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## Cyanidophenyltris(trimethylphosphine)cobalt(II)

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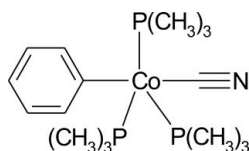
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 373$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.029;  $wR$  factor = 0.077; data-to-parameter ratio = 20.3.

The title molecule,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{CN})(\text{C}_3\text{H}_9\text{P})_3]$ , lies on a crystallographic mirror plane with the  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  ion coordinated in a distorted square-pyramidal environment with one of the P atoms in the apical position. In the basal plane, the phenyl substituent is *trans* to the cyanide group with a  $\text{C}-\text{Co}-\text{C}$  angle which is significantly distorted from linearity.

## Related literature

For related structures, see: Li *et al.* (2006).

## Experimental

## Crystal data

$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{CN})(\text{C}_3\text{H}_9\text{P})_3]$   
 $M_r = 390.27$   
Orthorhombic,  $Pnma$

$a = 12.456$  (3) Å  
 $b = 11.420$  (2) Å  
 $c = 14.495$  (3) Å

$V = 2061.9$  (7) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 1.06$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 373$  (2) K  
 $0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.742$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.816$

12996 measured reflections  
2373 independent reflections  
2185 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.057$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.077$   
 $S = 1.04$   
2373 reflections

117 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.39$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.59$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|                        |             |           |              |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| Co1—C2                 | 1.970 (2)   | Co1—P2    | 2.2034 (6)   |
| Co1—C1                 | 2.011 (3)   | Co1—P1    | 2.2745 (7)   |
| C2—Co1—C1              | 157.00 (9)  | C2—Co1—P1 | 104.05 (6)   |
| C2—Co1—P2              | 88.168 (17) | C1—Co1—P1 | 98.96 (6)    |
| C1—Co1—P2              | 87.783 (16) | P2—Co1—P1 | 100.188 (13) |
| P2—Co1—P2 <sup>i</sup> | 159.58 (3)  |           |              |

Symmetry code: (i)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: LH2572).

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**supplementary materials**

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### Comment

In the molecular structure of the title compound the Co<sup>II</sup> ion is in a distorted square-pyramidal coordination environment with atom P1 in the apical position. In the equatorial plane, the phenyl ring substituent and cyano group are *trans* to each other. The distortion from ideal geometry of the angles around Co1 is most likely due to the steric effects of the bulky P(Me)<sub>3</sub> groups. The Co1—C2 bond is relatively short, while the Co—C1 bond is relatively long compared to related distances in a complex reported by Li *et al.* (2006).

### Experimental

All air-sensitive and volatile materials were handled *in vacuo* or under argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. A solution of benzonitrile (0.63 g, 1.74 mmol) in 10 ml of pentane was combined with a solution of tetra(trimethylphosphine)cobalt(0) (0.18 g, 1.75 mmol) in 50 ml of pentane at 193 K. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 16 h to form a red-brown, turbid solution, which was filtered. Red-brown crystals of the title compound were obtained from the filtrate at 251 K.

### Refinement

H atoms were included in calculated positions and refined as riding atoms with C—H = 0.93–0.96 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2$  (1.5 for methyl groups) times  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

### Figures

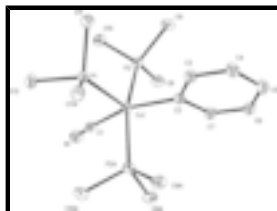


Fig. 1. The molecular structure with atom labels and 30% probability displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms [symmetry code: (A)  $x - y + 1/2, z$ ].

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Orthorhombic, *Pnma*

$F_{000} = 828$

$D_x = 1.257 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

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Hall symbol: -P 2ac 2n

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$V = 2061.9 (7) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

Cell parameters from 11258 reflections

$\theta = 2.1\text{--}22.5^\circ$

$\mu = 1.06 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 373 (2) \text{ K}$

Block, dark red

$0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Monochromator: graphite

$T = 193(2) \text{ K}$

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)

$T_{\min} = 0.742$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.816$

12996 measured reflections

2373 independent reflections

2185 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.057$

$\theta_{\max} = 27.1^\circ$

$\theta_{\min} = 2.2^\circ$

$h = -15 \rightarrow 15$

$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$

$l = -18 \rightarrow 16$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$

$wR(F^2) = 0.077$

$S = 1.04$

2373 reflections

117 parameters

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct  
methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring  
sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.042P)^2 + 0.7567P]$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.019$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.39 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.59 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Extinction correction: none

## 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.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|      | x            | y             | z             | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ | Occ. (<1) |
|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Co1  | 0.75567 (2)  | 0.2500        | 0.524811 (19) | 0.02152 (10)                     |           |
| P1   | 0.66451 (4)  | 0.2500        | 0.66077 (4)   | 0.02425 (13)                     |           |
| P2   | 0.77302 (3)  | 0.06011 (3)   | 0.50237 (3)   | 0.02474 (11)                     |           |
| C1   | 0.9064 (2)   | 0.2500        | 0.57450 (15)  | 0.0281 (4)                       |           |
| C2   | 0.64192 (16) | 0.2500        | 0.43042 (14)  | 0.0243 (4)                       |           |
| C3   | 0.53100 (17) | 0.2500        | 0.44650 (15)  | 0.0272 (4)                       |           |
| H3   | 0.5067       | 0.2500        | 0.5072        | 0.033*                           |           |
| C4   | 0.45567 (18) | 0.2500        | 0.37551 (17)  | 0.0328 (5)                       |           |
| H4   | 0.3828       | 0.2500        | 0.3895        | 0.039*                           |           |
| C5   | 0.4886 (2)   | 0.2500        | 0.28431 (17)  | 0.0358 (5)                       |           |
| H5   | 0.4384       | 0.2500        | 0.2368        | 0.043*                           |           |
| C6   | 0.5977 (2)   | 0.2500        | 0.26512 (16)  | 0.0341 (5)                       |           |
| H6   | 0.6213       | 0.2500        | 0.2043        | 0.041*                           |           |
| C7   | 0.67166 (18) | 0.2500        | 0.33676 (15)  | 0.0290 (4)                       |           |
| H7   | 0.7444       | 0.2500        | 0.3222        | 0.035*                           |           |
| C8   | 0.87110 (13) | 0.03228 (14)  | 0.41206 (12)  | 0.0352 (4)                       |           |
| H8A  | 0.8863       | -0.0500       | 0.4094        | 0.053*                           |           |
| H8B  | 0.9359       | 0.0745        | 0.4253        | 0.053*                           |           |
| H8C  | 0.8428       | 0.0577        | 0.3538        | 0.053*                           |           |
| C9   | 0.65951 (13) | -0.02741 (14) | 0.46370 (12)  | 0.0324 (3)                       |           |
| H9A  | 0.6314       | 0.0049        | 0.4076        | 0.049*                           |           |
| H9B  | 0.6047       | -0.0269       | 0.5102        | 0.049*                           |           |
| H9C  | 0.6826       | -0.1064       | 0.4529        | 0.049*                           |           |
| C10  | 0.82540 (13) | -0.02849 (15) | 0.59702 (12)  | 0.0347 (4)                       |           |
| H10A | 0.8433       | -0.1051       | 0.5745        | 0.052*                           |           |
| H10B | 0.7719       | -0.0350       | 0.6444        | 0.052*                           |           |
| H10C | 0.8885       | 0.0081        | 0.6218        | 0.052*                           |           |
| C11  | 0.57347 (13) | 0.12794 (15)  | 0.68682 (11)  | 0.0323 (3)                       |           |
| H11A | 0.6130       | 0.0558        | 0.6862        | 0.048*                           |           |
| H11B | 0.5177       | 0.1248        | 0.6412        | 0.048*                           |           |
| H11C | 0.5421       | 0.1394        | 0.7467        | 0.048*                           |           |
| C12  | 0.74842 (18) | 0.2500        | 0.76408 (16)  | 0.0333 (5)                       |           |
| H12A | 0.7893       | 0.3212        | 0.7665        | 0.050*                           | 0.50      |
| H12B | 0.7964       | 0.1842        | 0.7622        | 0.050*                           | 0.50      |
| H12C | 0.7037       | 0.2446        | 0.8178        | 0.050*                           | 0.50      |
| N1   | 0.9851 (2)   | 0.2500        | 0.59240 (15)  | 0.0423 (5)                       |           |

Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|     | $U^{11}$     | $U^{22}$     | $U^{33}$     | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$      | $U^{23}$      |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Co1 | 0.01951 (15) | 0.02179 (16) | 0.02326 (17) | 0.000        | -0.00048 (10) | 0.000         |
| P1  | 0.0231 (3)   | 0.0276 (3)   | 0.0220 (2)   | 0.000        | -0.00096 (19) | 0.000         |
| P2  | 0.0226 (2)   | 0.0224 (2)   | 0.0292 (2)   | 0.00031 (14) | 0.00004 (14)  | -0.00009 (14) |
| C1  | 0.0460 (14)  | 0.0156 (9)   | 0.0227 (9)   | 0.000        | 0.0052 (9)    | 0.000         |

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|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| C2  | 0.0265 (9)  | 0.0215 (9)  | 0.0247 (9)  | 0.000       | -0.0022 (8)  | 0.000       |
| C3  | 0.0265 (10) | 0.0286 (10) | 0.0266 (10) | 0.000       | -0.0016 (8)  | 0.000       |
| C4  | 0.0275 (10) | 0.0345 (11) | 0.0364 (11) | 0.000       | -0.0065 (9)  | 0.000       |
| C5  | 0.0409 (12) | 0.0341 (11) | 0.0325 (11) | 0.000       | -0.0139 (10) | 0.000       |
| C6  | 0.0470 (13) | 0.0310 (11) | 0.0244 (10) | 0.000       | -0.0019 (9)  | 0.000       |
| C7  | 0.0306 (11) | 0.0290 (10) | 0.0275 (10) | 0.000       | 0.0013 (8)   | 0.000       |
| C8  | 0.0325 (8)  | 0.0308 (8)  | 0.0421 (9)  | 0.0023 (7)  | 0.0067 (7)   | -0.0037 (7) |
| C9  | 0.0302 (8)  | 0.0272 (7)  | 0.0398 (8)  | -0.0031 (6) | -0.0006 (6)  | -0.0024 (7) |
| C10 | 0.0327 (8)  | 0.0307 (8)  | 0.0407 (9)  | 0.0046 (6)  | -0.0022 (7)  | 0.0065 (7)  |
| C11 | 0.0321 (7)  | 0.0359 (8)  | 0.0289 (7)  | -0.0044 (7) | 0.0023 (6)   | 0.0010 (6)  |
| C12 | 0.0315 (11) | 0.0434 (13) | 0.0251 (11) | 0.000       | -0.0037 (8)  | 0.000       |
| N1  | 0.0585 (15) | 0.0298 (10) | 0.0386 (11) | 0.000       | 0.0021 (11)  | 0.000       |

### *Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

|                         |              |            |           |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Co1—C2                  | 1.970 (2)    | C5—H5      | 0.9300    |
| Co1—C1                  | 2.011 (3)    | C6—C7      | 1.388 (3) |
| Co1—P2                  | 2.2034 (6)   | C6—H6      | 0.9300    |
| Co1—P2 <sup>i</sup>     | 2.2034 (6)   | C7—H7      | 0.9300    |
| Co1—P1                  | 2.2745 (7)   | C8—H8A     | 0.9600    |
| P1—C12                  | 1.826 (2)    | C8—H8B     | 0.9600    |
| P1—C11                  | 1.8362 (16)  | C8—H8C     | 0.9600    |
| P1—C11 <sup>i</sup>     | 1.8362 (16)  | C9—H9A     | 0.9600    |
| P2—C9                   | 1.8200 (16)  | C9—H9B     | 0.9600    |
| P2—C8                   | 1.8186 (16)  | C9—H9C     | 0.9600    |
| P2—C10                  | 1.8252 (16)  | C10—H10A   | 0.9600    |
| C1—N1                   | 1.014 (3)    | C10—H10B   | 0.9600    |
| C2—C3                   | 1.401 (3)    | C10—H10C   | 0.9600    |
| C2—C7                   | 1.407 (3)    | C11—H11A   | 0.9600    |
| C3—C4                   | 1.393 (3)    | C11—H11B   | 0.9600    |
| C3—H3                   | 0.9300       | C11—H11C   | 0.9600    |
| C4—C5                   | 1.384 (4)    | C12—H12A   | 0.9602    |
| C4—H4                   | 0.9300       | C12—H12B   | 0.9602    |
| C5—C6                   | 1.388 (4)    | C12—H12C   | 0.9602    |
| C2—Co1—C1               | 157.00 (9)   | C5—C6—H6   | 120.0     |
| C2—Co1—P2               | 88.168 (17)  | C7—C6—H6   | 120.0     |
| C1—Co1—P2               | 87.783 (16)  | C6—C7—C2   | 123.2 (2) |
| C2—Co1—P2 <sup>i</sup>  | 88.168 (17)  | C6—C7—H7   | 118.4     |
| C1—Co1—P2 <sup>i</sup>  | 87.783 (16)  | C2—C7—H7   | 118.4     |
| P2—Co1—P2 <sup>i</sup>  | 159.58 (3)   | P2—C8—H8A  | 109.5     |
| C2—Co1—P1               | 104.05 (6)   | P2—C8—H8B  | 109.5     |
| C1—Co1—P1               | 98.96 (6)    | H8A—C8—H8B | 109.5     |
| P2—Co1—P1               | 100.188 (13) | P2—C8—H8C  | 109.5     |
| P2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—P1 | 100.188 (13) | H8A—C8—H8C | 109.5     |
| C12—P1—C11              | 100.65 (7)   | H8B—C8—H8C | 109.5     |
| C12—P1—C11 <sup>i</sup> | 100.65 (7)   | P2—C9—H9A  | 109.5     |
| C11—P1—C11 <sup>i</sup> | 98.78 (11)   | P2—C9—H9B  | 109.5     |

|                          |             |               |       |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| C12—P1—Co1               | 115.14 (8)  | H9A—C9—H9B    | 109.5 |
| C11—P1—Co1               | 119.11 (5)  | P2—C9—H9C     | 109.5 |
| C11 <sup>i</sup> —P1—Co1 | 119.11 (5)  | H9A—C9—H9C    | 109.5 |
| C9—P2—C8                 | 101.78 (8)  | H9B—C9—H9C    | 109.5 |
| C9—P2—C10                | 101.81 (8)  | P2—C10—H10A   | 109.5 |
| C8—P2—C10                | 101.78 (8)  | P2—C10—H10B   | 109.5 |
| C9—P2—Co1                | 120.65 (6)  | H10A—C10—H10B | 109.5 |
| C8—P2—Co1                | 110.13 (6)  | P2—C10—H10C   | 109.5 |
| C10—P2—Co1               | 118.01 (6)  | H10A—C10—H10C | 109.5 |
| N1—C1—Co1                | 173.8 (2)   | H10B—C10—H10C | 109.5 |
| C3—C2—C7                 | 114.84 (19) | P1—C11—H11A   | 109.5 |
| C3—C2—Co1                | 126.43 (16) | P1—C11—H11B   | 109.5 |
| C7—C2—Co1                | 118.73 (16) | H11A—C11—H11B | 109.5 |
| C4—C3—C2                 | 122.8 (2)   | P1—C11—H11C   | 109.5 |
| C4—C3—H3                 | 118.6       | H11A—C11—H11C | 109.5 |
| C2—C3—H3                 | 118.6       | H11B—C11—H11C | 109.5 |
| C5—C4—C3                 | 120.4 (2)   | P1—C12—H12A   | 109.5 |
| C5—C4—H4                 | 119.8       | P1—C12—H12B   | 109.5 |
| C3—C4—H4                 | 119.8       | H12A—C12—H12B | 109.5 |
| C4—C5—C6                 | 118.8 (2)   | P1—C12—H12C   | 109.5 |
| C4—C5—H5                 | 120.6       | H12A—C12—H12C | 109.5 |
| C6—C5—H5                 | 120.6       | H12B—C12—H12C | 109.5 |
| C5—C6—C7                 | 120.0 (2)   |               |       |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, -y+1/2, z$ .

Fig. 1

