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SHORT COMMUNICATION

The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichloro Cobalt(II)[†]

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INTRODUCTION

The crystal and molecular structure of bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt (II) has been undertaken as part of a continuing comparative study of the tribenzyl, dibenzyl phenyl, benzyl diphenyl, and triphenyl phosphine oxide complexes in solution and solid state.¹ The purpose is the elucidation of the molecular geometry of this complex.

EXPERIMENTAL

The samples were obtained by mixing alcoholic solutions of salt and organic ligand in the proper stoichiometric proportions. The solution was concentrated and cooled in a refrigerator until crystallization. Usually the crystals were well formed blue bipyramids.

Bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt (II) has the following cell dimensions $a = 15.133(1) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.905(1) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 16.492(1) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 3954 \text{ \AA}^3$. These were obtained using a Philips automatic diffractometer PW 1100 and refined by least squares calculations. It crystallizes in the orthorhombic system. The following systematic extinctions, $h00$ for $h = \text{odd}$, $0k0$ for $k = \text{odd}$ and 00ℓ for $\ell = \text{odd}$ were observed fixing the space group as $P2_1 2_1 2_1$. The observed density = 1.29 g/cm^3 (by flotation), calculated density = 1.293 g/cm^3 assuming $Z = 4$ molecules/cell.

The intensities of 2110 independent reflections were recorded using the PW 1100 Philips automatic single crystal diffractometer by courtesy of Philips

Company and their Laboratories in Eindhoven. The radiation was graphite monochromatized $\text{MoK}\alpha$ using the $\theta-2\theta$ scan type with a scan width of 1° and a speed of $0.08^\circ/\text{sec}$. Background counts were done on each extreme of the scanning interval taking $1/2$ of the scan time on both sides. The intensity of three standard reflections, (141), (230) and (330) were measured each 100 reflections and did not show any appreciable change in intensity during all data collection.

Data Reduction

The data were corrected for the L_p factor and reduced to the corresponding moduli of structure factors. All reflections in which the observed F was greater than three times the value of the corresponding standard deviation ($\sigma(F)$) were considered to be statistically above background. 2085 reflections were classified in this category. As the largest and smallest dimensions of the crystal used in data collection were respectively only of 0.5 and 0.3 mm and $\mu = 8.2$ no absorption correction was applied.

Structure Analysis

As we intended to use direct methods, we proceeded to the determination of the scale factor and average temperature factor using the Wilson plot procedure and to the calculation of the normalized structure factors. A program written by R. Shiono² was used.

The program Multan³ was used for the phasing of the 470 largest E values ($E > 1.24$). 16 sets of phases were generated; the corresponding E maps were

TABLE I

Non hydrogen atoms thermal and positional parameters of bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt (II) and their estimated standard deviations^a

| ATOM | X | Y | Z | B(1,1) | B(2,2) | B(3,3) | B(1,2) | B(1,3) | B(2,3) |
|------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| C0 | 32444(15) | 14290(15) | 7734(14) | 676(12) | 692(14) | 522(9) | -33(18) | -3(23) | 51(17) |
| P1 | 28100(33) | 5753(32) | 26562(28) | 763(29) | 682(19) | 524(19) | 1(50) | 57(38) | 183(39) |
| P2 | 53801(31) | 17592(30) | 3876(29) | 662(18) | 627(20) | 603(18) | -33(48) | 78(36) | 71(39) |
| CL1 | 27144(32) | 27522(31) | 7065(32) | 845(25) | 775(18) | 811(16) | 171(50) | 25(45) | 225(45) |
| CL2 | 27365(43) | 5982(39) | -2268(32) | 1413(37) | 1129(25) | 664(18) | -383(68) | -164(57) | -334(49) |
| O1 | 29723(77) | 9277(74) | 18143(71) | 844(65) | 757(58) | 738(57) | 56(115) | 156(120) | 128(135) |
| O2 | 45218(72) | 14628(72) | 7278(69) | 831(56) | 787(58) | 696(47) | 49(136) | 116(145) | 372(120) |
| C1 | 18210(121) | 9787(102) | 31330(95) | 856(102) | 584(81) | 597(68) | 58(112) | 316(210) | -21(146) |
| C2 | 19097(114) | 18622(113) | 34008(95) | 737(112) | 870(110) | 516(70) | 156(215) | 173(225) | 24(235) |
| C3 | 19329(119) | 25766(119) | 28561(97) | 838(100) | 910(107) | 504(95) | 88(236) | 194(210) | 42(225) |
| C4 | 20757(148) | 33797(124) | 30747(126) | 1305(143) | 725(103) | 916(103) | 212(210) | -37(220) | 22(210) |
| C5 | 22073(144) | 35256(130) | 38737(139) | 1147(124) | 829(142) | 1221(130) | 54(300) | -168(215) | -591(317) |
| C6 | 22321(147) | 28404(149) | 44716(109) | 1201(132) | 1392(149) | 599(109) | 302(185) | -85(244) | -722(199) |
| C7 | 20545(122) | 20455(122) | 41909(113) | 897(120) | 983(116) | 648(95) | -89(215) | 162(218) | -416(235) |
| C8 | 27715(122) | -5562(119) | 26030(101) | 943(117) | 865(97) | 559(89) | 6(210) | 332(243) | 219(218) |
| C9 | 19407(114) | -8316(120) | 21766(98) | 628(117) | 554(73) | 636(84) | -99(215) | 30(210) | 334(137) |
| Cl1 | 12063(121) | -10563(125) | 25717(106) | 771(93) | 1058(103) | 673(89) | -388(219) | 97(213) | 482(215) |
| Cl2 | 4447(126) | -13912(129) | 21616(122) | 831(114) | 858(92) | 1006(122) | -468(232) | 118(218) | 508(249) |
| Cl3 | 5074(136) | -15748(125) | 13162(119) | 1092(115) | 841(113) | 804(90) | -259(219) | -116(220) | -6(235) |
| Cl4 | 12134(128) | -13639(124) | 9311(104) | 1078(110) | 874(103) | 612(105) | 0(250) | -262(223) | -197(210) |
| Cl5 | 19927(125) | -10434(115) | 13291(102) | 970(133) | 814(90) | 560(86) | 181(218) | 200(200) | 190(217) |
| Cl6 | 35534(122) | 8405(120) | 33988(102) | 929(114) | 839(116) | 565(83) | -16(270) | -47(215) | 276(216) |
| Cl7 | 45436(106) | 3753(109) | 33300(99) | 614(93) | 763(100) | 606(84) | 145(220) | -177(216) | 17(235) |
| Cl8 | 46596(118) | 84(114) | 40175(105) | 639(110) | 777(103) | 685(100) | 4(236) | -271(234) | 417(216) |
| Cl9 | 56588(127) | -3774(125) | 35588(115) | 903(109) | 907(121) | 819(102) | 133(240) | -362(215) | -139(234) |
| Cl10 | 61738(118) | -4671(130) | 32708(112) | 710(114) | 1051(133) | 762(92) | 626(216) | 151(215) | 197(219) |
| Cl11 | 58227(119) | -1116(135) | 25959(117) | 761(114) | 1148(127) | 812(102) | 503(236) | -282(217) | 568(223) |
| Cl12 | 50092(125) | 2978(124) | 26228(113) | 769(89) | 928(122) | 668(104) | 235(232) | 4(235) | 122(213) |
| Cl13 | 53283(97) | 19734(90) | -6743(92) | 888(101) | 779(82) | 522(61) | 302(204) | -58(217) | -19(133) |
| Cl14 | 49500(91) | 28215(85) | -9357(84) | 698(87) | 625(72) | 632(70) | -11(210) | 64(223) | -108(140) |
| Cl15 | 40550(95) | 29545(98) | -10385(82) | 810(89) | 679(74) | 603(83) | 21(214) | -60(230) | 231(227) |
| Cl16 | 37751(99) | 37213(99) | -13153(100) | 767(100) | 759(94) | 928(87) | 37(216) | -19(227) | -12(236) |
| Cl17 | 43183(109) | 43732(99) | -13890(98) | 995(113) | 732(89) | 831(76) | 394(198) | 76(196) | 14(214) |
| Cl18 | 52121(106) | 42568(90) | -12279(94) | 1020(103) | 605(87) | 763(79) | -34(247) | 27(218) | 94(236) |
| Cl19 | 55085(90) | 35254(84) | -10271(80) | 762(78) | 591(67) | 680(72) | -73(222) | 285(239) | 381(146) |
| Cl20 | 57503(105) | 26443(92) | 8975(90) | 1048(123) | 700(80) | 657(68) | 151(232) | 166(219) | 138(137) |
| Cl21 | 58409(99) | 25910(92) | 18201(89) | 874(97) | 639(76) | 695(104) | -217(210) | -42(238) | 64(230) |
| Cl22 | 65643(106) | 23293(107) | 22254(103) | 951(119) | 869(89) | 955(103) | 147(214) | -696(157) | -293(214) |
| Cl23 | 65735(134) | 22715(116) | 30754(103) | 1550(154) | 964(95) | 888(99) | -83(246) | -1036(245) | -176(235) |
| Cl24 | 58318(160) | 24432(126) | 35033(105) | 2116(189) | 1075(117) | 710(103) | -383(215) | -663(210) | 198(203) |
| Cl25 | 51347(127) | 26851(124) | 31244(97) | 1331(138) | 1194(110) | 621(97) | -365(232) | -100(217) | 31(216) |
| Cl26 | 50847(121) | 27453(108) | 23313(102) | 1100(87) | 889(66) | 787(77) | 87(219) | -301(137) | -75(186) |
| Cl27 | 61671(93) | 9578(89) | 4925(78) | 746(126) | 703(103) | 544(89) | -37(236) | -2(245) | 222(256) |
| Cl28 | 60590(94) | 2153(81) | -427(81) | 750(80) | 520(77) | 623(109) | 162(135) | 39(245) | -65(236) |
| Cl29 | 65539(123) | 876(92) | -7211(103) | 1448(129) | 606(83) | 870(93) | 117(214) | 519(235) | -292(219) |
| Cl30 | 64388(158) | -5172(114) | -12459(118) | 2164(223) | 795(87) | 1052(108) | -342(325) | 841(346) | -20(223) |
| Cl31 | 57932(152) | -10583(106) | -10312(115) | 1979(168) | 730(85) | 1066(108) | 299(112) | -145(243) | -739(227) |
| Cl32 | 52642(119) | -9914(105) | -4477(128) | 1074(139) | 729(114) | 1503(129) | -149(245) | -231(239) | -477(247) |
| Cl33 | 54143(112) | -3813(95) | 715(114) | 1000(148) | 600(97) | 1240(114) | -99(237) | -499(245) | -199(195) |

^a Positional and Thermal Parameters X 10⁵

calculated for the two with the best figure of merit. In those we found five well defined peaks which could be attributed to Co^{++} , Cl^- and P. At this stage we did not attempt to discriminate between chlorine and phosphorus. Structure factors were calculated for both and the solution that gave the smallest value of the agreement index R was chosen. The coordinates for the heavy atoms were in this way definitely established. Difference Fourier maps disclosed all the remaining atoms, except hydrogen. The coordinates of all atoms were then refined by the full matrix least squares refinement of $w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ using the corresponding program included in the Enraf-Nonius Structure Determination Package (SDP)⁴ written for use on the PDP-11 series of computers to an R value of 0.075, when all shifts were smaller than three times their standard deviations.

As the positions of the hydrogen atoms were not revealed by a difference synthesis, their coordinates were generated from the positions of the atoms to which they are bonded by assuming tetrahedral and trigonal angles and C-H distances of 1.0 Å. The full

matrix least squares refinement gave a final value of $R = 0.065$ taking w as constant up to the end of the refinement which was considered completed when all coordinate shifts were less than twice the corresponding standard deviations. The hydrogen positional and thermal parameters were not refined. An attempt was made towards improving the refinement using weights proportional to the standard deviation of measured F_o 's⁴ and the pivot point scheme⁴ with no further improvement. In all calculations the atomic scattering factors were used taking into account the anomalous scattering coefficients. Their numerical values were taken from the Vol. 4 of the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography.⁸

Structural Data

Tables I and II give the final parameters of the atoms in the asymmetric unit and their estimated standard deviations in parenthesis. The intramolecular distances and angles are given in Table III. Equation for the best plane of the phenyl rings was obtained by least squares fitting. Table IV gives the equations for

TABLE II
Hydrogen positional and thermal parameters of bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt (II) and their standard deviations^a

| ATOM | X | Y | Z | B | ATOM | X | Y | Z | B |
|------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| H1 | 16630(0) | 6224(0) | 36080(0) | 680000(0) | H22 | 49744(0) | 15244(0) | -9500(0) | 850000(0) |
| H2 | 13150(0) | 9425(0) | 27230(0) | 700000(0) | H23 | 59545(0) | 19513(0) | -9030(0) | 650000(0) |
| H3 | 18122(0) | 24469(0) | 22601(0) | 850000(0) | H24 | 36571(0) | 24468(0) | -10396(0) | 650000(0) |
| H4 | 20857(0) | 38338(0) | 26519(0) | 850000(0) | H25 | 31239(0) | 38359(0) | -13924(0) | 850000(0) |
| H5 | 22699(0) | 41242(0) | 40686(0) | 850000(0) | H26 | 41120(0) | 49557(0) | -16003(0) | 850000(0) |
| H6 | 24051(0) | 29543(0) | 50363(0) | 850000(0) | H27 | 56597(0) | 47615(0) | -12530(0) | 850000(0) |
| H7 | 20323(0) | 15786(0) | 46063(0) | 850000(0) | H28 | 61579(0) | 33936(0) | -9165(0) | 850000(0) |
| H8 | 27840(0) | -7672(0) | 31777(0) | 690000(0) | H29 | 53624(0) | 31548(0) | 7576(0) | 650000(0) |
| H9 | 33084(0) | -7450(0) | 23126(0) | 720000(0) | H30 | 63753(0) | 28127(0) | 6699(0) | 650000(0) |
| H10 | 10014(0) | -10001(0) | 31521(0) | 850000(0) | H31 | 71582(0) | 22559(0) | 18931(0) | 850000(0) |
| H11 | -1107(0) | -15082(0) | 24701(0) | 850000(0) | H32 | 71620(0) | 20476(0) | 33390(0) | 850000(0) |
| H12 | 35(0) | -18593(0) | 10203(0) | 850000(0) | H33 | 59198(0) | 23419(0) | 41118(0) | 850000(0) |
| H13 | 12541(0) | -14418(0) | 3333(0) | 850000(0) | H34 | 45839(0) | 28615(0) | 34958(0) | 850000(0) |
| H14 | 25655(0) | -9322(0) | 10255(0) | 850000(0) | H35 | 44848(0) | 28967(0) | 20231(0) | 850000(0) |
| H15 | 33941(0) | 6978(0) | 39445(0) | 690000(0) | H36 | 62218(0) | 7906(0) | 10982(0) | 650000(0) |
| H16 | 37626(0) | 14452(0) | 33559(0) | 720000(0) | H37 | 67870(0) | 11864(0) | 3460(0) | 650000(0) |
| H17 | 45559(0) | 264(0) | 45402(0) | 850000(0) | H38 | 70710(0) | 5251(0) | -8450(0) | 850000(0) |
| H18 | 59747(0) | -5991(0) | 45070(0) | 850000(0) | H39 | 68782(0) | -5888(0) | -17339(0) | 850000(0) |
| H19 | 67301(0) | -7890(0) | 32483(0) | 850000(0) | H40 | 57014(0) | -15352(0) | -15359(0) | 850000(0) |
| H20 | 61601(0) | -1268(0) | 20847(0) | 850000(0) | H41 | 47424(0) | -14243(0) | -3981(0) | 850000(0) |
| H21 | 47490(0) | 5330(0) | 21224(0) | 850000(0) | H42 | 49720(0) | -3158(0) | 5662(0) | 850000(0) |

^a Positional and Thermal Parameters $\times 10^5$

TABLE III
Bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt (II) intramolecular distances and angles

| At.1 | At.2 | At.3 | d 12 | d 23 | Angle | At.1 | At.2 | At.3 | d 12 | d 23 | Angle |
|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C11 | Co | C12 | 2.255(3) | 2.249(3) | 113.0(1) | C14 | C9 | C10 | 1.420(12) | 1.322(13) | 119.5(10) |
| C11 | Co | O1 | 2.255(3) | 1.937(7) | 110.6(2) | P1 | C15 | C16 | 1.824(11) | 1.534(13) | 116.9(7) |
| C11 | Co | O2 | 2.255(3) | 1.920(6) | 109.1(2) | C15 | C16 | C17 | 1.534(13) | 1.384(12) | 118.8(9) |
| C12 | Co | O1 | 2.249(3) | 1.937(7) | 109.6(2) | C15 | C16 | C21 | 1.534(13) | 1.360(13) | 123.9(9) |
| C12 | Co | O2 | 2.249(3) | 1.920(6) | 109.2(2) | C16 | C17 | C18 | 1.384(12) | 1.357(14) | 121.3(10) |
| O1 | Co | O2 | 1.937(7) | 1.920(6) | 104.9(3) | C17 | C18 | C19 | 1.357(14) | 1.407(14) | 121.4(10) |
| Co | O1 | P1 | 1.937(7) | 1.517(7) | 176.0(8) | C18 | C19 | C20 | 1.407(14) | 1.351(13) | 117.1(10) |
| Co | O2 | P2 | 1.920(6) | 1.507(7) | 153.0(8) | C19 | C20 | C21 | 1.351(13) | 1.394(14) | 121.0(11) |
| O1 | P1 | C1 | 1.517(7) | 1.808(11) | 113.6(5) | C20 | C21 | C16 | 1.360(13) | 1.394(14) | 121.9(10) |
| O1 | P1 | C8 | 1.517(7) | 1.819(12) | 109.4(5) | C21 | C16 | C17 | 1.360(13) | 1.384(12) | 117.1(9) |
| O1 | P1 | C15 | 1.517(7) | 1.824(11) | 114.5(5) | P2 | C22 | C23 | 1.795(9) | 1.527(12) | 116.9(6) |
| C1 | P1 | C8 | 1.808(11) | 1.819(12) | 110.3(5) | C22 | C23 | C24 | 1.527(12) | 1.353(12) | 123.8(9) |
| C1 | P1 | C15 | 1.808(11) | 1.824(11) | 102.0(5) | C22 | C23 | C28 | 1.527(12) | 1.383(11) | 119.9(8) |
| C8 | P1 | C15 | 1.819(12) | 1.824(11) | 106.5(5) | C23 | C24 | C25 | 1.353(12) | 1.361(12) | 122.5(9) |
| O2 | P2 | C22 | 1.505(7) | 1.795(3) | 113.3(3) | C24 | C25 | C26 | 1.361(12) | 1.335(13) | 120.1(9) |
| O2 | P2 | C29 | 1.505(7) | 1.748(3) | 111.3(3) | C25 | C26 | C27 | 1.335(13) | 1.395(14) | 118.4(10) |
| O2 | P2 | C36 | 1.505(7) | 1.756(3) | 109.3(3) | C26 | C27 | C28 | 1.395(14) | 1.312(12) | 120.5(10) |
| C22 | P2 | C29 | 1.795(3) | 1.748(3) | 109.5(1) | C27 | C28 | C23 | 1.312(12) | 1.383(11) | 122.1(9) |
| C22 | P2 | C36 | 1.795(3) | 1.756(3) | 104.9(1) | C28 | C23 | C24 | 1.383(11) | 1.353(12) | 116.3(9) |
| C29 | P2 | C36 | 1.748(3) | 1.756(3) | 108.2(2) | P2 | C29 | C30 | 1.748(10) | 1.525(12) | 117.1(7) |
| P1 | C1 | C2 | 1.808(11) | 1.479(13) | 113.1(8) | C29 | C30 | C31 | 1.525(12) | 1.348(13) | 124.8(11) |
| C1 | C2 | C3 | 1.479(13) | 1.449(13) | 124.2(9) | C29 | C30 | C35 | 1.525(12) | 1.440(14) | 120.6(10) |
| C1 | C2 | C7 | 1.479(13) | 1.356(13) | 120.5(10) | C30 | C31 | C32 | 1.348(13) | 1.405(15) | 122.1(12) |
| C2 | C3 | C4 | 1.449(13) | 1.345(15) | 125.6(10) | C31 | C32 | C33 | 1.405(15) | 1.356(18) | 119.2(12) |
| C3 | C4 | C5 | 1.345(15) | 1.353(16) | 116.6(12) | C32 | C33 | C34 | 1.356(18) | 1.308(17) | 119.8(11) |
| C4 | C5 | C6 | 1.353(16) | 1.470(17) | 122.0(11) | C33 | C34 | C35 | 1.308(17) | 1.321(14) | 122.4(14) |
| C5 | C6 | C7 | 1.47(17) | 1.370(15) | 116.9(10) | C34 | C35 | C30 | 1.321(14) | 1.440(14) | 121.8(12) |
| C6 | C7 | C2 | 1.370(15) | 1.356(13) | 123.7(12) | C35 | C30 | C31 | 1.440(14) | 1.348(13) | 114.4(9) |
| C7 | C2 | C3 | 1.356(13) | 1.449(13) | 115.0(10) | P2 | C36 | C37 | 1.756(9) | 1.493(11) | 115.8(6) |
| P1 | C8 | C9 | 1.819(12) | 1.529(14) | 112.6(8) | C36 | C37 | C38 | 1.493(11) | 1.379(12) | 122.4(9) |
| C8 | C9 | C10 | 1.529(14) | 1.322(13) | 122.3(9) | C36 | C37 | C42 | 1.493(11) | 1.393(13) | 122.5(9) |
| C8 | C9 | C14 | 1.529(14) | 1.420(12) | 118.0(9) | C37 | C38 | C39 | 1.379(12) | 1.310(14) | 123.8(12) |
| C9 | C10 | C11 | 1.322(13) | 1.432(14) | 121.5(10) | C38 | C39 | C40 | 1.310(14) | 1.345(17) | 119.1(13) |
| C10 | C11 | C12 | 1.432(14) | 1.429(15) | 118.7(10) | C39 | C40 | C41 | 1.345(17) | 1.319(17) | 119.9(12) |
| C11 | C12 | C13 | 1.429(15) | 1.306(14) | 118.5(11) | C40 | C41 | C42 | 1.319(17) | 1.331(14) | 122.3(13) |
| C12 | C13 | C14 | 1.306(14) | 1.424(14) | 123.1(10) | C41 | C42 | C37 | 1.331(14) | 1.393(13) | 119.7(12) |
| C13 | C14 | C9 | 1.424(14) | 1.420(12) | 118.1(10) | C42 | C37 | C38 | 1.493(11) | 1.379(12) | 115.0(9) |

the planes in the form $Ax + By + Cz - D = 0$ where A, B, C and D are constants and x, y and z are orthogonalized coordinates. Also are given the standard deviations of each atom from the mean plane. Dihedral angles between planes are given in Table V.

DISCUSSION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE MOLECULAR AND CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE

An ORTEP⁵ representation of the molecular structure of bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt (II) is shown in Figure 1. The cobalt is coordinated tetrahedrally by two chlorines and two oxygens. The chlorine and oxygen atoms are close-packed, as is indicated by the fact that their interatomic distances are equal to the sum of the van der Waals radii similar to the structure of bis(N-benzylidiphenyl-phosphonic amide) dichlorocobalt (II).⁶ The angles C11—Co—C12, O1—Co—O2, O1—Co—C11, O1—Co—C12, O2—Co—C11

and O2—Co—C12 are 113.01°, 104.98°, 110.60°, 109.81°, 109.10° and 109.21° respectively. The distortions in these angles from the tetrahedral value of 109° 28' are severer for the C11—Co—C12 and O1—Co—O2. The reason for these distortions are, as pointed out by Roy and Jefferey,⁵ the differences in the Co—O and Co—Cl bond lengths and the differences in the van der Waals radii of chlorine and oxygen. Interatomic distances and angles in the phenyl rings are normal. As we can see from Table II, there is a good agreement between the values of the interatomic distances Co—C11 and Co—C12, Co—O1 and Co—O2, O1—P1 and O2—P2 respectively within a value not larger than twice the standard deviations. There is good agreement of these bond length values and similar bond distances determined in the structure of bis(N-benzylidiphenylphosphonic amide)dichlorocobalt (II)⁶ and of bis(trimethylphosphine oxide) dichlorocobalt (II).⁷

The crystal packing consists of an arrangement of

TABLE IV
Least square planes

The equations of planes are expressed in orthogonalized space as $Ax+By+Cz+D=0$

Plane 1 $0.9821x-0.1094y-0.1532z-1.7062=0$

c1 0.033 c4 0.000 c6 0.025
c2 -0.036 c5 0.006 c7 -0.028
c3 -0.001

Plane 2 $-0.3394x+0.9251y-0.1700z-2.9229=0$

c8 0.007 c11 0.005 c13 0.025
c9 -0.008 c12 -0.015 c14 -0.017
c10 0.003

Plane 3 $0.4668x+0.8595y+0.2081z+4.8591=0$

c15 0.019 c18 0.019 c20 0.020
c16 0.017 c19 0.021 c21 0.020
c17 0.018

Plane 4 $0.1496x-0.2316y-0.9612z+1.5678=0$

c22 -0.006 c25 0.000 c27 -0.017
c23 0.006 c26 0.006 c28 0.014
c24 -0.003

Plane 5 $0.2914x+0.9543y+0.0657z+6.6754=0$

c29 0.015 c32 0.019 c34 0.020
c30 -0.027 c33 0.021 c35 0.019
c31 -0.001

Plane 6 $-0.6194x+0.5603y-0.5499z-5.4039=0$

c36 0.026 c39 0.013 c41 0.005
c37 -0.038 c40 0.003 c42 -0.055
c38 -0.009

TABLE V
Dihedral angles between planes

| PLANE NO. | PLANE NO. | DIHEDRAL ANGLE |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | -65.9 |
| 1 | 3 | -70.6 |
| 1 | 4 | 71.4 |
| 1 | 5 | -80.1 |
| 1 | 6 | -54.2 |
| 2 | 3 | -53.0 |
| 2 | 4 | -84.2 |
| 2 | 5 | -39.4 |
| 2 | 6 | 34.7 |
| 3 | 4 | 70.8 |
| 3 | 5 | 14.1 |
| 3 | 6 | -85.5 |
| 4 | 5 | 76.1 |
| 4 | 6 | 72.2 |
| 5 | 6 | -71.5 |

discrete molecules of the title compound. This is illustrated in the ORTEP⁵ stereo view shown in Figure 2.

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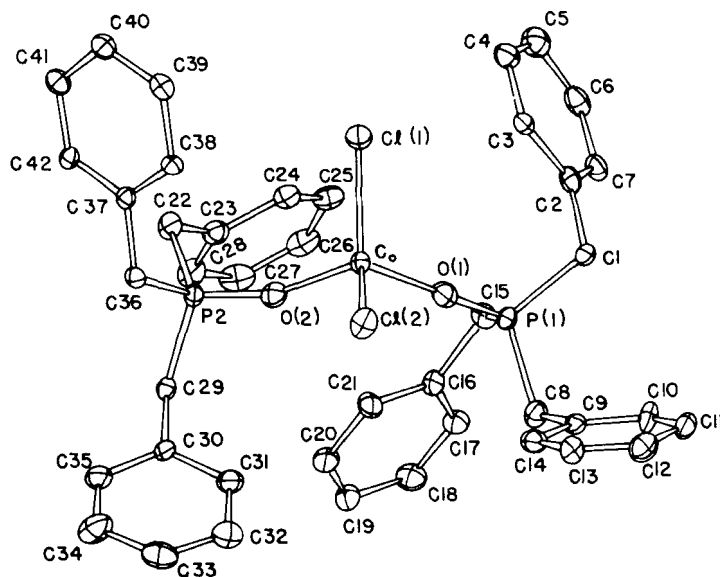


FIGURE 1 The molecular structure of bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt(II).

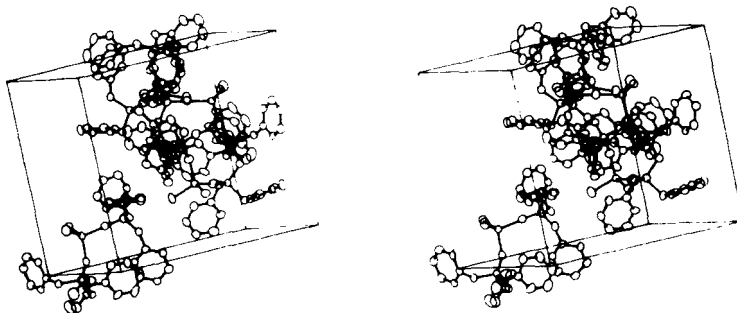


FIGURE 2 Stereo view of the molecular packing of bis(tribenzylphosphine oxide)dichlorocobalt(II)

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