



Quantitative Crystal Structure Analysis of Complex: tris((1-((E)-o-tolyldiazenyl)naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)cobalt

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Abstract: Recently, azo derivatives have attracted attention because the phenylazo-naphtholate group can provide N,O-bidentate chelation to stabilize transition or main group metal complexes. azo derivatives and their metal complexes are very important pigments for synthetic leather and vinyl polymers. On the other hand, Azo-metal chelates are known to be involved in a number of biological reactions, such as inhibition of DNA, RNA, and protein synthesis, nitrogen fixation, and carcinogenesis. Furthermore, high-density optical data storage has been a subject of extensive research in the past decade. The present work aimed chiefly to throw more light on the Structural characterization of the title mononuclear Co(II). The coordination behaviour of this azo compound towards Co(II) ion is reported using different analytical tools of single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. Furthermore, the role of weak intermolecular interactions in the crystal packing has been analysed.

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1. Introduction

The development of metal complexes based on azo compounds has grown considerably in recent years. This is due to the diversity of the fields of application offered by these compounds. One of the most important areas where coordination compounds contain azo compounds is used in textile chemistry.

They are mainly based on chromium, copper, cobalt, nickel....etc. They are used for coloring cotton, wool, polyamide, leather. Indeed, these materials have the advantage of being able to combine the properties from the organic compound and the inorganic compound, while giving hope for a synergy between these two properties.

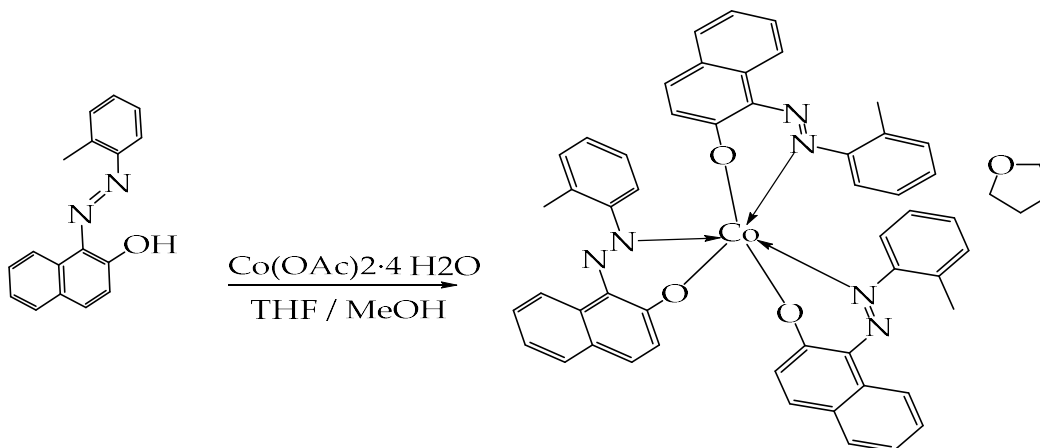
Metal complex dyes exhibit excellent unison dyeing and penetration characteristics and utilize the ability to cover surface irregularities. They have good light fastness and wash fastness properties even for dark shades.

We develop in the following the synthesis of an organic-inorganic hybrid material based on an azo compound using cobalt acetate. In which it will be treated by a detailed study of the crystal structure by X-ray diffraction, the spectroscopic methods; infrared and proton nuclear magnetic resonance.

2. Experimental

Our monoatomic Cobalt (II) complex was prepared by adding 0.003 mol of the ligand 1-(o-tolyldiazenyl) naphthalen-2-ol to 0.001 mol of Co (OAc) 2.4 H₂O in a mixture of THF/MeOH (10/10 mL). The reaction mixture remained under stirring for 12 h at room temperature. Volatiles were removed in vacuo.

Brown crystals were obtained after a period of a few days by slow evaporation of the solution at room temperature. These could be isolated under an optical microscope for further X-ray analysis. The reaction scheme for the different stages of the synthesis of our complex is shown Scheme 1 below:



Scheme 1. Synthesis of complex.

3. Results and Discussion

The functional groups have been identified using infrared spectroscopy and proton nuclear magnetic resonance.

3.1. Infrared Spectra

The infrared spectrum of this compound shows a band located at 1360 cm^{-1} which is attributed to the N = N function, an absorption around 1144 cm^{-1} is due to the band of the CN bond, a band appearing at 1211 cm^{-1} is attributed to the mode of vibration of the CO bond (aromatic). In the spectra are the usual modes of aromatic ring vibrations and these reveal small shifts in the complex than in the free ligand, which is due to the expected electronic structure changes upon coordination. The proposed assignments are based on previous results and pertinent bibliography. While bands have frequencies 630 cm^{-1} and 563 cm^{-1} indicating coordination through the oxygen atom and the nitrogen atom.

3.2. NMR spectra

In the ¹H NMR spectrum the multiplets at 6 - 8 ppm correspond to the aromatic protons. The disappearance of the signal at around 16 ppm belongs to the labile H of the hydroxyl (O-H····N) ligand, thus confirming the formation of the Co-O coordination, in place of H-O.

3.3. X-ray Diffraction

The crystal of the compound tris((1-(E)-o-tolyldiazenyl)naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)cobalt, was obtained in a test tube from an ethanol saturated solution through the slow evaporation of the solvent; the crystals were dried and separated for analysis of X-ray diffraction.

The crystalline data for this compound can be seen in Table 1. The complex crystallizes in a monoclinic system $a = 11.114$ (3) Å $b = 180.690$ (5) Å $c = 22.229$ (6) Å, $\beta = 110.015^\circ$, presenting space

group P21/c with Z equal to 4 repeat units per unit cell, which comprises a volume of 4338.8 Å³. Figure 1 represents the repeat unit of the complex formed.

Table 1. Crystal data of Cobalt complex.

Chemical formula	C₅₅H₄₇CoN₆O₄
weight (g/mol)	914.54
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.1142 (3) Å
	b = 18.6906 (5) Å β = 110.015 (2)°
	c = 22.2292 (6) Å
Crystal system	Monoclinique
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
V (Å ³)	4338.8 (2)
Z	4
D _{cal} (g/cm ³)	1.4
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.45
F(000)	1912
R[F ² >2σ(F ²)] = 0.046	w = 1/[σ ² (F _o ²) + (0.0608P) ² + 4.0091P] avec P = (F _o ² + 2F _c ²)/3
wR(F ²) = 0.126	(Δ/σ) _{max} = 0.008
S = 1.04	ΔQ _{max} = 0.67 e Å ⁻³
7669 No. of measured, independent and 5980 observed reflections [I > 2σ(I)]	ΔQ _{min} = -0.52 e Å ⁻³

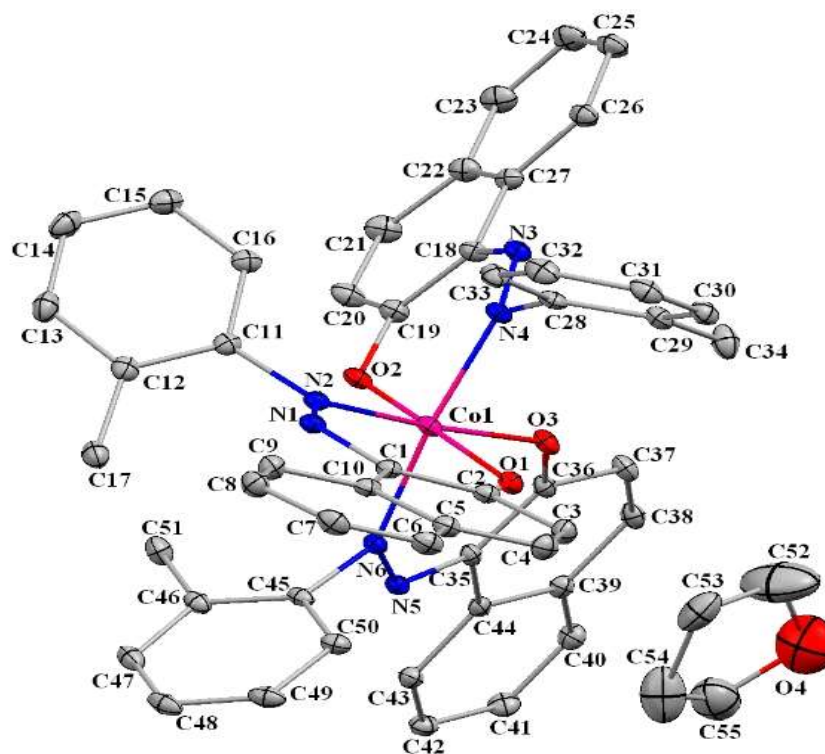


Figure 1. The asymmetric unit of Cobalt (II) complex (H atoms have been omitted for clarity).

For this compound the building block was formed through the coordination between three azo dyes and the cobalt ion; the metallic site appears coordinated in an octahedral geometry slightly

distorted, with the bond angles between the O1-Co-O3, O2-Co-O3, N2-Co-N4 and N2-Co-N6 atoms presenting values of 86.39°, 87.38°, 92.71° and 95.75° respectively. However, we notice that the angles (O-Co-N) have values varying between 82.32°–93.77°.

The structure described here of the ML 3 × 3 type presents three bidentate ligands and it exists in the form isomer (mer) in which the two of the three identical atoms (O1; O2; O3 or N2; N4; N6) are Trans and therefore these three Identical atoms are on the same plane passing through the metallic center.

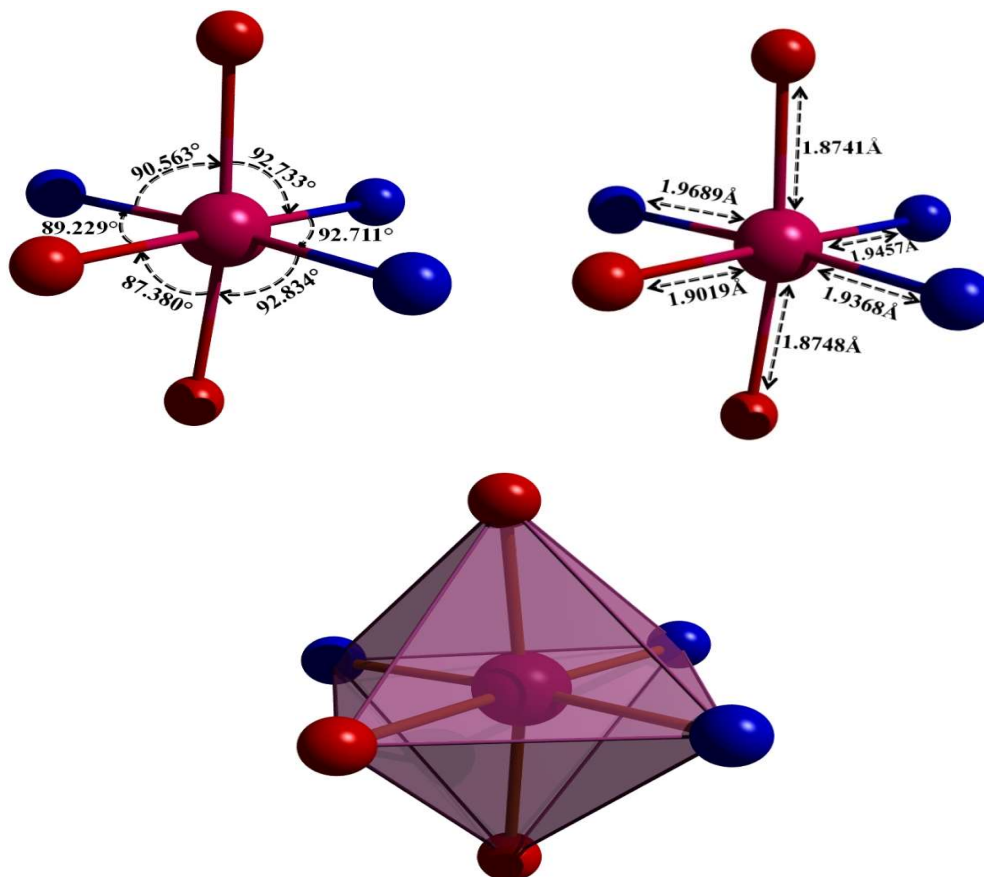


Figure 2. Environment of the cobalt atom.

The solid state arrangement displays supramolecular interactions of the p- stacking type between the rings of the benzene group (Cg9, Cg12) and the center of gravity Cg1 which represents the center of the ring (Co O1 C2 C1 N1 N2). The distance between the two centroids from the naphthol groups (opposite rings) is 3.534 Å and 3.834 Å. Further interaction is observed between the Cg9 center of gravity of the benzene ring, with the Cg4 center of gravity of the naphthalene ring with a distance of 3.759 Å, these interactions play an important role in the structural stability of the complex (Figure 3).

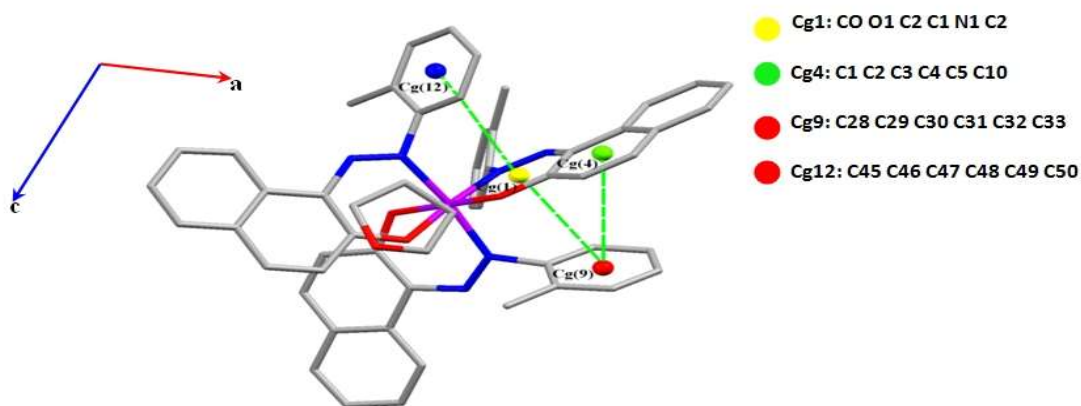


Figure 3. p-stacking.

The C-H... π interactions generated by our complex are essentially of four types; the first is an intramolecular type interaction between C17-H17B and the center of gravity Cg12 with a distance [C17-H17B...Cg12 = 2.69 Å] and the second is that observed between aromatic CH (C14-H14, C15-H15) and the centers of gravity (Cg12, Cg9) of the benzene ring with distances [C14-H14...Cg12 = 2.94 Å, and C15-H15...Cg9 = 2.90 Å], the third observed between aromatic CH (C30-H30, C32-H32) and the centers of gravity (Cg11, Cg8) of the naphthalene ring with distances [C30-H30...Cg11 = 2.96 Å, and C32-H32...Cg8 = 2.94Å]. However the latter is linked the THF molecule with the complex, this distance interaction [C55-H55B...Cg10 = 2.79 Å] (Figure 4). All of the C-H ... π interactions are reported in Table 2.

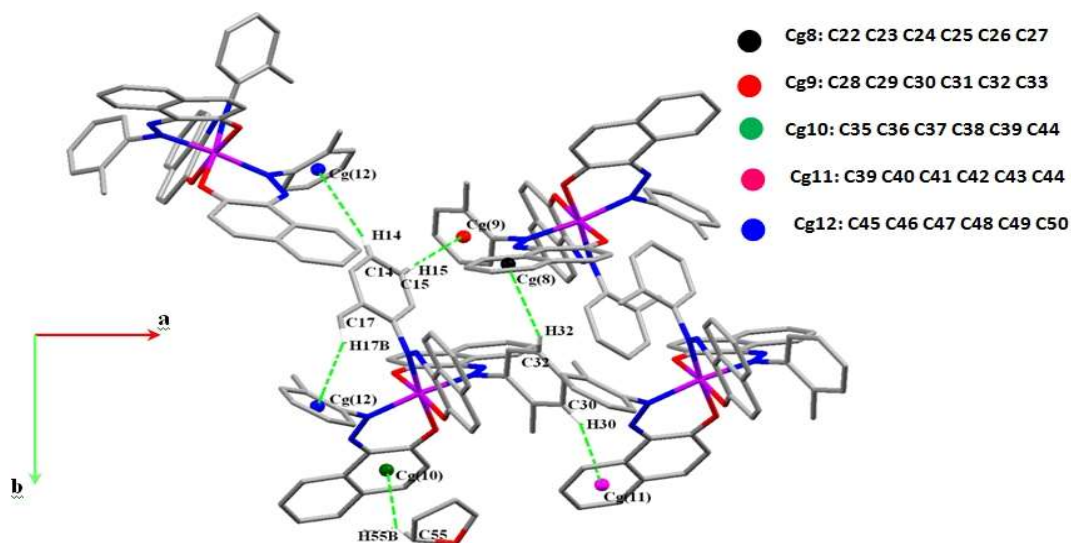


Figure 4. C-H... π interactions.

Table 2. interactions C-H... π .

X--H(I)	CgI	H....Cg(Å)	X....Cg(Å)	X-H....Cg(°)
C17-H17B	Cg12 ⁱ	2.694	3.562	151
C14-H14	Cg12 ⁱⁱ	2.938	3.803	155
C15-H15	Cg9 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.903	3.828	173
C30-H30	Cg11 ^{iv}	2.964	3.736	141
C32-H32	Cg8 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.941	3.602	129
C50-H50B	Cg10 ⁱ	2.788	3.669	151

Symmetry codes: (i): X, Y, Z, (ii): -X, -1/2 + Y, 1/2, (iii): Z1 - X, 1 - Y, 1 - Z, (iv): 1 + X, Y, Z. Cg8: The centroids of the benzene ring (C22...C27). Cg9: The centroids of the benzene ring (C28...C33). Cg10: The centroids of the benzene ring (C35...C39-C44). Cg11: The centroids of the benzene ring (C39...C44). Cg12: The centroids of the benzene ring (C45...C50).

These distances suggest an arrangement, which is maintained united by p-stacking and CH/p supramolecular interactions, which are observed between the centroids of the naphthol groups and CH/p, being notably important for the packaging of this crystalline system.

4. Conclusions

A coordination compound derived from 1- (o-tolyldiazenyl) naphthalen-2-ol were synthesized with cobalt ion present octahedron geometry. X-ray diffraction and spectroscopic methods: IR, ¹H-NMR among other techniques experimental and theoretical were used for structural elucidation of this compound. Supramolecular interactions based on p-stacking type between the two centroids from benzen rings were observed at 3.534 Å, 3.834 Å and 3.759 Å; another important supramolecular interaction was observed between the CH from the phenyl group and the centroid of the benzen group, with the average distance of 3.600 Å.

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