$$\begin{array}{c} (I) & n = 1 \ (II), \ 2 \ (III) \\ \text{MgPc} & \xrightarrow{3,4\text{-lut}, \ \text{H}_2\text{O}} \rightarrow \ \text{MgPc}(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{-}2(3,4\text{-lut}) \ (IV) \end{array}$$

Structure of compound I (MgPc(3,5-lut)₂) is built of MgPc moieties axially coordinated with two ligand molecules (4+2 type). These fragments are stacked together with π - π interactions to form layered structure. Mg atom lies in the plane of four N isoindole atoms of Pc aromatic ring, it occupies the special position lying in the center of inversion.

Contrary to compound I, compounds II, III and IV are characterized by 4+1 type of Mg metal center coordination site. Water molecule is introduced in closest coordination sphere of Mg atom, replacing the lutidine molecules from Mg environment. Compound II is characterized by the hydrogen bond between one of water molecule H atoms and lutidine N aromatic ring atom as an acceptor. Another H atom of coordinated water molecules form hydrogen bond with the azamethine N atom of the adjacent MgPc molecule, so the that the chains going in the *a* axis direction are formed. 3,5-Lutidine molecules are π - π stacked between the neighboring MgPc moieties. The characteristic feature of this compound is the absence of back-to-back type dimers in its structure. Up-to-date all of MgPc coordination compounds with 4+1 type Mg atom environment possessed this kind of dimers.

Compounds III and IV are built of MgPc(H₂O) moieties and two lutidine molecules hydrogen bonded with them. These MgPc(H₂O)·2L moieties are stacked in the structure to form back-to-back type dimers. The deviation of Mg atom from the mean plane of four isoindole N atoms is equal to 0.553(2), 0.510(1) and, 0.464(1)Å, respectively for II, III and IV. Saucer-shaped geometry of MgPc molecule is flattered by the back-to-back type dimers formation in the case of compounds III and IV. The highest Mg atom offplane deviation value in the compound II correlates well with the absence of back-to-back type dimers.

The tendency to form 4+2 type coordination compounds with N-donor ligands and 4+1 – with O-donor ones is observed.

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While iron porphyrins are frequently used as synthetic model systems, cobalt(III) porphyrins exhibit catalase-like activity in the disproportionation of H_2O_2 . Here we present the results of our investigation on new hexacoordinate

bis(azido) cobalt(III) porphyrinates with picket fence porphyrin (TpivPP) and the octaethylporphyrin (OEP). The two derivatives were characterized by UV-vis. IR and ¹H NMR spectroscopies. Both complex ions $[Co^{III}(TpivPP) (N_3)_2]^-$ (I) and $[Co^{III}(OEP)(N_3)_2]^-$ (II) crystallize in the monoclinic space group P2₁/n.

(I): Z = 4, a = 12.9596(2) Å, b = 27.5833(5) Å, c = 23.8539(5) Å, $\beta = 105.134(1)$, at 293 K. $R_1 = 0.0942$, $wR_2 = 0.2489$ for 10119 observed reflections $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$.

(II): Z = 4, a = 115.3589(2) Å, b = 17.9122(3) Å, c = 21.276053) Å, β = 101.370(1)°, at 293 K. R_1 = 0.0759, wR_2 = 0.2736 for 12646 observed reflections [I $\ge 2\sigma$ (I)].

The average equatorial Fe–Np distance value for the TpivPP derivative which is 1.962(4) Å is quit shorter than the one of the OEP bis(azido) species (Co–Np = 1.984(3)). The average value of the Co–N(azido) distance of **(I)** is 1.945(6) Å is shorter than the Co–N(azido) bond length of derivative **(II)** (1.977(3) Å). Both cobalt(III)-azido distances in compounds **(I)** and **(II)** are significantly shorter than the iron(II) monoazido species [Fe^{II}(TpivPP)(N₃)]⁻ [1]. This indicates that the Co^{III}–N(azido) distance is stronger than the Fe^{II}–N(azido) bond length in metalloporphyrins.

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Chemical reactions in the organic solid state are uncommon but well-established. They involve the formation of covalent bonds between neighbouring moieties as a result of photochemical or thermal activation [1]. In this work a class of single crystal-single crystal reactions within nonporous crystals of a coordination network will be presented, wherein bonds are broken and formed in a ligand substitution reaction at silver (I) centre. It has been shown that the behaviour of the Ag⁺ ions in these networks show structural similarities to the hydrogen "ions" in the carboxylic acid structures [2]. We have extended this equivalence by inclusion of an alcohol molecule in the $[Ag_2(O_2CR)_2]$ dimer [3]. A series of compounds of general formula $[Ag_4(TMP)_3(O_2CR_f)_4(ROH)_2]$ (TMP=2,3,5,6tetramethylpyrizine, R_f=perfluoroalkyl group. ROH=alcohol) have been prepared and crystallographically characterised. The release of the alcohol molecules from the expanded dimer and their extrusion from the crystals of the coordination network material $[Ag_4(TMP)_2(O_2CR_2)_4(ROH)_2]$ yielding the alcohol-free network $[Ag_4(TMP)_2(O_2CR_2)_4]$ has been investigated. Both this process and the reverse reaction involving different alcohol uptake occur in singlecrystal-single crystal reactions.

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