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Humidity and temperature driven transformations in ferroelectric quinuclidine-based chlorocobaltate(II) complex salt: bulk and thin films with preferred orientation

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Abbreviations:

I	=	[H-(O)ABCO] ₂ (CoCl ₄)·H ₂ O	Hydrate phase
II	=	[H-(O)ABCO] ₂ (CoCl ₄)	Anhydrous phase
[H-(O)ABCO] ⁺	=	1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-3-one cation, C ₇ H ₁₂ NO	

Table S1. Crystallographic data and structure refinement details from single-crystal XRD analysis for [H-(O)ABCO]₂(CoCl₄)·H₂O (I) and [H-(O)ABCO]₂(CoCl₄) (II)

Compound	I	II-LT	II
Temperature/K	293	100	293
Crystal colour, habit	Blue, prism	Blue, prism	Blue, prism
Empirical formula	C ₁₄ H ₂₆ Cl ₄ Co N ₂ O ₃	C ₁₄ H ₂₄ Cl ₄ Co N ₂ O ₂	C ₁₄ H ₂₄ Cl ₄ Co N ₂ O ₂
<i>M_r</i> /g mol ⁻¹	471.10	453.08	453.08
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>Pc2₁n</i>	<i>P2₁</i>	<i>P2₁</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	14.2651(2)	6.93160(10)	6.5717(5)
<i>b</i> /Å	9.0392(2)	12.3079(2)	13.5034(7)
<i>c</i> /Å	15.7057(3)	11.5102(2)	21.0441(12)
<i>α</i> /°	90	90	90
<i>β</i> /°	90	105.751(2)	90.322(6)
<i>γ</i> /°	90	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å ³	2025.17(7)	945.10(3)	1867.4(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	2
<i>ρ</i> _{calcd} /g cm ⁻³	1.545	1.592	1.612
<i>μ</i> /mm ⁻¹	11.632	12.398	12.550
<i>F</i> (000)	972	466	
<i>θ</i> range/°	4.187–88.168	3.990 - 79.671	932
Measured reflections	9146	6761	6711
Independent reflections	3031	3138	3920
Observed reflections	2917	2988	2454
No. of parameters, restraints	225, 6	209, 1	340, 1
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0347	0.0286	0.3964*
<i>R</i> , w <i>R</i> [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0427, 0.1118	0.0351, 0.0959	0.1884, 0.4327
<i>R</i> , w <i>R</i> [all data]	0.0437, 0.1126	0.0369, 0.0972	0.2494, 0.5132
Goodness of fit	1.064	1.051	1.969
Δ <i>ρ</i> _{max} , Δ <i>ρ</i> _{min} /e Å ⁻³	0.647, -0.368	0.467, -0.315	
Flack parameter	0.010(5)	-0.030(4)	-0.01(2)

* High *R*_{int} value is due to a twinned crystal in with very high proportion of completely overlapped reflections, which makes it impossible to obtain a better structural model.

Table S2. Crystallographic data and structure refinement details from PXRD analysis for [H-(O)ABCO]₂(CoCl₄)·H₂O (I), [H-(O)ABCO]₂(CoCl₄) (II) and [H-(O)ABCO]₂(CoCl₄) (III).

Compound	I	II	III
Temperature/K	298	298	393
Empirical formula	C ₁₄ H ₂₆ Cl ₄ CoN ₂ O ₃	C ₁₄ H ₂₄ Cl ₄ CoN ₂ O ₂	C ₁₄ H ₂₄ Cl ₄ CoN ₂ O ₂
<i>M_r</i> /g mol ⁻¹	471.10	453.08	453.08
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>Pc2₁n</i>	<i>P2₁</i>	<i>Pc</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	14.2541	6.5826	18.5195
<i>b</i> /Å	9.0386	13.5080	12.2279
<i>c</i> /Å	15.6952	21.0568	18.4294
<i>α</i> /°	90	90	90
<i>β</i> /°	90	90.468	120.508
<i>γ</i> /°	90	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å ³	2022.143	1872.288	3595.663
<i>Z</i>	4	2	2
Step size/°	0.013	0.013	0.013
2θ range/°	4–50	4–50	8.5–50
<i>R_p</i>	0.336	0.761	1.93
<i>R_{wp}</i>	0.426	0.970	2.43
<i>R_{exp}</i>	0.380	0.736	2.16
Goodness of fit	1.12	1.32	1.13
Background	Chebyshev polynomial of 6 th order		Chebyshev polynomial of 7 th

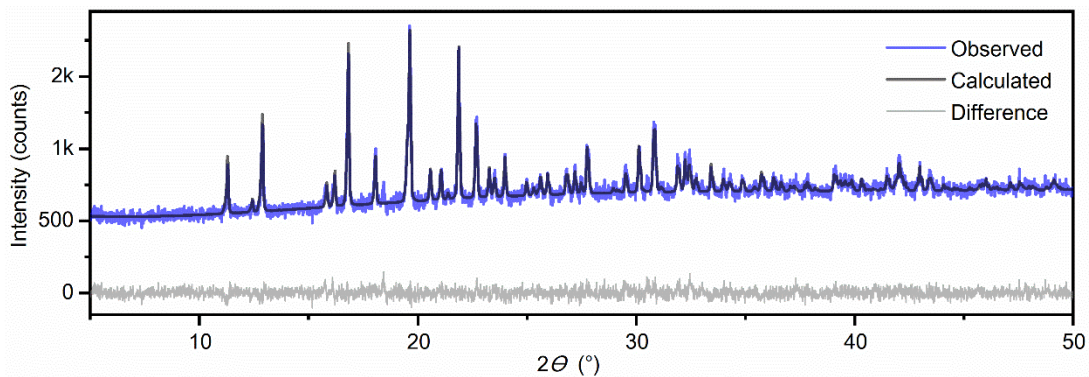


Figure S1. PXRD pattern and profile fitting results for $[\text{H}-(\text{O})\text{ABCO}]_2(\text{CoCl}_4) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (I) at 298 K.

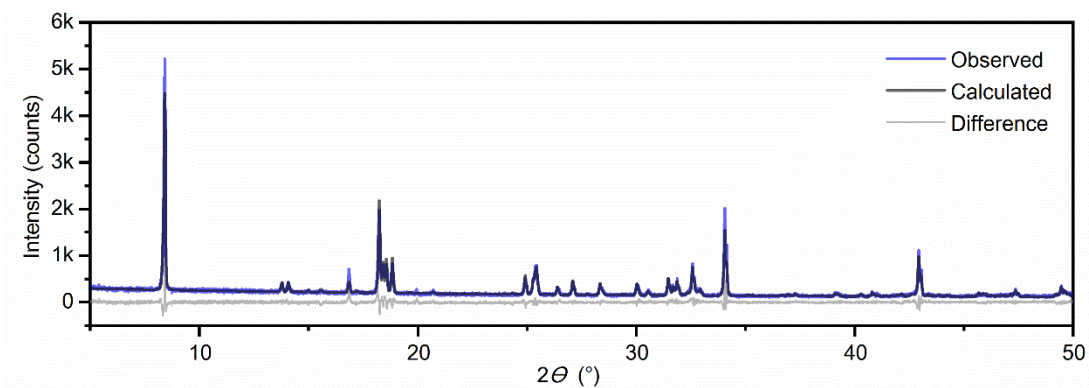


Figure S2. PXRD pattern and profile fitting results for $[\text{H}-(\text{O})\text{ABCO}]_2(\text{CoCl}_4)$ (II) at 298 K.

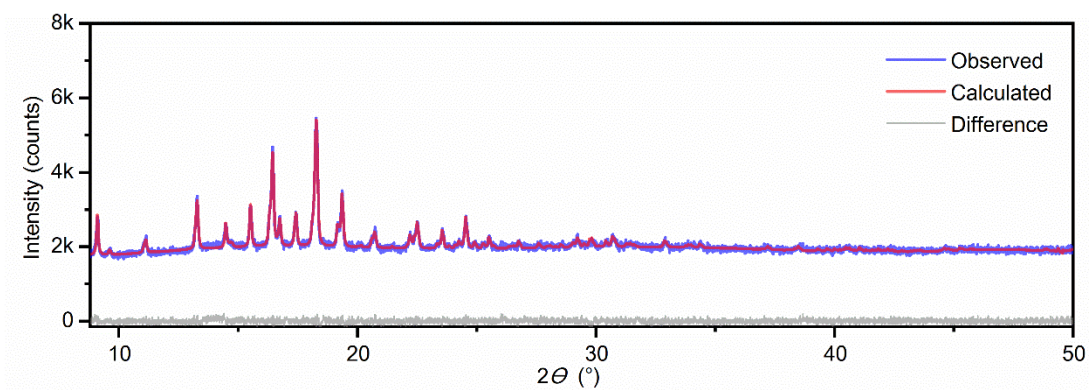


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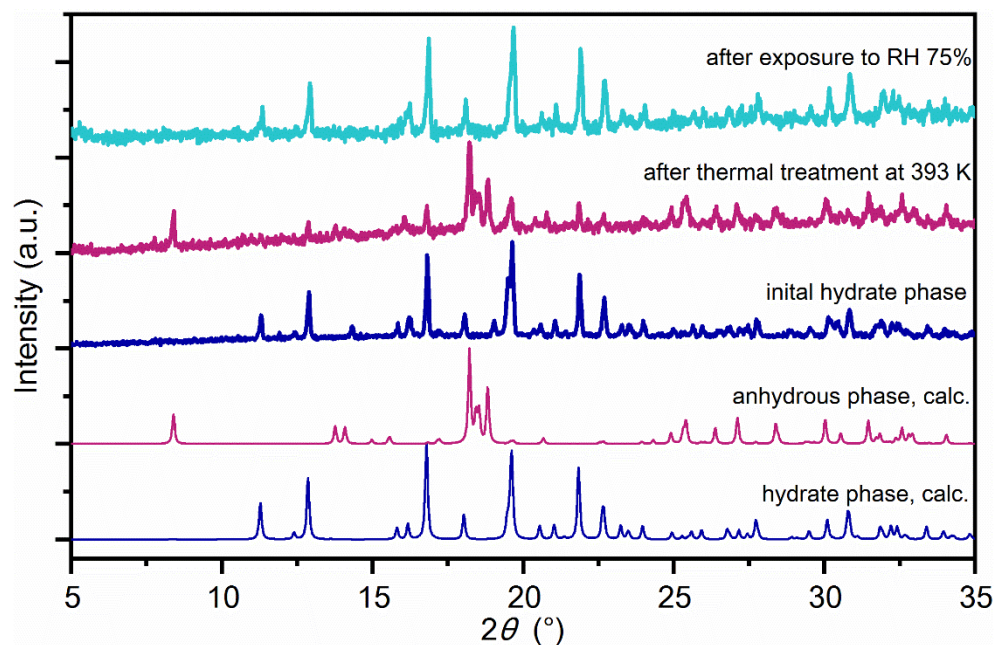


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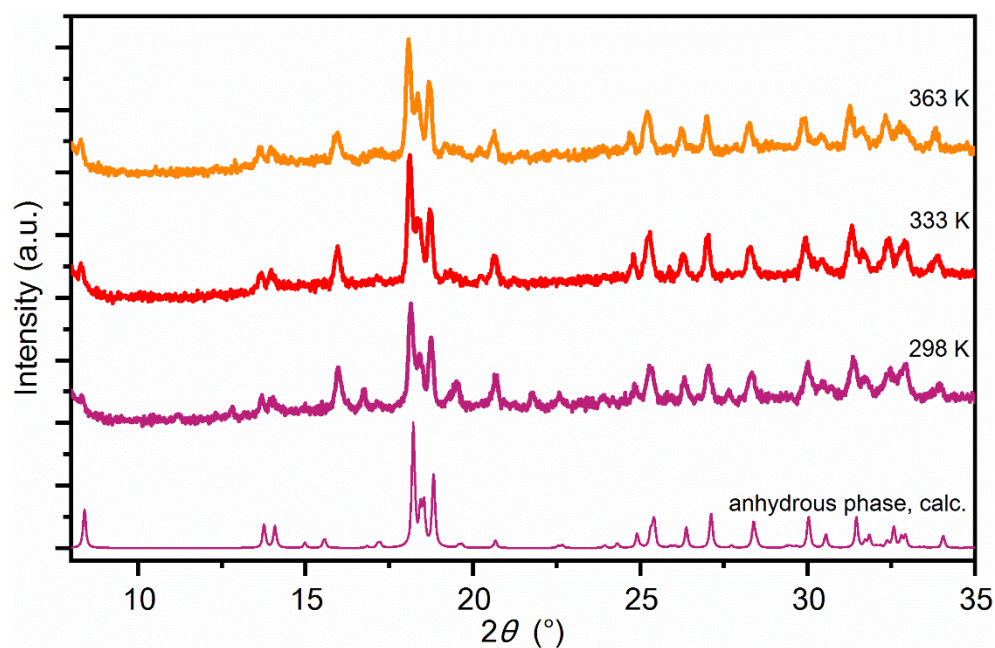


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