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# Crystal structure of bis(4-acetylanilinium) tetrachloridocobaltate(II)

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The structure of the title salt,  $(C_8H_{10}NO)_2[CoCl_4]$ , is isotypic with the analogous cuprate(II) structure. The asymmetric unit contains one 4-acetylanilinium cation and one half of a tetrachloridocobaltate(II) anion for which the Co<sup>II</sup> atom and two  $Cl^{-}$  ligands lie on a mirror plane. The Co-Cl distances in the distorted tetrahedral anion range from 2.2519(6) to 2.2954 (9) Å and the Cl-Co-Cl angles range from 106.53 (2) to 110.81 (4)°. In the crystal, cations are self-assembled by intermolecular N-H···O hydrogen-bonding interactions, leading to a C(8) chain motif with the chains running parallel to the b axis.  $\pi - \pi$  stacking interactions between benzene rings, with a centroid-to-centroid distance of 3.709 Å, are also observed along this direction. The  $CoCl_4^{2-}$  anions are sandwiched between the cationic chains and interact with each other through intermolecular N-H···Cl hydrogenbonding interactions, forming a three-dimensional network structure.

**Keywords:** crystal structure; isotypism; cobalt(II); hydrogen bonding;  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions.

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#### 1. Related literature

For the structure of the isotypic tetrachloridocuprate(II) compound, see: Elangovan *et al.* (2007).



V = 4146.6 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2$  mm

24499 measured reflections

3329 independent reflections

2439 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\mu = 1.36 \text{ mm}^-$ 

T = 293 K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.035$ 

Z = 8

#### 2. Experimental

2.1. Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} ({\rm C_8H_{10}NO})_2 [{\rm CoCl_4}] \\ M_r = 473.07 \\ {\rm Orthorhombic}, \ Cmce \\ a = 19.4605 \ (6) \\ {\rm \AA} \\ b = 15.5108 \ (6) \\ {\rm \AA} \\ c = 13.7374 \ (5) \\ {\rm \AA} \end{array}$ 

#### 2.2. Data collection

2.3. Refinement

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2004) Tmin = 0.687, Tmor = 0.773

 $T_{\min} = 0.687, T_{\max} = 0.773$ 

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$wR(F^2) = 0.123$	independent and constrained
S = 1.05	refinement
3329 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
131 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.66 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
3 restraints	

Table 1Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
N41 $-$ H41 $A$ ···O11 <sup>i</sup> N41 $-$ H41 $B$ ···Cl2 <sup>ii</sup> N41 $-$ H41 $C$ ···Cl3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.91 (2) 0.92 (2) 0.88 (2)	1.88 (2) 2.31 (2) 2.48 (2)	2.781 (3) 3.211 (2) 3.309 (3)	174 (3) 168 (3) 157 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y - \frac{1}{2}$ , z; (ii)  $x + \frac{1}{2}$ , y,  $-z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (iii)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ , -z + 2.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT*; method used to solve structure: coordinates taken from an isotypic structure; program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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## S1. Synthesis and crystallization

A solution of 4-aminoacetophenone (20 mmol) in 2 ml of HCl and deionized water (10 ml) was added to a 10 ml solution of  $CoCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  (10 mmol). The resulting solution was concentrated and kept unperturbed at ambient temperature for crystallization. Dark green block-shaped crystals were obtained after 7 days.

### S2. Refinement

Since the title complex is isotypic with its tetrachloridocuprate counterpart, it was refined with the coordinates of the latter (Elangovan *et al.*, 2007) as starting parameters. The amino H atoms were located from a difference Fourier map and refined with a distance restraint of N—H = 0.89 (2) Å. The methyl H atoms were constrained to an ideal geometry (C—H = 0.96 Å) with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ , but were allowed to rotate freely about the C–C bond. The remaining H atoms were positioned in geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model with C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . At this stage, the maximum residual electron density of 1.35 e Å<sup>-3</sup> indicated the presence of a possible atom at Wyckofff position 4*a* at a distance of 2.81Å near atom H5. This peak was assumed to be the O atom of a water molecule and was refined with isotropic displacement parameters. However, the resultant model had slightly higher reliability factors and a very high isotropic atomic displacement parameter for this O atom. As a consequence, this water O atom was not included in the final model.



## Figure 1

The molecular components in the structure of the title salt. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry code: (i) -x, y, z.]



### Figure 2

The crystal packing of the title salt viewed along the c axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines; H atoms bound to C were omitted for clarity.

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Crystal data

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#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube  $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scan Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2004)  $T_{\min} = 0.687, T_{\max} = 0.773$ 24499 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ Least-squares matrix: full  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$  $wR(F^2) = 0.123$ S = 1.05  $D_x = 1.516 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 14227 reflections  $\theta = 2.0-30.0^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 KBlock, green  $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$ 

3329 independent reflections 2439 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.035$  $\theta_{max} = 30.9^{\circ}, \ \theta_{min} = 2.2^{\circ}$  $h = -27 \rightarrow 28$  $k = -18 \rightarrow 22$  $l = -19 \rightarrow 18$ 

3329 reflections131 parameters3 restraintsPrimary atom site location: isomorphous structure methods

Hydrogen site location: mixed	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0558P)^2 + 6.0921P]$
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
and constrained refinement	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
	$\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.66 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

Special details

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

 $U_{\rm iso}$ \*/ $U_{\rm eq}$ х Ζ v 011 0.19113 (10) 0.60656 (11) 0.87507 (15) 0.0548(5)0.37078 (11) N41 0.90637 (18) 0.0421(5)0.26577 (13) H41A 0.3519 (18) 0.2142 (15) 0.891(3)0.082 (12)\* H41B 0.4081 (14) 0.276(2)0.867(2) 0.068 (10)\* H41C 0.065 (10)\* 0.3860 (16) 0.268(2)0.9661 (14) C10.46100 (12) 0.0299 (4) 0.22194 (11) 0.87145 (14) 0.37474 (14) C2 0.20229 (11) 0.86968 (16) 0.0353(4)0.042\* H2 0.1563 0.3603 0.8613 C3 0.25125 (12) 0.30994(13)0.88036(16) 0.0366(5)0.044\* H3 0.2384 0.2522 0.8793 C4 0.31896 (11) 0.33283 (13) 0.89257 (15) 0.0322 (4) C5 0.33997 (11) 0.41822 (14) 0.89347 (17) 0.0371 (5) H5 0.045\* 0.3861 0.4324 0.9011 C6 0.29092 (11) 0.48178 (13) 0.88278 (16) 0.0358 (4) 0.043\* H6 0.3042 0.5394 0.8832 C11 0.17101 (12) 0.53274 (14) 0.86411 (15) 0.0352(4)C12 0.09695 (12) 0.51393 (16) 0.8452(2)0.0483 (6) H12A 0.0727 0.5670 0.8343 0.072\* H12B 0.0776 0.4848 0.9004 0.072\* H12C 0.0929 0.4779 0.7886 0.072\* Co1 0.0000 0.25104 (3) 0.86031 (3) 0.03357 (13) Cl1 0.0000 0.33842(5)0.99225 (6) 0.04207 (19) Cl2 0.33034 (6) 0.0000 0.71924 (6) 0.0462(2)C13 0.09841 (3) 0.17486 (5) 0.86639 (6) 0.0601(2)

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

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
011	0.0497 (10)	0.0283 (8)	0.0863 (14)	0.0022 (7)	-0.0056 (9)	-0.0036 (8)
N41	0.0326 (10)	0.0337 (10)	0.0599 (14)	0.0014 (8)	-0.0043 (9)	0.0067 (9)
C1	0.0330 (9)	0.0256 (8)	0.0311 (10)	-0.0005 (7)	0.0005 (8)	-0.0006 (7)
C2	0.0280 (9)	0.0304 (9)	0.0476 (12)	-0.0044 (8)	-0.0006 (8)	0.0006 (8)
C3	0.0337 (10)	0.0261 (9)	0.0499 (12)	-0.0046 (8)	-0.0011 (9)	0.0022 (8)
C4	0.0311 (10)	0.0297 (9)	0.0358 (10)	0.0002 (8)	-0.0012 (8)	0.0030 (8)

# supporting information

C5	0.0306 (10)	0.0329 (10)	0.0479 (12)	-0.0054 (8)	-0.0054 (9)	0.0005 (9)
C6	0.0371 (11)	0.0270 (9)	0.0432 (12)	-0.0060 (8)	-0.0026 (9)	-0.0009 (8)
C11	0.0387 (11)	0.0310 (9)	0.0360 (11)	0.0017 (8)	0.0020 (9)	-0.0008(8)
C12	0.0355 (12)	0.0417 (12)	0.0676 (17)	0.0053 (10)	0.0028 (11)	-0.0038 (11)
Col	0.0253 (2)	0.0355 (2)	0.0399 (2)	0.000	0.000	-0.00463 (16)
Cl1	0.0469 (4)	0.0377 (4)	0.0416 (4)	0.000	0.000	-0.0080 (3)
Cl2	0.0456 (4)	0.0525 (5)	0.0405 (4)	0.000	0.000	0.0007 (3)
Cl3	0.0399 (3)	0.0581 (4)	0.0824 (5)	0.0193 (3)	-0.0109 (3)	-0.0218 (3)

# Geometric parameters (Å, °)

011—C11	1.220 (3)	C4—C5	1.386 (3)
N41—C4	1.461 (3)	C5—C6	1.380 (3)
N41—H41A	0.904 (18)	С5—Н5	0.9300
N41—H41B	0.921 (18)	С6—Н6	0.9300
N41—H41C	0.872 (17)	C11—C12	1.493 (3)
C1—C6	1.389 (3)	C12—H12A	0.9600
C1—C2	1.392 (3)	C12—H12B	0.9600
C1—C11	1.494 (3)	C12—H12C	0.9600
C2—C3	1.393 (3)	Co1—Cl3 <sup>i</sup>	2.2519 (6)
С2—Н2	0.9300	Co1—Cl3	2.2519 (6)
C3—C4	1.375 (3)	Co1—Cl1	2.2631 (9)
С3—Н3	0.9300	Co1—Cl2	2.2954 (9)
C4—N41—H41A	109 (2)	C4—C5—H5	120.7
C4—N41—H41B	110 (2)	C5—C6—C1	120.96 (19)
H41A—N41—H41B	110 (3)	С5—С6—Н6	119.5
C4—N41—H41C	109 (2)	C1—C6—H6	119.5
H41A—N41—H41C	112 (3)	O11—C11—C12	121.0 (2)
H41B—N41—H41C	106 (3)	O11—C11—C1	118.6 (2)
C6—C1—C2	119.37 (19)	C12—C11—C1	120.44 (19)
C6—C1—C11	118.42 (18)	C11—C12—H12A	109.5
C2—C1—C11	122.2 (2)	C11—C12—H12B	109.5
C1—C2—C3	120.3 (2)	H12A—C12—H12B	109.5
C1—C2—H2	119.9	C11—C12—H12C	109.5
C3—C2—H2	119.9	H12A—C12—H12C	109.5
C4—C3—C2	118.82 (19)	H12B—C12—H12C	109.5
C4—C3—H3	120.6	Cl3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—Cl3	116.52 (4)
С2—С3—Н3	120.6	Cl3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—Cl1	106.53 (2)
C3—C4—C5	122.04 (19)	Cl3—Co1—Cl1	106.53 (2)
C3—C4—N41	119.57 (19)	Cl3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—Cl2	108.21 (3)
C5—C4—N41	118.39 (19)	Cl3—Co1—Cl2	108.21 (3)
C6—C5—C4	118.5 (2)	Cl1—Co1—Cl2	110.81 (4)
С6—С5—Н5	120.7		
C6—C1—C2—C3	0.8 (3)	C4—C5—C6—C1	0.1 (3)
C11—C1—C2—C3	-177.6 (2)	C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.8(3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.0 (3)	C11—C1—C6—C5	177.7 (2)

# supporting information

C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.7 (3)	C6-C1-C11-O11	-5.0 (3)
C2-C3-C4-N41	178.4 (2)	C2-C1-C11-O11	173.4 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.7 (3)	C6-C1-C11-C12	175.8 (2)
N41—C4—C5—C6	-178.5 (2)	C2-C1-C11-C12	-5.8 (3)

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

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D····A	D—H···A	
N41—H41A…O11 <sup>ii</sup>	0.91 (2)	1.88 (2)	2.781 (3)	174 (3)	
N41—H41 <i>B</i> ····Cl2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.92 (2)	2.31 (2)	3.211 (2)	168 (3)	
N41—H41 <i>C</i> ····Cl3 <sup>iv</sup>	0.88 (2)	2.48 (2)	3.309 (3)	157 (3)	

Symmetry codes: (ii) -*x*+1/2, *y*-1/2, *z*; (iii) *x*+1/2, *y*, -*z*+3/2; (iv) -*x*+1/2, -*y*+1/2, -*z*+2.