3.13 (1)	N(1)-Co-N(4)	93.3 (4)	O(1)-Cl(2)-O(2)	105.3 (8)
C(4)-N(4)	1.48 (2)	N(3)···Cl(1)	3.18 (1)	N(1)-Co-N(3)	175.3 (4)	O(1)-Cl(2)-O(3)	113.0 (8)
C(1)-C(2)	1.50 (2)	N(4)···Cl(1)	3.18 (1)	N(2)-Co-N(4)	173.8 (4)	O(2)-Cl(2)-O(3)	103.9 (7)
C(3)-C(4)	1.49 (2)	Co···O(5)	2.56 (1)	Cl(1)-Co-N(1)	87.4 (3)	O(1)-Cl(2)-O(4)	111.0 (10)
Cl(2)-O(1)	1.35 (1) [1.47]			Cl(1)-Co-N(2)	86.3 (3)	O(2)-Cl(2)-O(4)	117.8 (9)
Cl(2)-O(2)	1.40 (1) [1.46]			Cl(1)-Co-N(3)	88.0 (3)	O(3)-Cl(2)-O(4)	105.8 (7)
Cl(2)-O(3)	1.37 (1) [1.44]						
Cl(2)-O(4)	1.30 (2) [1.42]						

^a Standard deviations of least significant figures are given in parentheses. ^b Distances within brackets are corrected for thermal vibration using a riding model. For details see C. K. Johnson in "Crystallographic Computing," F. A. Ahmed, Ed., Munksgaard, Copenhagen, 1970; also W. R. Busing and H. A. Levy, *Acta Crystallogr.*, **17**, 142 (1964).

consequently more back-bonding of the type $\text{Ir}=\text{N}$ would occur.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of this structure is the Co-N-O angle of 124.4 (11)°. The value of this

angle and the relatively small contraction (~ 0.11 Å) of the Co-N(O) bond relative to the Co-N single bond length indicate that the NO⁻ formalism is the more suitable one to describe the NO group in this complex.

TABLE V
 STRUCTURAL TRANS INFLUENCE IN SOME SIX-COORDINATE d^6 COMPLEXES

Complex	Formalism for NO group	Nitrosyls		M-X, ^a Å	Expected M-X, ^b Å	Trans influence lengthening, Å
		Ligand (X) trans to NO				
$\text{Na}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}^c$	NO^+	CN^-		1.90 (2)	1.90	0.00
$\text{Na}_2[\text{Ru}(\text{NO})_4(\text{NO})(\text{OH})] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}^d$	NO^+	OH^-		1.950 (5)	1.99	-0.04
$\text{Ru}(\text{NO})(\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2)_3^e$	NO^+	$-\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2$		2.40 (1)	2.40	0.00
$[\text{CoCl}(\text{NO})(\text{en})_2][\text{ClO}_4]^f$	NO^-	Cl		2.576 (3)	2.26	0.31
$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{NO}]\text{Cl}_2^g$	$\text{NO}^-(?)^h$	NH_3		2.29	1.96	0.33

Complex	Ligand (L)	Other Complexes		M-X, Å	Expected M-X, Å	Trans influence lengthening, Å
		Trans ligand (X) ⁱ	M-L, Å			
$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Cl}][\text{SiF}_6]^j$	Cl^-	NH_3	2.303 (6)	2.01 (2)	2.00	0.01
$[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{NO}_2]\text{Br}_2^k$	NO_2^-	NH_3	1.92 (2)	2.00 (2)	1.98	0.02
$\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{SO}_3(\text{NCS})^l$	SO_3^{2-}	$-\text{NCS}^-$	2.203 (6)	1.974 (18)	1.97	0.00
$[\text{Co}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{L}_4][\text{ClO}_4]^m$	CH_3	H_2O	1.99 (4)	2.14 (2)	1.88	0.28
$\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{acen})^n$	C_2H_5^-	H_2O	1.89 (1)	2.221 (7)	1.92	0.30
$[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_4\text{Cl}(\text{SO}_2)]\text{Cl}^o$	SO_2	Cl^-	2.072 (3)	2.415 (3)	2.42	0.00
$[\text{Rh}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)]\text{Br}_2^p$	C_2H_5^-	NH_3	2.048 (16)	2.256 (8)	2.07	0.19

^a The numbers in parentheses are esd's in the last figure quoted. ^b In all but two instances, the expected M-X distances are obtained "internally." The covalent radius of the metal is calculated by using cis metal-ligand distances within the molecule which are not influenced by multiple bonding. The two exceptions are compound two listed under nitrosyls, $\text{Ru}(\text{II}) = 1.33 \text{ \AA}$, and compound five under other complexes, $\text{Co}(\text{III}) = 1.22 \text{ \AA}$. ^c Reference 18. ^d Reference 19. ^e Reference 23. ^f This work. ^g D. A. Hall and A. A. Taggart, *J. Chem. Soc.*, 1359 (1965); D. Dale and D. C. Hodgkiss, *ibid.*, 1364 (1965). ^h Crystals of this compound are twinned and the linear Co-N-O angle determined is probably incorrect. However, there is very good agreement between the two independent structural determinations for the Co-NH₃ distances. Other physical measurements suggest that this is formally a complex of Co(III) and NO⁻. ⁱ In the L-N-X group, X has the smallest value of the metal ($p\sigma$)-ligand hybrid (σ) overlap integral as calculated in ref 28. ^j J. A. Stanko and I. C. Paul, *Inorg. Chem.*, **6**, 486 (1967). ^k F. A. Cotton and W. T. Edwards, *Acta Crystallogr., Sect. B*, **24**, 474 (1968). ^l Reference 21. A recent redetermination of this structure established that this is formally a complex of NO⁻ with a Co-N-O angle of approximately 120°. See the abstracts for the summer meeting of the American Crystallographic Association, Aug 16-22, 1970, Ottawa, Canada. ^m S. Brückner, M. Culligaris, G. Narden, and L. Randaccio, *Inorg. Chim. Acta*, **3**, 278 (1969). L₄ is the tetradentate ligand bis(diacetyl monoxime imino)propane-1,3. ⁿ S. Brückner, M. Culligaris, G. Narden, and L. Randaccio, *ibid.*, **2**, 415 (1968). acen is the tetradentate ligand bis(acetylacetonethylenediimine). ^o L. H. Vogt, Jr., J. L. Katz, and S. E. Wiberley, *Inorg. Chem.*, **4**, 1157 (1965). ^p A. C. Skapsi and P. G. H. Troughton, *Chem. Commun.*, 666 (1969).

Under this formalism, the NO⁻ group with an sp²-hybridized N atom donates a lone pair of electrons to the Co atom and simultaneously acts as a moderately good π -acceptor ligand. After correction for thermal vibration, in which the oxygen atom was assumed to ride on the nitrogen atom, the N-O bond distance is 1.109 (17) Å. This is at the lower end of the range of approximately 1.10-1.25 Å previously determined for nitrosyls. However, no discernible correlation between N-O length and mode of coordination is evident from current X-ray structural data on nitric oxide complexes. Unfortunately, these two atoms are particularly susceptible^{11,25,26} to static disorder or large thermal vibrations in a crystal which makes an accurate determination of the N-O length difficult. Also, the N-O bond order is high—between 2 and 3—for bonded NO⁻ or NO⁺ and the N-O distance may be relatively insensitive to bonding changes in this region.

The remarkably long Co(III)-Cl bond distance of 2.576 (3) Å indicates that the NO⁻ group exerts a strong structural trans influence²⁷ on the Cl atom in this complex. Recent calculations²⁸ of metal ($p\sigma$)-

ligand hybrid (σ) overlap integrals for a large number of ligands and metal ions suggest that a ligand will exhibit a trans-bond weakening effect if it is a strong σ donor. π -Bonding effects were not included in these calculations, but current X-ray bond length data indicate that a weak π -acceptor ligand will lengthen a trans bond.²⁸ Good π -acceptor ligands such as CO and C₂H₄ do not appear to weaken trans bonds but produce a large kinetic trans effect through stabilization of the transition state. Table V gives data on the trans influence for nitric oxide complexes and, for comparison, some other six-coordinate d^6 complexes. Apparently, NO⁺ has no influence on trans bonds while NO⁻ highly weakens them. This is consistent with the idea that NO⁻ is a stronger σ -donor and a weaker π -acceptor ligand than NO⁺. Moreover, inspection of the table shows that NO⁻ in *trans*-CoCl(NO)(en)₂⁺ exhibits a trans influence as strong as alkyl or alkenyl groups in similar six-coordinate Co(III) complexes.

In K₂OsNCl₅ the lengthening²⁹ of the Os-Cl bond trans to the nitrido nitrogen atom was attributed to nonbonding interactions between this atom and the cis chlorine atoms. We do not feel that this is a substantial effect in the long Co-Cl bond observed here since the average N...Cl nonbonded distance in *trans*-CoCl(NO)(en)₂⁺ is 3.16 (1) Å while it is 3.00 (1) Å in K₂OsNCl₅. The *cis*-CoI(NO)(en)₂⁺ ion is currently

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being investigated to obtain further information on the structural *trans* influence of the NO⁻ ligand.

The two ethylenediamine rings assume an approximate symmetric *gauche* configuration. This conformation is commonly observed³⁰ in complexes containing this ligand which have no large intramolecular steric interactions between ligands or other distorting factors such as extensive hydrogen bonding. The torsion angle about the C(1)–C(2) bond is 48.5° and that about the C(3)–C(4) bond is 49.3°. The carbon atoms are approximately symmetrically disposed above and below the planes defined respectively by the atoms Co–N(1)–N(2) and Co–N(3)–N(4): C(1), –0.38 Å; C(2), 0.27 Å; and C(3), –0.28 Å; C(4), 0.38 Å. Intra- and interchelate angles average 85.3 (3) and 94.4 (3)°, respectively, which are typical values for a *trans* complex with two ethylenediamine ligands. Examples include *trans*-Co(en)₂SO₃(NCS),²¹ 86.4 (5) and 93.7°, and [Co(en)₂](SCN)₂,³⁰ 85 and 95°. The N···N distances around the rectangle formed by the four nitrogen atoms are also representative for this type of complex. An average distance of 1.50 (1) Å was determined for the C–C bonds which is in accord with that determined in other complexes containing this ligand, *e.g.*,³¹ Cr(en)₃³⁺, 1.502 (5) Å. The C–N bond lengths average 1.48 (1) Å which agrees with the value of 1.479 (5) Å accepted for the normal paraffin–quaternary amine bond.

The ClO₄⁻ ion displays the expected³² geometry. If a riding model is assumed for thermal vibrations in this

group, the corrected average Cl–O distance is 1.446 (7) Å.

The two ions in the crystal are partially held together by hydrogen bonding involving the perchlorate oxygen atoms and the hydrogen atoms of the ethylenediamine rings. These hydrogen bonds are summarized in Table VI. It is interesting to note that the O(4) atom of the

TABLE VI
POSSIBLE N–H···O HYDROGEN BONDS^a

Group	N···O, Å	O···H, Å	N–H, Å	Angle at H, deg
N(2)–H(1)N(2) ^b ···O(1) ^c	3.05 (2)	2.27 (11)	0.87 (11)	149 (9)
N(2)–H(2)N(2)···O(2)	3.16 (1)	2.48 (12)	0.80 (12)	144 (10)
N(4)–H(1)N(4)···O(2) ^c	3.01 (1)	2.18 (12)	0.95 (12)	145 (10)
N(1)–H(2)N(3)···O(3)	3.12 (1)	2.50 (11)	0.89 (11)	127 (8)
N(4)–H(2)N(5)···O(3) ^c	3.10 (1)	2.32 (12)	0.78 (12)	173 (12)
N(1)–H(2)N(1)···O(4)	3.19 (1)	2.47 (11)	0.89 (11)	139 (9)

^a Standard deviations of least significant figures are given in parentheses. ^b H(1)N(2) designates the first hydrogen atom bonded to the N(2) atom. ^c These groups have O···H distances less than 2.4 Å. This has been used as a criterion^d to indicate an appreciable hydrogen-bonding interaction of the type N–H···O. ^d P. Jönsson and W. C. Hamilton, *Acta Crystallogr., Sect. B*, 26, 536 (1970).

ClO₄⁻ group which has the largest degree of thermal motion is not involved in the hydrogen-bonding network. Bond angles around the hydrogen atoms average 149° which is characteristic³³ of the N–H···O interaction.

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