Multicomponent Ionic Complexes of Cobalt(II) Tetraphenylporphyrin with C_{60} Fullerides – Transition from the σ -Bonded [(Co^{II}TPP)·(C₆₀⁻)] Anion to Nonbonded Co^{II}TPP and C₆₀⁻ Components

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New multicomponent ionic complexes containing $[(Cation^+)\cdot(C_{60}^-)]$ fullerides and neutral Co^{II}TPP molecules were obtained [the cations are Cs⁺ (1), tetramethylammonium (CH₃)₄N⁺ (2) and *N*-methylpyridinium *N*-MePy⁺ (3)]. The crystal structure of 1 determined from single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis contains chains of alternating Co^{II}TPP and C₆₀⁻⁻ units with voids accommodating solvated $[(Cs^+)\cdot(C_6H_5CN)_{1.64}]\cdot CH_3CN$ counter cations. Relatively long Co···C distances between Co^{II}TPP and C₆₀⁻⁻ in 1 (2.55–3.05 Å) indicate the absence of noticeable bonding of

Introduction

Fullerene C₆₀-based compounds possess unique magnetic, conductive, and photoactive properties.^[1,2] From this variety of compounds, fullerene assemblies with metal-containing porphyrins are of special interest due to possible applications in energy transducers and the modeling of artificial photosynthesis.^[2,3] About several tens of fullerene donor–acceptor complexes ranging from molecular to ionic ones,^[4–9] as well as covalently and noncovalently linked dyads and triads^[3] were obtained with metal octaethyl- and tetraphenylporphyrins. In this context it is very important to understand the metal–fullerene interaction

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that occurs in such assemblies. Neutral fullerenes are considered to be relatively weak ligands when they coordinate with metal-containing porphyrins.^[8,9] Among different metalloporphyrins only iron(II), iron(III), and cobalt(II) tetraphenylporphyrins form short M···C(C₆₀) contacts of 2.58–2.63, 2.57, and 2.58–2.69 Å, respectively, with C₆₀.^[10–13] These contacts are shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of the M and C atoms, but essentially longer than typical M···C distances when a strong M···C bond is formed, for example, in alkylcobalamins (1.99–2.03 Å).^[14]

The preparation of the multicomponent ionic complexes $[{Cr^{I}(C_{6}H_{6})2^{+}} \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot fullerene^{-}) \cdot (C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})]$ allows us to study the interaction of cobalt(II) tetraphenylporphyrin with fullerene radical anions of C₆₀, C₇₀, and C₆₀CN₂. It turned out that the fullerene radical anions are bound more strongly to Co^{II}TPP than neutral fullerenes and form unusual diamagnetic σ -bonded (Co^{II}TPP·fullerene⁻) anions with shortened Co…C(fullerene⁻) distances of 2.28–2.32 Å.^[13,15] However, these interatomic distances are longer than those for the strong M···C bond in alkylcobalamins and indicate a relatively weak σ -bond in (Co^{II}TPP·fullerene⁻) anions. Therefore, the dissociation of these anions could be expected. Indeed, the study of another multicomponent ionic complex with bulkier tetrakis-(dimethylamino)ethylene — $[(TDAE^{+}) \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-})]$ indicates the presence of diamagnetic σ -bonded $[Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-}]$ anions in the 2–190 K range, which dis-

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sociate to paramagnetic and EPR-active, nonbonded Co^{II}-TPP and C_{60} ⁻⁻ components at temperatures higher than 190 K.^[16]

Here we report on new multicomponent ionic complexes containing [Cation⁺·C₆₀⁻] fullerides and neutral Co^{II}TPP, where the cations are Cs⁺ (in 1), tetramethylammonium (CH₃)₄N⁺ (in 2), and *N*-methylpyridinium *N*-MePy⁺ (in 3). The crystal structure of [(Cs⁺)·(Co^{II}TPP)·(C₆₀⁻)· (C₆H₅CN)_{1.64}·(C₆H₄Cl₂)_{0.36}·CH₃CN] (1), the IR and EPR spectra of 1, [{(CH₃)₄N⁺}·(Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻)·(C₆H₅CN)· (C₆H₄Cl₂)] (2), and [(*N*-MePy⁺)·(Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻)· (C₆H₄Cl₂)_{1.2}] (3) are presented. For the first time, the complex containing nonbonded Co^{II}TPP and C₆₀⁻⁻ components in the 4–290 K range is described and its properties are compared with those of the complexes containing diamagnetic σ -bonded [Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻⁻] anions.

Results and Discussion

The resulting complexes are presented in Table 1. Crystals of 1-3 were obtained by diffusion of *n*-hexane into a solution containing the corresponding [Cation⁺·C₆₀⁻⁻] salts and Co^{II}TPP in anaerobic conditions. The crystal structure of 1 was studied at 110 K.^[17] Two crystallographically independent Co^{II}TPP molecules are located in inversion centers, whereas C₆₀⁻⁻, Cs⁺, and the solvent C₆H₅CN, C₆H₄Cl₂, and CH₃CN molecules are in general positions. The C₆₀⁻⁻ units are disordered between two orientations (40:60 occupancy) related to each other by their rotation about the noncrystallographic fourfold axis passing through the molecular centroid and the midpoints of two 6–6 bonds.



Figure 1. The crystal structure of 1; the disordered $C_6H_4Cl_2$ molecules are omitted; only the major orientation of C_{60} is shown

The main structural motif of the complex is a zigzag chain of alternating Co^{II}TPP and C₆₀⁻⁻ molecules (Figure 1). Similar motifs were found in the neutral complexes of fullerenes with both metal-containing and metal-free tetraphenylporphyrins.^[5-7,13] Each C₆₀ unit forms shortened contacts with two Co^{II}TPP molecules (Figure 1). The shortest Co···C(C₆₀) contacts are in the 2.55–3.07 Å range for both orientations of C_{60} . These contacts are of the σ type (Figure 2); however, they are longer than those in the σ-bonded diamagnetic [Co^{II}TPP·fullerene⁻] anions (fullerene: C_{60} and $C_{60}CN_2$; 2.28–2.32 Å)^[13,15] and close to those in the neutral complexes of Fe^{II}, Fe^{III}, and Co^{II}TPP with $C_{60} (2.57-2.69 \text{ Å})^{[10-13]}$. Thus, in contrast to the previously studied ionic complexes $[{Cr^{I}(C_{6}H_{6})_{2}^{\cdot+}}]_{1.7} \cdot {(Co^{II}TPP \cdot$ $C_{60}_{2}^{1.7-} \cdot (C_6H_4Cl_2)_{3.3}$ and $[(TDAE^{+}) \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-})], 1$ contains nonbonded Co^{II}TPP and C₆₀⁻⁻ components at 110 K. The weakness of the ComC_{60} ⁻⁻ bonding in 1 is also justified by the rotation disorder of the C_{60} radical anions, whereas they are ordered in the complex $[{Cr^{I}(C_{6}H_{6})_{2}^{\cdot +}}_{1.7} \cdot {(Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60})_{2}}^{1.7} \cdot (C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})_{3.3}].^{[13]}A$ dihedral angle of 63.8° between the planes of the porphyrin macrocycles of A and B (Figure 1) is larger in 1 than those in the neutral complexes of tetraphenylporphyrins with full-39.0° in $[Cu^{II}TPP \cdot C_{70} \cdot (C_6H_5Me)_{1.5} \cdot (Cl_2C =$ erenes: CHCl)_{0.5}];^[6] 44.1° in [Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀·(C₆H₄Cl₂)_{2.5}],^[13] and 45.3° in $[H_2TPP \cdot C_{60} \cdot (C_6H_5Me)_3]$.^[5]



Figure 2. Coordination surrounding of the Cs⁺ cation and the cobalt atom of Co^{II}TPP in the crystal structure of 1; the disordered C₆H₄Cl₂ molecules are omitted; only the major orientation of C₆₀⁻⁻ is shown

No.	Complex	Elemental analysis found/calcd. C H, N, Cl, Difference (%) ^[a] According to X-ray diffraction data					Shape
1	$Cs \cdot Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60} \cdot (C_6H_5CN)_{1.64}(C_6H_4Cl_2)_{0.36} \cdot CH_3CN $ $\{(CH_3)_4N\} \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}) \cdot (C_6H_5CN) \cdot (C_6H_4Cl_2)$						prisms
2		81.36/	3.02/	4.66/	3.67/	7.29/	prisms
		82.30	2.94	5.04	4.26	3.54 (Co), 1.92 (O)	•
3	$N-\text{MePy-Co^{II}TPP-C}_{60} \cdot (C_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}_2)_{1,2}$	81.14/	2.72/	4.12/	4.99/	7.03/	prisms
		82.98	2.42	4.15	5.05	3.50 (Co), 1.90 (O)	

^[a] The difference (100 %) – (C, H, N, Cl %).

Cesium cations occupy the voids in the Co^{II}TPP and C_{60} – packing and have an irregular environment. The coordination sphere of Cs⁺ (Figure 2) involves nitrogen atoms of one CH₃CN and two disordered C₆H₅CN molecules, six carbon atoms from a hexagonal facet of one C_{60} in one orientation or five carbon atoms from a pentagonal facet in the other orientation, two carbon atoms of a 6-6 bond of another closest C_{60} ⁻⁻ (in both orientations), and four carbon atoms from phenyl substituents of Co^{II}TPP. The total number of carbon and nitrogen atoms coordinated to Cs⁺ is 15; the Cs. N distances are in the 3.05-3.21 Å range and the Cs…C distances in the 3.43–3.86 Å range. However, the $(Cs^+)\cdots(C_{60})$ interaction is unable to lower the rotational disorder of C₆₀⁻⁻. In other Cs⁺-containing compounds (according to the Cambridge Structural Database) the coordination number of Cs varies between 14-19, the Cs...N distances are in the range 3.07-3.30 Å, and the Cs…C distances are in the range 3.44-3.69 Å. Cesium fulleride Cs₆C_{60^[18] provides an example of a carbon-only coordi-} nation sphere of Cs that contains 22 atoms with $Cs \cdot \cdot \cdot C(C_{60})$ distances of 3.37-3.69 Å.

Fullerene radical anions are located in pairs isolated from one another by the Co^{II}TPP molecules and the $[(Cs^+)\cdot(C_6H_5CN)_{1.64}\cdot(C_6H_4Cl_2)_{0.36}\cdotCH_3CN]$ aggregates. A center-to-center distance between two C₆₀⁻⁻ radical anions in the pair is 9.88 Å and the interfullerene C···C distances are in the range 3.07–3.48 Å. The intercenter and the interfullerene C···C contacts in the pair of C₆₀⁻⁻ are slightly shorter than those in van der Waals neutral complexes of C₆₀.^[19] It is quite unusual that in spite of the rather short C···C contacts between C₆₀⁻⁻, they are not dimerized at temperatures as low as 110 K, whereas in various ionic complexes of C₆₀ with metallocenes, such dimerization is observed even at 160–250 K.^[20]

The porphyrin macrocycle of Co^{II}TPP retains its planar shape (the root-mean-square deviation of atoms from the mean plane in the porphyrin macrocycle is only 0.017 and 0.015 Å for molecules **A** and **B** in Figure 1, respectively). Such conformation is characteristic of most of the metalcontaining tetraphenylporphyrins in the complexes with C_{60} .^[5-7,13] The cobalt atom of Co^{II}TPP does not deviate from the mean plane of the porphyrin macrocycle towards the fullerene indicating the absence of noticeable $Co\cdots C(C_{60}^{--})$ bonding in **1**. On the contrary, these deviations are essentially larger (0.091–0.113 Å) in [{Cr^I(C₆H₆)₂⁻⁺}·(Co^{II}TPP·fullerene⁻)·C₆H₄Cl₂] (fullerene: C_{60} and $C_{60}CN_2$).^[13,15]

Thus, complex 1 differs from the previously studied multicomponent ionic complexes of $Co^{II}TPP$ with C_{60}^{-} by the presence of nonbonded $Co^{II}TPP$ and C_{60}^{-} components. The IR and EPR spectra of 1 support this assertion.

The IR spectrum of **1** is a superposition of the spectra of neutral Co^{II}TPP, C₆₀⁻⁻, and solvent molecules.^[21] The position of the $F_{1u}(4)$ C₆₀ mode at 1397 cm⁻¹ coincides with those for other radical anion salts of C₆₀ with a -1 charge on the C₆₀ molecule.^[22,23] The integral intensity of the $F_{1u}(2)$ mode at 576 cm⁻¹ is also essentially higher than that of the $F_{1u}(1)$ mode at 526 cm⁻¹. The bands attributable to "silent" modes of C_{60} are not observed in the spectrum of $I^{[21]}$ indicating the retention of C_{60} " symmetry and the absence of noticeable σ -bonding between $Co^{II}TPP$ and C_{60} " at room temperature (RT = 290 K). On the contrary, the formation of σ -bonded ($Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-}$) anions in $[{Cr}^{I}(C_{6}H_{6})_{2}"^{+}]_{1.7} \cdot {(Co}^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60})_{2}]^{1.7} \cdot {(C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})_{3.3}]}$ results in the appearance of weak additional bands due to C_{60} symmetry breaking.^[13]

The EPR spectrum of 1 contains two intense EPR signals with g = 2.0009 [Figure 3 (a)] and 2.4982 [(Figure 3 (b)] and the line halfwidth (ΔH) of 4.78 and 51.2 mT, respectively. The total integrated intensity of these signals corresponds to approximately two spins per one formula unit. On the contrary, the σ -bonded (Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻) anions are diamagnetic and EPR silent.^[13,15,16] The first signal in 1 is unambiguously attributed to the nonbonded C_{60} radical anions. The line halfwidth of this signal monotonically decreases down to 0.3 mT at 4 K. Such behavior is also characteristic of the EPR signal from C_{60} . The second signal can be attributed to $Co^{II}TPP$ with S = 1/2 ground state. This signal is essentially different from that of the parent porphyrin Co^{II}TPP (the asymmetric signal with $g_{\perp} = 3.322$ and $g_{II} = 1.798)^{[24]}$ and similar to the EPR signals from Co^{II}TPP in the neutral complexes with fullerenes C_{60} , C_{70} , and $C_{60}CN_2$ (the asymmetric signals with $g_{\perp} = 2.51 - 2.64$ and $\Delta H = 15 - 30$ mT, $g_{II} = 2.28 - 2.42$ and $\Delta H = 31-45$ mT).^[13] The difference implies that the EPR signal in 1 is a symmetric Lorentzian line down to 4 K, whereas the EPR signals in the neutral complexes with fullerenes are asymmetric and contain two components down to 4 K. The g-factor of the EPR signal of Co^{II}TPP in 1 shifts to smaller values as the temperature decreases



Figure 3. EPR spectrum of polycrystalline 1 at T = 290 K; (a) the signal attributable to C_{60}^{--} ; (b) the signals attributable to $C0^{II}TPP$ and C_{60}^{--} (1); the simulation of the signal from $C0^{II}TPP$ by one Lorentzian line is shown below (2)

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and the line halfwidth becomes narrower (g = 2.3785 and $\Delta H = 41.5$ mT at 4 K).

When Rb was used instead of Cs, in the absence of CH₃CN, the complex $[(Rb^+) \cdot Co^{II}TPP \cdot (C_{60})]$ did not crystallize. We used the reaction of cationic metathesis to substitute the Rb⁺ counter cations for other small cations such as Me_4N^+ (in 2) and *N*-MePy⁺ (in 3). The crystallization of these complexes by the diffusion of n-hexane affords $[(Me_4N^+) \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^-) \cdot (C_6H_5CN) \cdot (C_6H_4Cl_2)]$ (2), and $[(N-MePy^+) \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^-) \cdot (C_6H_4Cl_2)_{1,2}]$ (3). The IR spectra of 2 and 3 justify their ionic ground state (the spectra manifest the absorption bands attributable to C_{60} and show additional silent modes of C_{60} due to its symmetry breaking.^[21] The EPR spectra of **2** and **3**, in contrast to **1**, show no signals from 290 down to 4 K indicating the formation of diamagnetic and EPR-silent obonded $(Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-})$ anions, which are stable in the 4–290 K range.

Thus, two extreme cases can be found in 1-3. Complex 1 contains nonbonded $Co^{II}TPP$ and C_{60} components in the 4-290 K range, whereas complexes 2 and 3 contain σ -bonded (Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻) anions stable in range. Previously studied the 4-290 K ionic $[{Cr^{I}(C_{6}H_{6})_{2}^{++}}_{1.7} \cdot {(Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60})_{2}}^{1\cdot7-} \cdot (C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})_{3.3}]^{[13]}$ and $[(TDAE^{+})\cdot(Co^{II}TPP\cdot C_{60}^{-})]^{[16]}$ are intermediates between 1, and complexes 2 and 3. At low temperatures they contain σ bonded $[Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-}]$ anions. The broadening of the EPR signal above 200 K in $[{Cr^{I}(C_{6}H_{6})2^{+}}_{1.7} \cdot {(Co^{II}TPP \cdot$ $C_{60}_{2}^{1\cdot7-} \cdot (C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})_{3,3}$ can be associated with the appearance of a small contribution from nonbonded Co^{II}TPP and C_{60} ^{·-}.^[16] Evident dissociation of σ -bonded (Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻) anions to nonbonded $Co^{II}TPP$ and C_{60} - components is observed in $[(TDAE^{+}) \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-})]$ above 190 K, and it is accompanied by an increase of the magnetic moment, the essential broadening of the EPR line, and the shift of its g-factor to larger values. At 290 K approximately 20 % of total Co^{II}TPP and C₆₀^{.-} exists in a nonbonded state.^[16]

The temperature ranges of the existence of σ -bonded (Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻) anions in the ionic multi-component complexes of Co^{II}TPP with C₆₀⁻ and the counter cations used are listed in Table 2. The complexes are given in Table 2 in order of increasing size of the counter cations. The increase in the size of counter cations is seen to destabilize the σ -bonded [Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻] anions. The use of large cations like Cs⁺ solvated by one CH₃CN and nearly two C₆H₅CN mol-

ecules forces the units $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}$ and C_{60}^{--} apart, and does not allow them to approach each other so closely to form a $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}\text{C}(\text{C}_{60}^{--}) \sigma$ -bond. Thus, in spite of the obvious ability of $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}$ and C_{60}^{--} to form σ -bonds, steric factors (namely, the size of the counter cations) also determine the possibility of the formation of σ -bonded [$\text{Co}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}\cdot\text{C}_{60}^{--}$] anions. Similarly, in ionic charge transfer complexes of C_{60} with metallocenes, the stability of single-bonded [C_{60}^{--}]₂ dimers varies in a wide range (the beginning of dissociation is in the 160–250 K range) and is determined by the size of the donor and even the solvent molecules involved in the complex.^[20]

Experimental Section

General Remarks: Co^{II}TPP and Me₄NI were purchased from Aldrich. N-MePyI was obtained by the reaction of Py with MeI and then recrystallized from N,N-dimethylformamide. C₆₀ of 99.98 % purity was purchased from MTR Ltd. All solvents were distilled under argon: o-dichlorobenzene ($C_6H_4Cl_2$) over CaH_2 , benzonitrile (C₆H₅CN) over Na/benzophenone under reduced pressure, acetonitrile over CaH₂, P₂O₅, and K₂CO₃. The solvents were degassed prior to use and were stored in a glove box. All manipulations during the synthesis and isolation of the crystals of 1-3 were carried out in a MBraun 150B-G glove box; the content of H₂O and O_2 was less than 1 ppm. The crystals were stored in the glove box and sealed in 2 mm quartz tubes for EPR measurements under 10⁻⁵ Torr. KBr pellets for IR measurements were also prepared in the glove box. UV-Vis-NIR spectra were measured on a Shimadzu-3100 spectrometer in the 240-2600 nm range. FT-IR spectra were measured with KBr pellets on a Perkin-Elmer 1000 Series spectrometer (400-7800 cm⁻¹). EPR spectra were recorded down to 4 K with a JEOL JES-TE 200 X-band ESR spectrometer equipped with a JEOL ES-CT470 cryostat.

Synthesis: The crystals of 1-3 were obtained by the diffusion of *n*-hexane into a solution containing the corresponding $[C_{60}$ ⁻⁻·Cation⁺] salt and Co^{II}TPP porphyrin complex. The diffusion was carried out in a glass tube of 1.5 cm in diameter and 40 mL volume with a ground glass plug. The crystals of 1-3 were formed as large black prisms of up to $1 \times 1 \times 0.5$ mm³. The composition of the compounds was determined from X-ray diffraction on a single crystal for 1 and by elemental analysis for 2 and 3 (Table 1). In 2 and 3, the difference [(100 %)-(C, H, N, Cl, %)] exceeds the calculated content of metals (Co and Cr) indicating the addition of oxygen to the complexes during the elemental analysis. Indeed, the complexes are sensitive to oxygen. The addition of ap-

Table 2. The temperature ranges in which σ -bonded (Co^{II}TPP·C₆₀⁻) anions exist in ionic multicomponent complexes

Complex	The temperature in which σ -bonded (Co ^{II} TPP·C ₆₀ ⁻) anions exist, (K)	Counter cation
$\{(CH_3)_4N^+\}\cdot(Co^{II}TPP\cdot C_{60}^-)\cdot(C_6H_5CN)\cdot(C_6H_4Cl_2)$	4-290	(CH ₃) ₄ N ⁺
$(N-MePy^{+}) \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-}) \cdot (C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})_{1,2}$	4-290	N-MePy ⁺
$\{Cr^{I}(C_{6}H_{6})_{2}^{++}\}_{1.7} \cdot \{(Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60})_{2}\}^{1.7} \cdot (C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})_{3.3}$	4–290, probable appearance of contribution	$\operatorname{Cr}^{\mathrm{I}}(\mathrm{C}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{6})_{2}^{+}$
	from nonbonded Co ^{II} TPP and (C_{60}^{-})	
	above 200 K	
$(TDAE^{+}) \cdot (Co^{II}TPP \cdot C_{60}^{-})$	4-190	TDAE ⁺⁺
$(Cs^{+}) \cdot Co^{II} TPP \cdot (C_{60} \cdot -) \cdot (C_{6}H_{5}CN)_{1.64} (C_{6}H_{4}Cl_{2})_{0.36} \cdot CH_{3}CN$	does not exist	$(Cs^+) \cdot (C_6H_5CN)_{1.64} \cdot CH_3CN$

proximately one O_2 molecule per one formula unit of the complex is observed. Thus, the calculated C, H, N, and Cl (%) content was corrected for the composition (Formula unit: O_2). We assumed that oxygenation occurring during elemental analysis was extrinsic and omitted oxygen throughout the manuscript.

Complex 1: The cesium salt of fullerene (Cs⁺)·(C₆₀⁻⁻) was obtained by the dissolution of C₆₀ (25 mg, 0.035 mmol) with Cs (5.2 mg, 0.038 mmol) in benzonitrile which was stirred for 2 hours at 60 °C. The purity of the salt was justified by the presence of characteristic (C₆₀⁻⁻) absorption bands in the solution NIR spectrum. The solution was cooled down to room temp. filtered, and C₆H₄Cl₂ and CH₃CN were added (the C₆H₄Cl₂/C₆H₅CN/CH₃CN volume ratio is 50:45:5, the total volume is 20 mL). Co^{II}TPP (23.5 mg, 0.035 mmol) was dissolved in this solution at 60 °C; the resulting solution was cooled down to room temp., filtered into a glass tube and layered with *n*-hexane (20 mL). Crystals of **1** that precipitated after 1 month were washed with *n*-hexane and dried (yield 31 mg, 50 %).

Complexes 2 and 3: Complexes **2** and **3** were obtained similarly. The (Rb⁺)·(C₆₀⁻⁻) complex was obtained by the dissolution of C₆₀ (100 mg, 0.14 mmol) with Rb (13.2 mg, 0.152 mmol) in benzonitrile (40 mL) at 60 °C by stirring for 2 hours. The solution was cooled down to room temp. and filtered. The purity of the (Rb⁺)·(C₆₀⁻⁻) salt was justified by the solution NIR spectrum. The solution 10 mL) containing of (Rb⁺)·(C₆₀⁻⁻) was treated with an excess of tetramethylammonium iodide (**2**) or *N*-methylpyridinium iodide (**3**) at 60 °C. After 4 hours the solution was cooled down, filtered, and mixed with C₆H₄Cl₂ at a 50:50 volume ratio (the total volume was 20 mL). Co¹¹TPP (23.5 mg, 0.035 mmol) was dissolved in the obtained solution at 60 °C, allowed to cool to room temp., filtered into a glass tube and layered with *n*-hexane (20 mL). Crystals of **2** and **3** that precipitated after 1 month were washed with *n*-hexane and dried (yield 30 mg, 50% for **2**; 34.6 mg, 60% for **3**).

X-ray Crystallographic Study: X-ray diffraction data were collected at 110 K on a Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer with an area detector (sealed tube, Mo- K_a radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). A series of three ω scans with a 0.3° frame width were collected. Reflection intensities were integrated using the SAINT program.^[25] The structure was solved with direct methods using SHELXTL program package^[26] and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 . The ordered non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined within the "riding atom" model. Both C₆H₅CN molecules are statistically substituted by C₆H₄Cl₂ ones per 20 % and 16 %. One of the Co^{II}TPP phenyl rings is also disordered between two positions in a 40:60 ratio.

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