# Supplementary Information

# **Nonlinear and Emissive {[MIII(CN)6] 3– ···Polyresorcinol} (M = Fe, Co, Cr) Cocrystals Exhibiting an Ultralow Frequency Raman Response**

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<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Figure S2.** Asymmetric units of **MDiR** (M = Cr, Fe, and Co). Colors: light blue – Cr, dark orange – Fe, dark blue – Co, grey – C, blue – N, red – O, orange – P, light grey – H. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Figure S3.** Asymmetric units of **MTriRB** (M = Cr, Fe, and Co). Colors: light blue – Cr, dark orange – Fe, dark blue – Co, grey – C, blue – N, red – O, orange – P, light grey – H. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Figure S4.** Crystal structures of **CoDiR** (top; projection along the *b* crystallographic direction) and **CoTriRB** (bottom; projection along the *a* crystallographic direction): hydrogen-bonded {[Co(CN)6] 3−;Ln}<sup>∞</sup> subnetworks (*left* panel), organic cations and solvent molecules {PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>} solv subnetwork (*right panel*), and complete projection (*middle panel*).



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# <span id="page-10-0"></span>**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement of **MTriRB**.

compound	<b>CrDiR</b>	<b>FeDiR</b>	<b>CoDiR</b>
$\mathbf{M} =$	$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{r}$	Fe	Co
	2.077(5)	1.933(5)	1.896(4)
	2.055(5)	1.936(5)	1.898(5)
$M-C$	2.064(5)	1.934(5)	1.894(5)
	2.060(5)	1.938(5)	1.909(4)
	2.070(5)	1.945(5)	1.894(4)
	2.066(5)	1.940(5)	1.901(5)
	1.142(6)	1.151(6)	1.152(5)
	1.147(6)	1.148(6)	1.154(6)
$C \equiv N$	1.147(6)	1.154(6)	1.149(6)
	1.153(6)	1.153(6)	1.133(6)
	1.153(6)	1.148(6)	1.147(6)
	1.148(6)	1.145(6)	1.142(6)
	177.1(4)	177.5(4)	177.5(4)
	175.1(5)	178.5(4)	176.8(4)
	175.1(5)	177.4(4)	178.2(4)
$M-C \equiv N$	178.8(5)	178.4(4)	176.7(4)
	177.5(4)	177.9(4)	177.7(4)
	177.3(4)	177.7(5)	176.7(4)

<span id="page-11-0"></span>**Table S3.** The most important bond lengths (in Å) and angles (in deg) for **MDiR**. Detailed metric parameters of hexacyanidometallate anions.

<b>CrTriRB</b>	<b>FeTriRB</b>	$CoTriRB^a$	
Cr	Fe	Co <sup>01</sup>	Co <sup>02</sup>
2.079(3)	1.934(4)	1.910(4)	1.881(5)
2.083(3)	1.945(4)	1.899(5)	1.901(5)
2.068(3)	1.949(4)	1.895(4)	1.901(5)
2.074(3)	1.935(4)	1.894(4)	1.896(5)
2.061(3)	1.941(4)	1.907(5)	1.891(5)
2.069(3)	1.929(4)	1.891(4)	1.894(5)
1.142(4)	1.151(5)	1.148(5)	1.153(6)
1.148(4)	1.157(5)	1.142(6)	1.139(6)
1.148(4)	1.163(5)	1.140(5)	1.144(6)
1.149(3)	1.148(5)	1.147(5)	1.144(6)
1.147(4)	1.156(5)	1.136(5)	1.146(6)
1.144(4)	1.155(5)	1.143(5)	1.148(6)
177.2(3)	176.3(3)	177.8(4)	177.4(4)
178.1(2)	178.6(3)	177.7(4)	179.0(4)
175.6(3)	177.5(3)	178.9(4)	179.3(5)
174.2(2)	177.9(4)	178.3(4)	177.9(4)
178.4(3)	175.8(3)	178.6(4)	177.3(5)
173.7(3)	178.5(4)	178.3(4)	177.6(5)

<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Table S4.** The most important bond lengths (in Å) and angles (in deg) for **MTriRB**. Detailed metric parameters of hexacyanidometallate anions.

<sup>*a*</sup> Two crystallographically independent  $[Co(CN)_6]$ <sup>3-</sup> complexes were described.

	<b>CrDiR</b>			<b>FeDiR</b>				<b>CoDiR</b>				
	$D-H\cdots A$	$D \cdots A$ $/\AA$	$H \cdots A$ /Å	$D-$ $H \cdots A$ /deg	$D-H\cdots A$	$D \cdots A$ $/\AA$	$H \cdots A$ $/\text{\AA}$	$D-$ $H \cdots A$ /deg	$D-H\cdots A$	$D \cdots A$ $/\AA$	$H \cdots A$ $/\AA$	$D-$ $H \cdots A$ $/\text{deg}$
	$O5L-$ $H5L \cdots N5$	2.775	1.941	172.3	$O1L-$ $H1L\cdots N6$	2.741	1.901	176.6	$O1L-$ $H1L\cdots N6$	2.736	1.902	174.8
side	$O8L-$ $H8LA \cdots N4$	2.693	1.870	165.9	$O4L-$ $H4L \cdots N1$	2.715	1.896	164.5	$O3L-$ $H3L\cdots N4$	2.740	1.917	178.7
synthon	$O7L-$ $H7L \cdots N2$	2.710	1.874	172.8	$O3L-$ $H3L\cdots N3$	2.830	2.005	167.1	$O2L-$ $H2L\cdots N1$	2.801	1.982	164.6
	$O6L-$ $H6L\cdots N3$	2.704	1.883	165.3	$O2L-$ $H2L\cdots N2$	2.724	1.933	156.5	$O4L-$ $H4L\cdots N5$	2.724	1.908	163.2
av.		2.72	1.89	169.1		2.75	1.93	166.1		2.75	1.93	170.3
	$O1L-$ $H1L\cdots N5$	2.874	2.051	166.4	$O7L-$ $H7L\cdots N4$	2.754	1.915	177.0	$O7L-$ $H7L \cdots N3$	2.739	1.900	176.6
frontal synthon	$O2L-$ $H2L\cdots N6$	2.766	1.927	177.5	$O8L-$ $H8L\cdots N3$	2.828	1.991	174.4	$O8L-$ $H8L\cdots N1$	2.877	2.040	174.2
	$O4L-$ $H4L \cdots N1$	2.731	1.896	172.0	$O5L-$ $H5L\cdots N5$	2.751	1.925	167.5	$O6L-$ $H6L\cdots N2$	2.731	1.897	172.0
av.		2.79	1.96	172.0		2.78	1.94	173.0		2.78	1.95	174.2

<span id="page-13-0"></span>Table S5. Important hydrogen bonding distances (in Å) and angles (in deg) in <sub>L</sub>O-H…N<sub>M-C≡N</sub> subnetworks of **MDiR**. *a*

 $a<sup>a</sup> D$  – hydrogen bond donor L = DiR; A – hydrogen bond acceptor  $[M(CN)_6]$ <sup>3-</sup>.

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 $a<sup>a</sup> D$  – hydrogen bond donor L = TriRB; A – hydrogen bond acceptor  $[M(CN)<sub>6</sub>]$ <sup>3–</sup>.



<span id="page-14-0"></span>Table S7. Important hydrogen bonding distances (in Å) and angles (in deg) in <sub>L</sub>O-H…N<sub>M-C≡N</sub> subnetworks of **CoTriRB**.

*a* There are two different  $[Co(CN)_6]$ <sup>3</sup> anions in the asymmetric unit, hence separate hydrogen bonds for  $Co^{01}$  and  $Co^{02}$ . D – hydrogen bond donor L = TriRB; A – hydrogen bond acceptor  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$ .

	<b>CrDiR</b>				FeDiR				<b>CoDiR</b>		
$O \cdot H - X$	$O \cdots X$ $/\AA$	$O \cdot \cdot \cdot H$ /Å	$X-$ $H\cdots$ O /deg	$O \cdot H - X$	$O \cdots X$ /Å	$O \cdot \cdot \cdot H$ /Å	$X-H\cdots O$ $/\text{deg}$	$O \cdot H - X$	$/\AA$	$O \cdots X$ $O \cdots H$ /Å	$X-$ $H\cdots$ O /deg
$O1L \cdots H3L$ O3L	2.783	1.967	164.0	$O1L \cdots H21K-$ C21K	3.504	2.672	146.5	$O2L \cdots H3S-$ O <sub>3</sub> S	2.859	2.044	163.1
$O2L \cdots H3SB-$ C3S	3.178	2.597	118.1	$O2L \cdots H2K-$ C2K	3.401	2.557	148.3	$O3L \cdots H35K -$ C35K	3.486	2.656	146.3
$O2L \cdots H70K -$ C70K	3.234	2.427	142.7	$O5L \cdots H66K-$ C66K	3.465	2.571	156.9	$O3L \cdots H5SA-$ C5S	3.370	2.527	144.2
$O3L \cdots H4K-$ C4K	3.454	2.582	152.7	$O6L \cdots H46K -$ C46K	3.384	2.527	150.3	$O4L \cdots H38K -$ C38K	3.402	2.547	149.9
$O3L \cdots H53K -$ C53K	3.412	2.599	143.7	$O6L \cdots H71K-$ C71K	3.482	2.675	143.1	$O5L \cdots H21K-$ C21K	3.476	2.684	141.3
$O4L \cdots H72K -$ C72K	3.487	2.589	158.0	$O7L \cdots H64K -$ C64K	3.227	2.437	140.5	$O5L \cdots H58K-$ C58K	3.322	2.546	153.4
$O5L \cdots H1S-$ O <sub>1</sub> S	2.850	2.048	159.7	$O8L \cdots H6L-$ O <sub>6</sub> L	2.715	1.903	162.2	$O6L \cdots H2K-$ C2K	3.438	2.539	158.2
$O7L \cdots H5SC-$ C5S	3.460	2.599	146.7					$O7L \cdots H4K-$ C4K	3.272	2.449	144.8
$O8L \cdots H26K -$ C26K	3.377	2.520	150.2					$O8L \cdots H5L-$ O <sub>5</sub> L	2.783	1.993	156.5
$O1SH54K-$ C54K	3.321	2.571	136.0					$O3S \cdots H14K-$ C14K	3.188	2.424	137.3
$O1S\cdots H62K-$ C62K	3.231	2.446	139.9					$O3S \cdots H20K -$ C20K	3.284	2.546	134.7

<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Table S8.** Distances (in Å) and angles (in deg) for X-H $\cdots$ O (X = C, O) hydrogen bonds in **MDiR**.<sup>*a*</sup>

*<sup>a</sup>* L, K, S, SA, SB, SC are part of the designations of the individual atoms that build the crystal lattice, see Figure S2 and crystallographic

files. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for the sake of clarity.

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*<sup>a</sup>*L, K, S, SA, SB, SC are part of the designations of the individual atoms that build the crystal lattice, see Figure S3 and crystallographic files. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for the sake of clarity.

The representative ESI-MS spectrograms measured for MeOH solutions of **FeDiR** and **FeTriRB** crystals in the negative ionization mode exhibit a mono-negative peak-set  $(m/z = 890.22^{-})$  assignable to the salt-like {(PPh4)2[Fe(CN)6]}– aggregates, which are, however, accompanied by two progressive peak-sets attributable to cocrystal salt-like  $\{ (PPh_4)_2[Fe(CN)_6](DiR) \}$ <sup>-</sup>  $(m/z = 1108.27$ <sup>-</sup>) and  $\{ (PPh_4)_2[Fe(CN)_6](DiR)_2 \}$ <sup>-</sup>  $(m/z = 1326.35$ <sup>-</sup>) aggregates for **FeDiR**, or  $\{(\text{PPh}_4)_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_6](\text{TriRB})\}$ <sup>-</sup>  $(m/z = 1292.32$ <sup>-</sup> $)$  and  $\{(\text{PPh}_4)_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_6](\text{TriRB})_2\}$ <sup>-</sup>  $(m/z = 1292.32)$ <sup>-</sup> 1694.42<sup>-</sup>) aggregates for **FeTriRB** (Figure S5). The positive ionization mode revealed the peak-set  $(m/z =$ 1565.48<sup>+</sup>) representing {(PPh<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>]}<sup>+</sup> aggregates in both cases, accompanied (among others) by  $\{(PPh_4)_4[Fe(CN)_6](DiR)\}^+$  ( $m/z = 1691.49^+$ ) and  $\{(PPh_4)_4[Fe(CN)_6](TriRB)\}^+$  ( $m/z = 1917.44^+$ ) peak-sets for **FeDiR** and **FeTriRB**, respectively (Figure S6). All spectrograms confirm a strong preference for the formation of aggregates of the building blocks in the gas phase, including hydrogen-bonded ones, in line with the crystallographic and computed data.



<span id="page-17-0"></span>**Figure S5.** ESI-MS spectra in the negative ionization mode for **FeDiR** (cyan) and for **FeTriRB** (blue): (a) *m*/*z* range between 750<sup>-</sup> and 2000<sup>-</sup> showing the peak-sets assigned to  $\{(\text{PPh}_4)_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_6](\text{DiR})_n\}$ <sup>-</sup>, and  $\{(\text{PPh}_4)_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_6](\text{TriRB})_n\}$ <sup>-</sup> aggregates (*n* = 0, 1, 2); (b) representative details of the relevant isotopic patterns. All patterns were fairly reproducible using the EnviPat software.  $S<sup>1</sup>$ 



<span id="page-18-0"></span>**Figure S6.** ESI-MS spectra in the positive ionization mode for **FeDiR** (cyan, top) and for **FeTriRB** (blue, bottom).

	$A-B$	$A-C$	$A-D$	$B-C$	$B-D$	$C-D$
SIJFEY	0.00					
$DiR_{side}$	21.9					
$DiR$ frontal	21.4					
$DiR_{side}$	17.2					
$DiR_{\text{frontal}}$	26.5					
$DiR_{side}$	23.4					
$\mathrm{DiR}_{\textit{frontal}}$	19.1					
<b>SJGAV</b>	34.6	42.6	43.7	32.7	67.1	45.8
TriRB	39.9	45.2	47.3	31.6	49.3	77.7
$T$ riRB	44.9	40.6	40.6	42.5	42.5	71.7
$2$ TriRB	51.2	49.8	49.8	51.4	51.4	89.6
<sup>'</sup> TriRB	34.9	57.8	33.9	50.1	30.6	78.4
${}^{2}$ TriRB	36.4	43.4	43.1	40.8	36.9	74.2

<span id="page-19-0"></span>**Table S10.** Interplanar angles (in deg) formed by twisting the aromatic rings in **MDiR** and **MTriRB** (left) and visualization of the degree of rings twist in the described DiR and TriRB molecules (right). For further illustration, see **Figures S7** and **S8**.



DiR*side* is a coformer molecule containing C1L to C12L carbon atoms, while DiR*frontal* comprises C13L to C24L atoms. The coformers in **FeTriRB** and **CoTriRB** contain C1L to C15L, C16L to C29L, and C1L to C24L and C25L to C48L, carbon atoms, respectively.



<span id="page-19-1"></span>**Figure S7.** Schematic illustration of the interplanar angle α in DiR including the ring designation A and B (left) and visualization of three orthogonal rotation axes  $C_2$  producing the  $D_2$  symmetry point group (right). For the values of α, see the upper section of **Table S10**. The positions of the phenolic protons and the resulting orientation of O-H bonds with respect to the ring were disregarded.



<span id="page-20-0"></span>**Figure S8.** Schematic illustration of the interplanar angles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  in TriRB (left) including the ring designation A, B, C, and D (left) and visualization of the symmetry element for the  $C_2$  or  $C_1$  symmetry point group (right): (a) *C*<sup>2</sup> symmetry point group in **FeTriRB** and (b) *C*<sup>1</sup> symmetry point group in **CrTriRB** and **CoTriRB**. For the values of α, β, and γ, see the bottom section of **Table S10**. The positions of the phenolic protons and the resulting orientation of the O-H bonds with respect to the ring were disregarded.

#### **Discussion of the role of PPh<sup>4</sup> + cation in the occurrence of noncentrosymmetric space groups.**

A statistical approach might shed some light on that issue. Therefore, we screened the CSD database for the occurrence of  $XPh<sub>4</sub>$ <sup>+</sup>-containing (X = P, As) noncentrosymmetric space groups and, further, similar Sohncke groups allowing enantiopurity. We have found that out of 4523 of such crystal structures (with  $R_{int}$  not exceeding 10) 543 (12%) were noncentrosymmetric, of which 251 (5.54%) belonged to Sohncke space groups. Such statistical results indicate that XPh<sup>4</sup> + cations cannot provide the simple key to achieve a noncentrosymmetric solution. We also extracted the percentage representation of "our" space groups over the total number of 543 noncentrosymmetric space groups:  $P2<sub>1</sub>$ (87, 16.0%), Cc (55, 10.2%) Pna2<sub>1</sub> (39, 7.18%) and P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2 (12 2.21%). These results make them take first, fourth, sixth, and tenth place, respectively, among the 10 space groups exceeding 10 records (418 records in total). This suggests that within this study we (statistically) hit a target of 193 (35.5%) noncentrosymmetric space groups. The dataset shown below illustrates the results of CSD screening involving other cations with the tetrahedral core, e.g. some tetraalkylammonium cations offering various lengths and flexibility of long alkyl chains.

#### **R4N<sup>+</sup> cations**

**22.4%** (597 per the total number of 2661 crystal structures) for tetramethylammonium cation,

**0%** (0 per the total number of 3759 crystal structures) for tetraethylammonium cation,

**30.8%** (134 per the total number of 435 crystal structures) for tetrapropylammonium cation,

**16.2%** (1023 per the total number of 6042 crystal structures) for tetrabutylammonium cation,

#### **R<sup>1</sup>3R<sup>2</sup>N<sup>+</sup> cations**

**39.7%** (37 per the total number of 93 crystal structures) for tripropylmethylammonium cation,

**21.4%** (3 per the total number of 14 crystal structures) for triethylmethylammonium cation.

The above statistical data confirm that the PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> cation would not rather be considered an efficient component to contribute to the induction of the noncentrosymmetric space group, compared to other cations that reveal *ca.* two-fold or even three-fold larger number of noncentrosymmetric space groups. However, we are aware that this simple approach does not consider the role of other components in all crystal structures. Other networks involving more extended cations might also be examined, and such screening might be performed following successful future studies.



<span id="page-22-0"></span>**Figure S9.** Two 3D projections of the dmp topology of hydrogen-bonded  $\{[M(CN)_6]^{3-};\text{Dir}_2\}_\infty$  (M = Cr, Fe, Co) subnetworks in **MDiR** architectures along the selected mutually orthogonal directions. Legend: purple spheres – M sites representing  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$  anions; black spheres – centroids of the C-C bond between the DiR phenyl rings representing coformers; black sticks – hydrogen-bonded synthons. Note that  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$  anions are 4-connected nodes, whereas DiR molecules are linkers.



<span id="page-22-1"></span>**Figure S10.** The *neb* topology of hydrogen-bonded {[Cr(CN)6] 3−;TriRB}<sup>∞</sup> subnetwork in **CrTriRB** *(left panel)* and the *dia* topology of hydrogen-bonded {[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>;TriRB}<sub>∞</sub> subnetwork in **CoTriRB** (*right panel*): (a) selected 3D projections; (b) side views of selected 1D arrangements; (c) two projections of relevant 6<sup>6</sup> "cage" in **CrTriRB** and  $6^4$  "cage" in **CoTriRB**. Legend: dark / light green spheres  $-$  Cr / Co sites representing  $[Cr(CN)_6]$ <sup>3-</sup>  $/$  [Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3–</sup> anions; black spheres – centroids of the central ring of TriRB representing coformers; black sticks – hydrogen-bonded synthons. Note that both  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$  anions and TriRB coformers are 4-connected nodes. The images for **CoTriRB** (*right panel*) are also representative of **FeTriRB**, despite the differences in the space groups.

# <span id="page-23-0"></span>**2. Quantum-chemical studies on hydrogen bonding interactions**

# <span id="page-23-1"></span>*2.1. Computational details*

Calculations were performed for hydrogen-bonded molecular clusters consisting of the hexacyanidometallate anion  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$ (M = Cr, Fe, Co) and polyresorcinol molecule(s) DiR  $({[[M(CN)_6]^{3-}; (H^A H^B DiR)_2(H^A{}_2 DiR)(H^A DiR)}, \{[M(CN)_6]^{3-}; (H^A H^B DiR)\}, \{[M(CN)_6]^{3-}; (H^A{}_2 DiR)(H^A DiR)\},$  $\{[M(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>; $(H^A_2DiR)\}$  and  $\{[M(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>; $(H^ADiR)\}$ ) or TriRB  $(\{[M(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>; $(H^B_1H^C_1TiRB)_2(H_1TRB)_2\}$ ,  $\{[M(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>;( $\mathbf{H}^B \mathbf{H}^C$ TriRB)} and  $\{[M(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>;( $\mathbf{H}$ TriRB)}), extracted from the crystal structures of **MDiR** and **MTriRB**, respectively. For the former compounds, the {(DiR);(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR)} motif with hydrogen bonding interaction between two polyresorcinol DiR molecules was also studied. All the molecular clusters listed above are presented in **Figures S11-S13**. The corresponding computed data for the  $\{[M(CN)_6]^3-(\textbf{H}_2PGH)_2(\textbf{HPGH}_2)_2\},\}$  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \rightarrow H_2PGH \}$ , and  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \rightarrow H_2PGH_2 \}$  (M = Cr, Fe, Co; PGH<sub>3</sub> = phloroglucinol) molecular clusters, presented in the main text, were taken from Reference S2.

The computations were mainly carried out using the Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) program, version 2019.304<sup>S3,S4</sup>, at the density functional theory (DFT) level with the fourth-generation Grimme's set of semiempirical dispersion corrections (D4),<sup>S5</sup> DFT+D4, employing the global hybrid B3LYP<sup>S6-S8</sup> and gradient BLYP<sup>S7,S9</sup> exchange-correlation density functionals. The calculations utilized a relativistic all-electron triple-ξ singly polarized (TZP) basis set from the ADF library. Scalar relativistic effects were modeled by using the zerothorder regular approximation (ZORA).<sup>S10,S11</sup> Note that for several motifs SCF convergence and/or spin contamination problems were encountered during the calculations using the BLYP functional, and consequently, the analysis was based on the B3LYP results. See Reference S2 for a study of the dependence of computed interaction energy values on the basis set and density functional used in the calculations, which was recently performed for the aforementioned  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}/phlorog lucinol$  motifs. As the ADF B3LYP calculations for the {[Fe(CN)6] 3– ;(**H**TriRB)} cluster always led to a spin-contaminated wavefunction, for all the {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H**TriRB)} motifs additional computations were performed using the Gaussian 16 program, version C.01,<sup>S12</sup> employing the B3LYP functional with the third-generation Grimme's set of semiempirical dispersion corrections with the Becke-Johnson damping  $(D3)^{S13,S14}$  along with a triple-ξ valence basis set augmented by polarization functions (def2-TZVP). S15, S16

The interaction energy between the hydrogen bond acceptor  $([M(CN)_6]^{3-}$  with a spin-quartet d<sup>3</sup> electronic configuration of Cr, spin-doublet  $d^5$  of Fe, and closed-shell  $d^6$  of Co; DiR) and the hydrogen bond donor (DiR; TriRB) molecule(s) in the examined clusters was calculated as the difference between the electronic ground-state energy of the given molecular cluster and the sum of the electronic ground-state energies of its fragments (hydrogen bond acceptor and hydrogen bond donor molecule(s)) in the geometry of the cluster. For the closedshell motifs ([Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>/DiR, DiR/DiR, [Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>/TriRB), ETS-NOCV<sup>S17,S18</sup> charge and energy decomposition analyses were carried out, the methodological details of which are presented briefly below.

Using the extended transition state (ETS) approach, the interaction energy,  $\Delta E_{int}$ , between the fragments in the geometry of the system can be divided into the following components:

$$
\Delta E_{int} = \Delta E_{orb} + \Delta E_{Pauli} + \Delta E_{elstat} \left( + \Delta E_{disp} \right)
$$

where:

 $\Delta E_{orb}$  – corresponds to the stabilizing interactions between the occupied molecular orbitals on one fragment with the unoccupied molecular orbitals of the other fragment (describing inter-fragment donation and back-donation charge transfers), as well as the mixing of occupied and virtual orbitals within the same fragment (describing intrafragment polarization, charge redistribution),

 $\Delta E_{Pauli}$  – accounts for the repulsive Pauli interaction between occupied orbitals on the two fragments,

 $\Delta E_{elstat}$  – represents the classical electrostatic interaction between the fragments in the combined system,

 $\Delta E_{disp}$  – corresponds to the dispersion interaction between the fragments in the combined system, and herein was obtained at the DFT+D4 level.

The natural orbitals for chemical valence (NOCV) are eigenvectors that diagonalize the deformation density matrix in the basis of fragment orbitals. The NOCV pairs ( $\psi_{-k}$  and  $\psi_k$  with eigenvalues respectively  $-\nu_k$  and  $\nu_k$ , that is of the same absolute value but opposite signs) decompose the deformation density  $\Delta \rho$  into NOCV contributions  $\Delta \rho_k$ :

$$
\Delta \rho = \sum_k \Delta \rho_k = \sum_k v_k (-\psi_{-k}^2 + \psi_k^2)
$$

with k going over the pairs of NOCV's. The plots of the NOCV contributions  $\Delta \rho_k$  can be analyzed visually to assign symmetry and the direction of the density flow.

Finally, within the ETS-NOCV scheme, the orbital interaction term  $\Delta E_{orb}$  is further expressed in the NOCV representation as a sum of the orbital energy contributions  $\Delta E_k$  corresponding to the particular  $\Delta \rho_k$  channels.



<span id="page-24-0"></span>**Figure S11.** Visualization of the examined molecular clusters  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3~; (H^A H^B D^i R)_2 (H^A 2 D^i R)(H^A D^i R) \}$ , {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>B</sup>**DiR)}, {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup> <sup>2</sup>**DiR)}, {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR)}, {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup> <sup>2</sup>**DiR)(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR)} (shown in two orientations), and  $\{(\text{DiR})\}\$  (shown in two orientations) extracted from the crystal structures of **MDiR** with  $M = Cr$ , Fe, and Co. Numbers listed are  $O-H \cdot \cdot \cdot N$  distances, in Å.



<span id="page-25-0"></span>**Figure S12.** Visualization of the examined molecular clusters  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \text{--}; (H^B H^C TriRB)_2(HTriRB)_2 \}$ , {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>B</sup>H<sup>C</sup>**TriRB)}, and {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H**TriRB)} extracted from the crystal structures of **MTriRB** with  $M = Fe$  and Co. Note that for **CoTriRB** there are two different  $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$  anions in the asymmetric unit  $(Co^{01})$ and  $Co^{02}$ ), hence two sets of motifs were examined. Numbers listed are O–H $\cdots$ N distances, in Å.



<span id="page-25-1"></span>**Figure S13.** Visualization of the examined molecular clusters  $\{[Cr(CN)_6]^3$ ; $(H^B H^C TriRB)_2(HTriRB)_2\}$ ,  ${[Cr(CN)_6]^3}$ ;  ${(\mathbf{H}^B \mathbf{H}^C \text{TriRB})}$ , and  ${[Cr(CN)_6]^3}$ ;  ${(\mathbf{HTriRB})}$  extracted from the crystal structure of **CrTriRB**. Numbers listed are O–H···N distances, in Å.

# <span id="page-26-0"></span>*2.2. Calculated data*

As expected and directly shown by the results of extended transition state – natural orbitals for chemical valence (ETS-NOCV) charge and bonding-energy decomposition analyses performed for the closed-shell motifs  $([Co(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>/DiR and  $[Co(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>/TriRB: **Tables S12** and **S14**, **Figures S14-S17** and **S19-S20**), the  $[M(CN)_6]^3$ /DiR and [M(CN)6] 3– /TriRB interactions in **MDiR** and **MTriRB** involve hydrogen bonding interaction. Its covalent nature is clearly visible in the dominant NOCV contributions to the differential electron density (redistribution of electron density around [Co(CN)6] 3– and DiR or TriRB in the considered molecular clusters) *via* hydrogen bond acceptor and donor charge-transfer (CT) interaction between the occupied lone pair of nitrogen and the unoccupied  $\sigma^*$  orbital of the O–H bond ( $\sigma$ -CT) with participation of  $\pi$ -type orbitals of both moieties. Energetically relevant NOCV contributions demonstrate also the strong polarization (intra-CT) of the π-electron system within the hydrogen bond donor DiR or TriRB molecule, facilitated by the ion-dipole interaction imposed by the negative charge of the hydrogen bond acceptor  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$ . These two effects underly significantly negative (stabilizing) values of orbital-interaction  $\Delta E_{orb}$  contribution to the total interaction energies, which is accompanied by overall even more stabilizing electrostatic  $\Delta E_{elstat}$  term, lead to the strong interactions between  $[M(CN)_6]$ <sup>3-</sup> and DiR or TriRB, similar to what we previously reported for the [M(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>/phloroglucinol system in Reference S2. This also accounts for a pronounced decrease in the magnitude of the total interaction energy observed for the  $\{(\text{DiR});(\text{H}^{\text{A}}\text{DiR})\}$  motif vs. the corresponding  $\{[\text{M(CN)}_6]^3$ ; $(\text{H}^{\text{A}}\text{DiR})\}$  one (**Tables S11-S12**, **Figures S17-S18**), although in part this drop is probably due to not optimal arrangement of the DiR molecules enforced by the overall crystal structure network.

<span id="page-27-0"></span>**Table S11.** DFT-computed (B3LYP+D4//TZP, BLYP+D4//TZP in parentheses) interaction energy values (in kcal/mol) between hexacyanometallate anion  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-} (M = Cr, Fe, and Co)$  and polyresorcinol DiR molecule(s) in molecular clusters  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \text{--}; (\mathbf{H}^A \mathbf{H}^B \text{DiR})_2(\mathbf{H}^A \text{DiR})(\mathbf{H}^A \text{DiR}) \}, \{ [M(CN)_6] \text{--} \}$ 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>B</sup>**DiR)},  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \text{--}; (H^4_2DiR)(H^4DiR) \}$ ,  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \text{--}; (H^4_2DiR) \}$ , and  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \text{--}; (H^4_2DiR) \}$ , and between the DiR molecules in {(DiR);(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR)} motif, extracted from the crystal structures of **MDiR** with M = Cr, Fe, and Co. For clusters visualization, see **Figure S11**. 2HB/1HB stands for double/single hydrogen bonding interaction.



† Calculations failed to reach SCF convergence for the motif. # Obtained results were considered unreliable due to significant spin-contamination in the wavefunction of the molecular cluster (expectation value of  $S^2 \sim 0.93$ -1.10 vs. exact 0.75).

<span id="page-28-0"></span>Table S12. Hydrogen bond acceptor ( $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$  or DiR) / hydrogen bond donor (DiR) energy interaction values and their components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme for the molecular clusters  $\{[Co(CN)_6]^3$ ;  $(H^A H^B D iR)\},\qquad \{[Co(CN)_6]$ 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup> <sup>2</sup>**DiR)(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR)}, {[Co(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup> <sup>2</sup>**DiR)},  ${[Co(CN)_6]^3}$ ;  $(H^4DiR)$ , and  ${(DiR)}$ ;  $(H^4DiR)$  extracted from the crystal structures of **MDiR** with M = Cr, Fe, and Co. For clusters visualization, see **Figure S11**. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP and BLYP+D4//TZP (in parentheses) calculations. 2HB/1HB stands for double/single hydrogen bonding interaction.

Molecular cluster		$\Delta E_{\text{int}}$	$\Delta E_{orb}$	$\Delta E_{Pauli}$	$\Delta E_{elstat}$	$\Delta E_{disp}$
$\{ [Co(CN)6]^{3-}; (H^{A}H^{B}DiR)\}$ -I		$-54.50$	$-30.49$ 26.78		$-45.76$	$-5.03$
side 2HB		$(-55.02)$	$(-32.23)$	(29.40)	$(-45.94)$	$(-6.26)$
${[Co(CN)6]3–; (HAHBDiR)}$ -II		$-52.13$	$-29.28$	24.53	$-42.30$	$-5.07$
side 2HB		$(-52.79)$	$(-31.02)$	(27.02)	$(-42.50)$	$(-6.28)$
$\{ [Co(CN)6]3-; (HA2DiR)(HADiR) \}$		$-82.70$	$-46.14$	36.29	$-64.25$	$-8.59$
frontal 2HB & 1HB		$(-84.32)$	$(-49.23)$	(40.02)	$(-64.50)$	$(-10.62)$
$\{ [Co(CN)6]^{3-}; (HA2DiR) \}$		$-49.06$	$-28.32$	22.51	$-37.07$	$-6.19$
frontal 2HB		$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$
$\{[Co(CN)6]3-(HADiR)\}$		$-37.24$	$-19.87$	13.78	$-28.36$	$-2.80$
frontal 1HB		$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$	$(\dagger)$
		$-5.60$	$-3.18$	6.75	$-6.23$	$-2.94$
	Cr:	$(-5.50)$	$(-3.47)$	(7.73)	$(-6.27)$	$(-3.48)$
$\{(\text{DiR});(\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{A}}\text{DiR})\}$		$-5.46$	$-3.67$	8.21	$-6.88$	$-3.11$
frontal 1HB	Fe:	$(-5.35)$	$(-4.00)$	(9.26)	$(-6.93)$	$(-3.69)$
		$-5.24$	$-2.95$	6.60	$-5.90$	$-2.99$
	Co:	$(-5.14)$	$(-3.22)$	(7.57)	$(-5.95)$	$(-3.53)$

† Calculations failed to reach SCF convergence for the motif.



<span id="page-29-0"></span>**Figure S14.** ETS-NOCV analysis of the interaction between  $[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]$ <sup>3-</sup> and DiR molecule in the molecular cluster {[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>;(H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>B</sup>DiR)}-I extracted from the crystal structure of **CoDiR**. Top: Molecular cluster {[Co(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>B</sup>**DiR)}-I with the hydrogen bond distances (in Å) listed. [Co(CN)6] 3– /(**H<sup>A</sup>H<sup>B</sup>**DiR) energy interaction value and its components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme. Bottom: Isosurfaces (±0.0005 au) of dominant NOCV contributions to charge deformation (differential) density Δρ along with their corresponding charge (q in e) and orbital energy (ΔE in kcal/mol) assessments. Red/blue indicates inflow (gain)/outflow (loss) of electron density. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations.



<span id="page-30-0"></span>**Figure S15.** ETS-NOCV analysis of the interaction between  $[Co(CN)_6]^3$  and DiR molecules in the molecular cluster {[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>;(H<sup>A</sup><sub>2</sub>DiR)(H<sup>A</sup>DiR)} extracted from the crystal structure of **CoDiR**. Top: Molecular cluster  ${[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3–}</sup>$ ;( $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{A}}$ <sub>2</sub>DiR)( $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{A}}$ DiR)} with the hydrogen bond distances (in Å) listed.  $[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3–</sup>$ /(**H<sup>A</sup> <sup>2</sup>**DiR)&(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR) energy interaction value and its components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme. Bottom: Isosurfaces (±0.0005 au) of dominant NOCV contributions to charge deformation (differential) density Δρ along with their corresponding charge (q in e) and orbital energy (ΔE in kcal/mol) assessments. Red/blue indicates inflow (gain)/outflow (loss) of electron density. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations.



<span id="page-31-0"></span>**Figure S16.** ETS-NOCV analysis of the interaction between  $[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]$ <sup>3-</sup> and DiR molecule in the molecular cluster {[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>;(H<sup>A</sup><sub>2</sub>DiR)} extracted from the crystal structure of **CoDiR**. Top: Molecular cluster {[Co(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup> <sup>2</sup>**DiR)} with the hydrogen bond distances (in Å) listed. [Co(CN)6] 3– /(**H<sup>A</sup> <sup>2</sup>**DiR) energy interaction value and its components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme. Bottom: Isosurfaces (±0.0005 au) of dominant NOCV contributions to charge deformation (differential) density Δρ along with their corresponding charge (q in e) and orbital energy (ΔE in kcal/mol) assessments. Red/blue indicates inflow (gain)/outflow (loss) of electron density. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations.



<span id="page-32-0"></span>**Figure S17.** ETS-NOCV analysis of the interaction between  $[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]$ <sup>3-</sup> and DiR molecule in the molecular cluster {[Co(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR)} extracted from the crystal structure of **CoDiR**. Top: Molecular cluster {[Co(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR)} with the hydrogen bond distance (in Å) listed. [Co(CN)6] 3– /(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR) energy interaction value and its components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme. Bottom: Isosurfaces (±0.0005 au) of dominant NOCV contributions to charge deformation (differential) density Δρ along with their corresponding charge (q in e) and orbital energy (ΔE in kcal/mol) assessments. Red/blue indicates inflow (gain)/outflow (loss) of electron density. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations.



<span id="page-33-0"></span>**Figure S18.** ETS-NOCV analysis of the interaction between two DiR molecules in the molecular cluster  $\{(\text{DiR});(\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{A}}\text{DiR})\}$  extracted from the crystal structure of **CrDiR**. Top: Molecular cluster  $\{(\text{DiR});(\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{A}}\text{DiR})\}$  with the hydrogen bond distance (in Å) listed. (DiR)/(**H<sup>A</sup>**DiR) energy interaction value and its components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme. Bottom: Isosurfaces  $(\pm 0.0005 \text{ au})$  of dominant NOCV contributions to charge deformation (differential) density Δρ along with their corresponding charge (q in e) and orbital energy (ΔE in kcal/mol) assessments. Red/blue indicates inflow (gain)/outflow (loss) of electron density. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations.

<span id="page-34-0"></span>**Table S13.** DFT-computed (B3LYP+D4//TZP, BLYP+D4//TZP in parentheses, values obtained with B3LYP+D3//TZVP using Gaussian 16 indicated by the superscript G16) interaction energy values (in kcal/mol) between hexacyanometallate anion  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$  (M = Cr, Fe, Co) and polyresorcinol TriRB molecule(s) in molecular clusters  $\{ [M(CN)_6]^3 \text{ } : ; \text{(H}^B H^C \text{TriRB})_2 \text{ } \text{ (H}^T \text{TriRB})_2 \}, \{ [M(CN)_6]$ 3– ;(**H<sup>B</sup>H<sup>C</sup>**TriRB)}, and {[M(CN)6] 3– ;(**H**TriRB)} extracted from the crystal structures of **MTriRB** with M = Cr, Fe, and Co. For clusters visualization, see **Figures S12** and **S13**. 2HB/1HB stands for double/single hydrogen bonding interaction.



† Calculations failed to reach SCF convergence for the motif. # Obtained results were considered unreliable due to significant spin-contamination in the wavefunction of the molecular cluster (expectation value of  $S^2 \sim 0.95$ -1.29 vs. exact 0.75).

<span id="page-35-0"></span>Table S14. Hydrogen bond acceptor ( $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$ ) / hydrogen bond donor (TriRB) energy interaction values and their components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme for the molecular clusters  $\{ [Co(CN)_6]^3$ ;  $(H^B H^C TriRB) \}$  and  $\{ [Co(CN)_6]^3$ ;  $(HTriRB) \}$  extracted from the crystal structure of **CoTriRB**. For clusters visualization, see **Figure S12**. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations. 2HB/1HB stands for double/single hydrogen bonding interaction.

Molecular cluster	$\Delta E_{\text{int}}$	$\Delta E_{\rm orb}$	$\Delta E_{Pauli}$	$\Delta E_{elstat}$	$\Delta E_{disp}$
${[Co^{01}(CN)6]3–; (HBHCTriRB)}-I$ side 2HB	$-60.00$	$-38.59$	33.09	$-48.88$	$-5.62$
$\{[\text{Co}^{01}(\text{CN})_6]^3$ ; $(\text{H}^B\text{H}^C\text{TriRB})\}$ -II side 2HB	$-57.14$	$-35.61$	28.08	$-44.56$	$-5.06$
$\{[Co^{01}(CN)6]3-(HTriRB)\}-I$ frontal 1HB	$-29.87$	$-21.63$	15.87	$-21.20$	$-2.92$
${[CO^{01}(CN)_6]^{3-}}; (HTriRB){-}II$ frontal 1HB	$-30.42$	$-19.81$	12.14	$-20.04$	$-2.71$
${[Co^{02}(CN)_6]^{3-}}; (H^BH^C TriRB) - I$ side 2HB	$-58.63$	$-40.67$	39.06	$-51.19$	$-5.84$
${[Co^{02}(CN)6]3-(HBHCTriRB)}-II}$ side 2HB	$-57.84$	$-36.06$	28.27	$-44.89$	$-5.15$
$\{[Co^{02}(CN)6]3-(HTriRB)\}-I$ frontal 1HB	$-31.32$	$-21.60$	15.61	$-22.55$	$-2.78$
${[Co^{02}(CN)6]3-(HTriRB)}$ -II frontal 1HB	$-28.92$	$-19.91$	13.25	$-19.37$	$-2.88$



<span id="page-36-0"></span>**Figure S19.** ETS-NOCV analysis of the interaction between  $[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]$ <sup>3-</sup> and TriRB molecule in the molecular cluster {[Co<sup>01</sup>(CN)6] 3– ;(**H<sup>B</sup>H<sup>C</sup>**TriRB)}-I extracted from the crystal structure of **CoTriRB**. Top: Molecular cluster  $\{ [Co^{01}(CN)_6]^3$ ;  $(\mathbf{H}^B \mathbf{H}^C \text{TriRB})\}$ -I with the hydrogen bond distances (in Å) listed.  $[Co(CN)_6]^3$ <sup>-</sup>/ $(\mathbf{H}^B \mathbf{H}^C \text{TriRB})$ energy interaction value and its components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme. Bottom: Isosurfaces  $(\pm 0.0005 \text{ au})$  of dominant NOCV contributions to charge deformation (differential) density Δρ along with their corresponding charge (q in e) and orbital energy (ΔE in kcal/mol) assessments. Red/blue indicates inflow (gain)/outflow (loss) of electron density. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations.



<span id="page-37-0"></span>**Figure S20.** ETS-NOCV analysis of the interaction between  $[Co(CN)_6]$ <sup>3-</sup> and TriRB molecule in the molecular cluster {[Co<sup>02</sup>(CN)6] 3– ;(**H**TriRB)}-I extracted from the crystal structure of **CoTriRB**. Top: Molecular cluster {[Co<sup>02</sup>(CN)6] 3– ;(**H**TriRB)}-I with the hydrogen bond distance (in Å) listed. [Co(CN)6] 3– /(**H**TriRB) energy interaction value and its components (in kcal/mol) according to the ETS energy decomposition scheme. Bottom: Isosurfaces (±0.0005 au) of dominant NOCV contributions to charge deformation (differential) density Δρ along with their corresponding charge (q in e) and orbital energy (ΔE in kcal/mol) assessments. Red/blue indicates inflow (gain)/outflow (loss) of electron density. Based on B3LYP+D4//TZP calculations.

# <span id="page-38-0"></span>**3. Details of spectroscopic characterization**

# <span id="page-38-1"></span>*3.1. Vibrational studies*



<span id="page-38-2"></span>**Figure S21.** Room-temperature IR spectra for the single crystals of **CrDiR**, **FeDiR**, **CoDiR**, **CrTriRB**, **FeTriRB**, and **CoTriRB** measured in a wide range.

# <span id="page-38-3"></span>*3.2. Room-temperature Raman scattering spectroscopy*



<span id="page-38-4"></span>**Figure S22.** Infrared spectra of **MDiR** and **MTriRB** in the absorption mode, including the regions characteristic of the *v*(O-H) and *v*(C≡N) vibrations, and the skeletal vibrations in the fingerprint region.



<span id="page-39-0"></span>Figure S23. Room-temperature Raman scattering spectra for the single crystals of **MDiR** and **MTriRB** measured in a wide range.

IR and Raman spectra contain bands corresponding to molecular components and intermolecular synthons indicated by SC XRD analysis:  $v(O-H)$  vibrations of DiR and TriRB;  $v(C-H)$  vibrations of DiR, TriRB, PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, MeOH, and MeCN;  $v(C \equiv N)$  vibrations of  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$  and MeCN, and a whole set of skeletal vibrations of DiR, TriRB, and PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (see Figures 21-23). The IR spectra of all the cocrystal salts exhibit a broad complex band within the 3600-2500 cm–1 range. This band is attributed to the vibrations of *ν*(O-H) within the extended charge-assisted hydrogen bond network as well as the vibrations of *ν*(C-H). The maximum intensity in this region is severely shifted towards *ca.* 3060 cm<sup>-1</sup>, from *ca.* 3280 cm<sup>-1</sup> observed in the spectra of both coformers in the native form. The following IR-active  $v(C \equiv N)$  vibrations: 2132 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **CrDiR**; 2138 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **CrTriRB**; 2139, 2131, 2117, and 2107 cm–1 for **FeDiR**; 2139, 2131, 2116, and 2106 cm–1 for **FeTriRB**; 2159, 2146, 2132 and 2121 cm–1 for **CoDiR**; 2138 and 2124 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **CoTriRB** are about 20 cm<sup>-1</sup> shifted to a higher wavenumber compared to the respective precursors (PPh<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>[M(CN)<sub>6</sub>].<sup>S2</sup> The same effect is visible in the corresponding Raman spectra involving the following peak groups: 2133, 2123 and 2113 cm–1 for **CrDiR**; 2139, 2129 and 2121 cm–1 for **CrTriRB**; 2131, 2122, and 2112 cm–1 for **FeDiR**; 2139, 2129, and 2123 cm–1 for **FeTriRB**; 2154, 2140, and 2116 cm–1 for **CoDiR**; 2151, 2137, and 2119 cm–1 for **CoTriRB** (Figures S23). As for the skeletal coformer IR-active vibrations, the only extractable (e.g. free from the contributions of other components) essential spectral shifts of *ca*. 20 cm<sup>-1</sup> (DiR line) or 30 cm<sup>-1</sup> (TriRB line) compared to the solid specimens of coformers might be claimed in the region of 800-870 cm<sup>-1</sup>, assignable to the composed *γ*(C-H) type vibrations.<sup>S19</sup> In the Raman spectra, the reasonably extractable spectral changes occur in the 1590-1640 cm<sup>-1</sup> range of  $v(C=C)$  and  $\delta(O-H\cdots D)$  vibrations and in the 1250-1190 cm<sup>-1</sup> range of  $\beta$ (C-H) and  $\delta$ (O-H…D) vibrations,<sup>520</sup> D – hydrogen bond donor atom. All the observed modifications with respect to the reference solids are attributable to the specific hydrogen-bond networks involving  $[M(CN)_6]$ <sup>3-</sup> and coformers established in **MDiR** and **MTriRB** irrespective of the space group observed in both groups of compounds.

# <span id="page-40-0"></span>*3.3. Low-frequency (LF) Raman scattering spectroscopy*



<span id="page-40-1"></span>Figure S24. Room-temperature LF-Raman scattering spectra for the single crystals of **CrDiR** (a), CoDiR (b), **CrTriRB** (c), and **FeTriRB** (d). The numbers above the peaks correspond to the position of the peaks in  $cm^{-1}$ .



<span id="page-40-2"></span>*3.4. <sup>57</sup>Fe Mössbauer spectra*

<span id="page-40-3"></span>**Figure S25.** <sup>57</sup>Fe Mössbauer spectra of **FeDiR** (left) and of **FeTriRB** (right). The values of the fitted parameters  $\delta$  = –0.12(1) mm s<sup>-1</sup>, QS = 0.48(1) mm s<sup>-1</sup> for **FeDiR**, and  $\delta$  = –0.13(1) mm s<sup>-1</sup>, QS = 0.45(1) mm s<sup>-1</sup> for **FeTriRB**, are very close to the parameters sets obtained previously for **FeH3PG**, –0.11 and 0.55 mm s–1 , in line with the presence of <sub>L</sub>O-H $\cdots$ N<sub>M-C≡N</sub> hydrogen bonds.<sup>S2</sup>

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# <span id="page-40-4"></span>*3.5. UV-Vis electronic absorption spectra*

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UV-Vis spectra of cocrystal salts **MDiR** and **MTriRB** in the solid state, together with the spectra of the reference solids of the pristine coformers and metal complexes in the form of the Kubelka-Munk function, are presented in Figure S26. The spectra show diverse absorption threshold points depending on the  $[M(CN)<sub>6</sub>]^{3-}$  used, and remain in line with the results presented previously for the  ${M(CN)<sub>6</sub>}^3$ ; H<sub>3</sub>PG} networks.<sup>S2</sup> The lowest-energy absorption bands for the Cr(III) containing compounds, centered around 379, 375, and 373 nm for **CrTriRB**, **CrDiR,** and  $K_3[Cr(CN)_6]_3$  salt, respectively, correspond to the lowest-energy spin-allowed  ${}^4T_{2g} \leftarrow {}^4A_{2g}$  transition for  $Cr^{3+}$  ions in the octahedral ligand field. The corresponding lowest-energy observed bands of  $[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]$ <sup>3-</sup> moieties, spinallowed  ${}^{1}T_{1g} \leftarrow {}^{1}A_{1g}$  transitions with the maxima expected below 320 nm, are on the other hand hidden under the far more intense intra-ligand (IL) transitions and the CT transitions dominating in the UV-region. The Fe(III) based networks exhibit intense absorption bands with maxima at *ca.* 411 and 427 nm (**FeDiR**), *ca.* 410 and 430 nm (**FeTriRB**), and *ca.* 403 and 422 nm ( $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]_3$ ), all assigned to the ligand-to-metal charge-transfer (LMCT)  $\sigma(CN^{-}) \to \pi(t_{2g})$  transitions (Figure 5, Figure S26).



<span id="page-41-0"></span>**Figure S26.** Solid-state UV-Vis absorption spectra of the **MDiR** and **MTriRB** compounds in the range of 250- 800 nm together with those of DiR, TriRB and PPh<sub>4</sub>[M(CN)<sub>6</sub>] $\cdot$ nH<sub>2</sub>O precursors as the references; M = Cr (a), Fe (b), and Co (c).



<span id="page-42-0"></span>**Figure S27.** Molecular models used in calculations of UV-Vis electronic spectra representative of  $[Fe(CN)_6]$ <sup>3-</sup> references (a), **FeH3PG** (b), and **FeDiR** (c, d).

Quantum-chemical calculations of the UV-Vis absorption spectra for the models presented in **Figure S27** were done using the Gaussian 16 software.<sup>S12</sup> The models were prepared based on the respective crystal structures by removing the solvent, counterion, and appropriate organic ligand molecules, to form the pristine  $Fe(CN)_6]$ <sup>3–</sup> model, FeH3PG-*frontal* model representative of the hydrogen-bonded contacts observed in the crystal structure of **FeH3PG**, S2 and two – FeDiR-*side* and FeDiR-*frontal* – models representative of the hydrogen-bonded contacts observed in the crystal structure of **FeDiR** (**Figure S27**). The single-point DFT and TD-DFT calculations were performed with the PBE density functional,  ${}^{221}$  using the Karlsruhe type def2-TZVP basis set for Fe, C, N, and H atoms. S15,S16 Vertical excitation energies from the ground state to the lowest 300 electronic excited states were calculated along with the corresponding oscillator strengths for respective electronic transitions. The simulated spectra shown were obtained using the GaussView 6.1.1 program<sup>S22</sup> using Gaussian-broadening with the implemented UV-Vis peak half-width at half height parameter of 0.333 eV. For the assignment of the selected key transitions, see **Figures S28-S31**. As the ground-state energy calculations for the corresponding molecular model of FeTriRB-*side* (representative of the hydrogen-bonded contacts observed in the crystal structure of **FeTriRB**) failed to reach SCF convergence at the DFT-PBE level of theory, we were not able to simulate its UV-Vis spectrum using the above protocol. However, based on the results shown in **Figure 5** (main text) and **Figures S28-S31**, we believe that we might infer similar spectral properties for this system to those for **FeDiR**.



<span id="page-43-0"></span>**Figure S28.** Simulated UV-Vis spectrum for the pristine  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$  model. The bars indicate the energies and oscillator strengths for the electronic excitations computed in the presented spectral region. The analysed excitations a-c are assigned as intramolecular  $LMCT^2$  transitions in  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ , judging by the isosurfaces of the involved molecular orbitals.



<span id="page-43-1"></span>**Figure S29.** Simulated UV-Vis spectrum for the FeDiR*-side* model. The bars indicate the energies and oscillator strengths for the electronic excitations computed in the presented spectral region. The analysed excitations a-c are assigned as intramolecular LMCT<sup>2</sup> transitions in  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ , whereas the excitations 1 and 2 correspond to intermolecular OSCT  $[Fe(CN)_6]^3$   $\rightarrow$  DiR transitions, judging by the isosurfaces of the involved molecular orbitals. Note that the OSCT transitions are of lower energy compared to the LMCT transitions.

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<span id="page-44-0"></span>**Figure S30.** Simulated UV-Visspectrum for the FeDiR-*frontal* model. The bars indicate the energies and oscillator strengths for the electronic excitations computed in the presented spectral region. The analysed excitations a and b are assigned as intramolecular LMCT<sup>2</sup> transitions in  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ , whereas the excitations 1 and 2 correspond to intermolecular OSCT  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$   $\rightarrow$  DiR transitions, judging by the isosurfaces of the involved molecular orbitals. Note that the OSCT transitions are of lower energy compared to the LMCT transitions.

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<span id="page-44-1"></span>**Figure S31.** Simulated UV-Vis spectrum for the FeH3PG-*frontal* model. The bars indicate the energies and oscillator strengths for the electronic excitations computed in the presented spectral region. The analysed excitations a-c are assigned as intramolecular LMCT<sup>2</sup> transitions in  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$ , whereas the excitation 1 corresponds to intermolecular OSCT  $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-} \to H_3PG$  transition, judging by the isosurfaces of the involved molecular orbitals. Note that in this case the OSCT transition is of comparable energy to the LMCT transitions, unlike in the case of FeDiR-*side* and FeDiR-*frontal*.

# <span id="page-45-0"></span>*4.6. Second-harmonic generation studies*

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

<span id="page-45-1"></span>**Figure S32.** Second-harmonic signals for **CrDiR** (a), (b), (g), **FeDiR** (c), (d), (g), and **CoDiR** (e), (f), (g). SHG plotted against wavelength to confirm the chromaticity aberration of the SH signal of **CrDiR** (a), **FeDiR** (c), and **CoDiR** (e). Average SHG signals of **CrDiR** (b), **FeDiR** (d), and **CoDiR** (f); red solid lines correspond to the results of fitting using a quadratic function  $(y = Ax^2)$ . Relation between tensor elements of the SH susceptibility corresponding to space group *P*na2<sub>1</sub> and SH polarization (g).

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<span id="page-46-0"></span>**Figure S33.** Second-harmonic signals for **CrTriRB** (a), (b), (c), and **FeTriRB** (d), (e), (f). SHG plotted against wavelength to confirm the chromaticity aberration of the SH signal of **CrTriRB** (a) and **FeTriRB** (d). Average SHG signals of **CrTriRB** (b) and **FeTriRB** (e); red solid lines correspond to the results of fitting using a quadratic function  $(y = Ax^2)$ . Relation between tensor elements of the SH susceptibility corresponding to space group *C*c and *P*2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2 and SH polarization, respectively, (c) and (f).

Compound	Topology	Space group	<b>SH</b> susceptibility $(esu)$ (% KDP)	Reference
<b>CrDiR</b>		Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	$6.0 \times 10^{-12}$ $(0.5\%)$	This work
<b>FeDiR</b>		Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	$7.2 \times 10^{-12}$ $(0.6\%)$	This work
<b>CoDiR</b>	Ionic: cocrystal salt	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	$2.2 \times 10^{-11}$ $(1.8\%)$	This work
<b>CrTriRB</b>	solvates	Cc	$6.2 \times 10^{-11}$ $(5.2\%)$	This work
<b>FeTriRB</b>		$P2_12_12$	$3.2 \times 10^{-11}$ (2.7%)	This work
<b>CoTriRB</b>		P2 <sub>1</sub>	$1.4 \times 10^{-10}$ (11.7%)	This work
$KH_2PO_4$ (KDP)	Ionic salt	P2 <sub>1</sub>	$1.2 \times 10^{-9}$ $(100\%)$	S <sub>2</sub> 3
$[Dy(phen)2(NO3)(H2O)][Fe(CN)5(NO)]·3H2O$	1 <sub>D</sub>	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	$3.5\times10^{-10}$ (30%)	S24
${[Cu(NH3)2]2[Mo(CN)8]}$	3D	Fdd2	$1.8\times10^{-10}$ (15%)	S <sub>25</sub>
${[Gd(dmf)6][Mo(CN)5(NO)]}$	1 <sub>D</sub>	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	$1.2\times10^{-10}(10\%)$	S <sub>26</sub>
$[Fe_2[Nb(CN)8](R-S-pEtOH)8·6H2O$	3D	I2 <sub>1</sub> 3	$1.1 \times 10^{-10}$ $(9.2\%)$	S27
$[Dy(dma)_5][W(CN)_8]$	1D	$P2_1$	$9.4 \times 10^{-11}$ $(7.8\%)$	S28
$[Tb(dma)_5][W(CN)_8]$	1D	$P2_1$	$8.9\times10^{-11}$ $(7.4\%)$	S <sub>28</sub>
$Rb_{0.94}Mn[Fe(CN)6]0.98·0.2H2O$	3D	$F\overline{4}3m$	$8\times10^{-11}$ (6.7%)	S <sub>29</sub>
$[Er(dma)_5][W(CN)_8]$	1 <sub>D</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>	$6.0\times10^{-11}$ $(5.0\%)$	S28, S30
$[Mn(pz)(H_2O)_2][Mn(H_2O)_2][Mo(CN)_8]\cdot 4H_2O$	3D	$P2_1$	$6\times10^{-11}$ (5.0%)	S31
$[Y(dma)_5][W(CN)_8]$	1 <sub>D</sub>	$P2_1$	$4.9 \times 10^{-11}$ $(4.1\%)$	S <sub>28</sub>
$[Ho(dma)_5][W(CN)_8]$	1D	$P2_1$	$2.5 \times 10^{-11}$ $(2.1\%)$	S28

<span id="page-47-0"></span>**Table S15.** Room-temperature second-harmonic susceptibilities for powdered samples of **MDiR** and **MTriRB**, the KDP standard, and other reference assemblies.

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Ligands: dma = *N,N*-dimethylacetamide; dmf = *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide; pEtOH = 1-(3-pyridyl)ethanol; phen = 1,10-phenanthroline; pz = pyrazine; pzdo = pyrazine-*N*,*N*′-dioxide.

# <span id="page-49-0"></span>*4.7. Photoluminescence studies*

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

<span id="page-49-1"></span>**Figure S34.** Photoluminescence spectra of DiR. Excitation spectra followed with the emission wavelength of 410 nm (a) and 475 nm (b). Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 325 nm (c) and 350 nm (d).

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<span id="page-49-2"></span>**Figure S35.** Photoluminescence spectra of TriRB. Excitation spectra followed with the emission wavelength of 405 nm (a) and 420 nm (b). Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 325 nm (c) and 350 nm (d).

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<span id="page-50-0"></span>**Figure S36.** Photoluminescence spectra of **CrDiR**. Excitation spectra followed with emission wavelengths of 450 nm (a) and 805 nm (b). Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 275 nm (c) and 350 nm (d).

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<span id="page-50-1"></span>**Figure S37.** Photoluminescence spectra of **CrTriRB**. Excitation spectra followed with emission wavelengths of 450 nm (a) and 805 nm (b). Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 350 nm (c) and 275 nm (d).

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<span id="page-51-0"></span>**Figure S38.** Photoluminescence spectra of **FeDiR**. Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 275 nm (a) and 350 nm (b). Excitation spectra followed with emission wavelength of 475 nm (c).

![](_page_51_Figure_2.jpeg)

<span id="page-51-1"></span>**Figure S39.** Photoluminescence spectra of **FeTriRB**. Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 275 nm (a) and 350 nm (b). Excitation spectra followed with emission wavelength of 475 nm (c).

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<span id="page-51-2"></span>**Figure S40.** Photoluminescence spectra of **CoDiR**. Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 275 nm (a) and 340 nm (b). Excitation spectra followed with emission wavelength of 450 nm (c).

![](_page_51_Figure_6.jpeg)

<span id="page-51-3"></span>**Figure S41.** Photoluminescence spectra of **CoTriRB**. Emission spectra for the corresponding excitation wavelengths of 275 nm (a) and 325 nm (b). Excitation spectra followed with emission wavelength of 450 nm (c).

![](_page_52_Figure_0.jpeg)

<span id="page-52-0"></span>**Figure S42.** CIE1931 uniform chromaticity scale diagrams for DiR (a) and TriRB (b) ligands, **CrDiR** (c), **CrTriRB** (d), **FeDiR** (e), **FeTriRB** (f)**, CoDiR** (g), and **CoTriRB** (h).

Compound	Quantum Yield, QY	Excitation Wavelength
<b>CrDiR</b>	8.9%	$375 \text{ nm}$
CrTriRB	2.4%	$375 \text{ nm}$
CoDiR	1.7%	$325 \text{ nm}$
<b>CoTriRB</b>	1.3%	325 nm
DiR.	0.6%	$325 \text{ nm}$
TriRB	$0.1\%$	$325 \text{ nm}$

<span id="page-53-0"></span>**Table S16.** Values of the measured quantum yield (QY) for **CrDiR**, **CrTriRB**, **CoDiR**, and **CoTriRB** together with the corresponding data for the coformers DiR and TriRB as the references.

# <span id="page-54-0"></span>*4.8. Details of materials and methods*

#### **Materials and syntheses**

#### *Synthetic procedures for precursors*

 $(PPh_4)_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ <sup> $\cdot$ 7H<sub>2</sub>O,  $(PPh_4)_3[Co(CN)_6]$ <sup> $\cdot$ 6H<sub>2</sub>O, and  $(PPh_4)_3[Cr(CN)_6]$ <sup> $\cdot$ 2H<sub>2</sub>O were prepared by metathesis of the</sup></sup></sup> corresponding potassium salts of the complexes with PPh<sub>4</sub>Cl. 3,3',5,5'-Tetramethoxy-1,19-biphenyl – DiR<sup>OMe</sup> and  $5'$ -(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3,3",5,5"-tetramethoxy-1,19:3',1"-terphenyl – TriRB<sup>OMe</sup> were obtained using the Suzuki–Miyaura reaction, where the coupling partners were a boronic acid and an organohalide, and the catalyst was a palladium(0) complex. DiR<sup>OMe</sup> and TriRB<sup>OMe</sup> unlocking resulted in 3,3',5,5'-tetrahydroxy-1,19-biphenyl – DiR and 5'-(3,5-dihydroxyphenyl)-3,3",5,5"-tetrahydroxy-1,19:3',1"-terphenyl – TriRB according to a modified literature procedure.<sup>S34</sup>

#### *General Synthetic Procedure for MDiR and MTriRB*

Acetonitrile solutions of (PPh<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>[M(CN)<sub>6</sub>]·nH<sub>2</sub>O (M = Cr(III), Fe(III), Co(III); *n* = 2, 6, 7) (0.026 g, ~ 0.019 – 0.021 mmol in 1 mL of MeCN) and DiR or TriRB (0.018 mmol in 1 mL of MeCN) were sonicated to obtain a clear solution; they were then combined, and the cream-colored solid was obtained, followed by dissolution in MeOH. The clear solution in a vial was exposed to diethyl ether vapors in a closed container. After 2 days, the crystals were filtered and washed with cold MeCN (10 mL, 2 °C) and dried in the air. The crystal structures of all compounds were determined based on single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiments. Fresh crystalline compounds were used for elemental analysis, infrared (IR), Raman, and UV-Vis absorption spectroscopies, SHG measurement, powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), and thermogravimetric analyses.

#### *Synthesis of CrDiR - (PPh4)3[Cr(CN)6](DiR)2·2MeCN·MeOH*

Yield: 0.029 g, 80.0%. Elemental analysis: Calc. for C<sub>107</sub>H<sub>90</sub>CrN<sub>8</sub>O<sub>9</sub>P<sub>3</sub> ( $M_w = 1776.77$  g·mol<sup>-1</sup>): C, 72.33%; H, 5.11%; N, 7.18%. Found: C, 72.3%; H, 5.1%; N, 7.1%. IR (KBr, cm−1 ): 3410 – 2662 *v*(O-H), 3082 *v*(C-H), 2131 *v*(C≡N) ([Cr(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>), other: 1601, 1521, 1484, 1437, 1306, 1188, 1151, 1110, and 998 (vibrations of PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), 843, 755, and 724 (vibrations of DiR). Solubility: MeOH–good. Stability: composition is stable up to ca. 20 °C, the loss of 1 crystallization MeCN and 0.5 crystallization MeOH molecules occurs above room temperature; then, above 240 °C massive decomposition occurs (Figure S43).

#### *Synthesis of FeDiR - (PPh4)3[Fe(CN)6](DiR)2·3MeCN*

Yield: 0.029 g, 85.0%. Elemental analysis: Calc. for C<sub>108</sub>H<sub>89</sub>FeN<sub>9</sub>O<sub>8</sub>P<sub>3</sub> ( $M_w = 1789.64$  g·mol<sup>-1</sup>): C, 72.48%; H, 5.01%; N, 7.04%. Found: C, 72.3%; H, 4.9%; N, 7.1%. IR (KBr, cm−1 ): 3062 – 2661 *v*(O-H)/*v*(C-H), 2117 *v*(C≡N) ([Fe(CN)6] 3−), other: 1590, 1483, 1442, 1412, 1352, 1316, 1228, 12144, 1175, 1152, 1109, and 1007 (vibrations of PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), 843 and 756 (vibrations of DiR). Solubility: MeOH–good. Stability: composition is stable up to ca. 20 °C, the loss of 1.5 crystallization MeCN molecules occurs slowly above room temperature; then, above 230 °C massive decomposition occurs (Figure S43).

#### *Synthesis of CoDiR - (PPh4)3[Co(CN)6](DiR)2·MeCN·2MeOH*

Yield: 0.028 g, 85.0%. Elemental analysis: Calc. for C<sub>106</sub>H<sub>91</sub>CoN<sub>7</sub>O<sub>10</sub>P<sub>3</sub> ( $M_w = 1774.69$  g·mol<sup>-1</sup>): C, 71.74%; H, 5.17%; N, 5.52%. Found: C, 71.6%; H, 5.1%; N, 5.5%. IR (KBr, cm−1 ): 3092 – 2664 *v*(O-H), 2132 and 2121

*v*(C≡N) ([Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>), other: 1601, 1586, 1484, 1466, 1443, 1437, 1304, 1266, 1218, 1168, 1152, 1110, and 1004 (vibrations of PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), 840, 756, and 724 (vibrations of DiR). Solubility: MeOH. Stability: composition is stable up to ca. 60 °C, the loss of 1 crystallization MeCN and 2 crystallization MeOH molecules is observed in the range of 60–150 °C; then, above 290 °C massive decomposition occurs (Figure S43).

### *Synthesis of CrTriRB - (PPh4)3[Cr(CN)6](TriRB)·MeCN·solv*

Yield: 0.019 g, 53.0%. Elemental analysis: Calc. for C<sub>107</sub>CrH<sub>93</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>9</sub>P<sub>3</sub> ( $M_w = 1765.79$  g·mol<sup>-1</sup>): C, 72.33%; H, 5.11%; N, 7.18%. Found: C, 72.3%; H, 5.1%; N, 7.1%. IR (KBr, cm−1 ): 3410 – 2662 *v*(O-H), 3082 *v*(C-H), 2131 *v*(C≡N) ([Cr(CN)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup>), other: 1601, 1521, 1484, 1437, 1306, 1188, 1151, 1110, and 998 (vibrations of PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), 843, 755, and 724 (vibrations of TriRB). Solubility: MeOH. Stability: composition is stable up to ca. 40 °C, the loss of crystallization solvent molecules is observed in the range of  $40-190$  °C; then, above 230 °C massive decomposition occurs (Figure S43).

#### *Synthesis of FeTriRB - (PPh4)3[Fe(CN)6](TriRB)·2MeCN·MeOH*

Yield: 0.016 g, 46.0%. Elemental analysis: Calc. for C<sub>107</sub>H<sub>88</sub>FeN<sub>8</sub>O<sub>7</sub>P<sub>3</sub> ( $M_w = 1746.61$  g·mol<sup>-1</sup>): C, 73.58%; H, 5.08%; N, 6.42%. Found: C, 73.5%; H, 5.0%; N, 6.4%. IR (KBr, cm−1 ): 3060 – 2662 *v*(O-H)/*v*(C-H), 2116 *v*(C≡N)  $([Fe(CN)_6]^{3-})$ , other: 1590, 1483, 1442, 1352, 1316, 1174, 1151, 1109, 1007, and 996 (vibrations of PPh<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), 842, 755, and 723 (vibrations of TriRB). Solubility: MeOH. Stability: composition is stable up to ca. 50 °C, the loss of 1 crystallization MeCN molecule occurs in the range of  $50-150$  °C; then, above 230 °C massive decomposition occurs (Figure S43).

#### *Synthesis of CoTriRB - 2[(PPh4)3[Co(CN)6](TriRB)]·4MeCN·1MeOH*

Yield: 0.017 g, 52.0%. Elemental analysis: Calc. for C<sub>213</sub>H<sub>172</sub>Co<sub>2</sub>N<sub>16</sub>O<sub>13</sub>P<sub>6</sub> ( $M_w$  = 3467.34 g·mol<sup>-1</sup>): C, 73.78%; H, 5.00%; N, 6.46%. Found: C, 73.6%; H, 5.1%; N, 6.5%. IR (KBr, cm−1 ): 3061 – 2672 *v*(O-H)/*v*(C-H), 2138 *v*(C≡N)  $([Co(CN)_6]^{3-})$ , other: 1588, 1484, 1437, 1341, 1164, 1109, 1009, and 997 (vibrations of PPh<sub>4</sub>+), 847, 753, and 723 (vibrations of TriRB). Solubility: MeOH. Stability: composition is stable up to ca. 30 °C, the loss of 4 crystallization MeCN and 1 crystallization MeOH molecules is observed in the range of 30–100 °C; then, above 310 °C massive decomposition occurs (Figure S43).

<span id="page-56-0"></span>![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

<span id="page-56-1"></span>**Figure S43.** Thermogravimetric curves of **MDiR** and **MTriRB** collected under nitrogen atmosphere with a heating rate of 10 K per minute. The graphs show separate TG curves for each compound (**CrDiR**, **FeDiR**, **CoDiR**, **CrTriRB**, **FeTriRB**, and **CoTriRB**). Upon heating under nitrogen atmosphere, the powder samples are stable to  $T = 20^{\circ}$ C (**CrDiR**, **FeDiR**, **CrTriRB**), 30°C (**CoTriRB**), and 50°C (**CoDiR**, **FeTriRB**), then exhibit a small decrease in mass up to  $T = 140^{\circ}\text{C}$  (CrDiR, FeTriRB, CoTriRB), 190°C (CrTriRB), 200°C (FeDiR), and 250°C (**CoDiR**). These steps related to the loss of acetonitrile and methanol solvent molecules were depicted on the graphs, and they are accompanied by a comparison with the calculated values for the presented amount of solvent molecules per  $[M(CN)_6]^{3-}$  units. The related decrease in the sample mass can also be correlated with the number of solvent molecules determined by CHN analyses (see synthetic procedures in the main text). Then, for the desolvated samples above  $T = 230^{\circ}$ C (**FeDiR**, **CrTriRB**, **FeTriRB**), 240<sup>o</sup>C (**CrDiR**), 290<sup>o</sup>C (**CoDiR**), and 310<sup>o</sup>C (**CoTriRB**) massive decomposition occurs.

#### **X-ray diffraction analysis.**

Diffraction data for all the compounds were collected using a Bruker D8 Quest Eco diffractometer equipped with a Photon II detector and a Mo K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å) radiation source with a graphite monochromator and Oxford Cryostream cooling system. Crystals for measurement were taken from the mother solution and covered by NVH immersion oil. All measurements were performed at 100 K. Data reduction and cell parameter refinement were carried out using the Apex software, which included the SAINT and SADABS programs. The intensities of reflections for the sample absorption were corrected using the multiscan method. Structures were solved by the intrinsic phasing method and refined anisotropically with weighted full-matrix least-squares on F2 using the SHELXTS<sup>35</sup> and SHELXLS<sup>36</sup> programs with the Olex 2 graphic interface.<sup>S37</sup> Heavy atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters, whereas hydrogen atoms were assigned at calculated positions with thermal displacement parameters fixed to a value of 20% or 50% higher than those of the corresponding carbon atoms. All structural figures were prepared using the Mercury software.<sup>S38</sup> The results of the data collection and refinement have been summarized in Tables S1 and S2, and selected bond lengths and angles are presented in Tables S3 and S4 in the SI. CCDC **CrDiR** – 2271018, **FeDiR** – 2271019, **CoDiR** – 2271020, **CrTriRB** – 2271021, **FeTriRB** – 2271022, and **CoTriRB** – 2271023 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for all the compounds, respectively. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk.data\\_request/cif.](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk.data_request/cif) The topology of hydrogen-bonded subnetworks was analyzed using the TOPOS Pro software.<sup>S39</sup>

#### **Physical techniques and computational methods.**

Elemental analyses of CHNS were performed using the Elemental Vario Micro Cube CHNS analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns for **MDiR**, and **MTriRB** in 0.7 mm glass capillaries were collected on a D8 Advance Eco (Bruker) using a Cu−Kα radiation source. Thermogravimetric (TGA) curves for the polycrystalline samples were collected using a TG209 F1 Libra thermogravimetric analyzer with aluminum pans as holders. The data were collected in the temperature range of 21-400  $^{\circ}$ C under a nitrogen atmosphere with a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}$ C per minute. Infrared (IR) absorption spectra in the range of 4000-675 cm<sup>-1</sup> were measured on the selected singlecrystals using a Nicolet iN10 MX Fourier transform infrared microscope. Diffuse reflectance spectra measurements in the UV-Vis-NIR range were performed for the freshly ground powder samples mixed with BaSO<sup>4</sup> (2 mass %) using a Shimadzu UV-3600i Plus spectrophotometer equipped with the 50 mm integrating sphere. The spectra were recalculated according to the Kubelka–Munk equation. Luminescence spectra in the reflectance mode were measured with the Horiba Jobin-Yvon Fluorolog<sup>®</sup>-3 (FL3-211) spectrofluorometer (model TKN-7), equipped with a 450 W Xe-lamp and the R928P detector working in the photon counting mode, for the samples dispersed in paraffin oil and blocked between two quartz plates placed inside the liquid nitrogen-cooled MicrostatHe (Oxford Instruments) connected to the digital temperature controller MercuryiTC (a sweeping rate of  $2 \text{ K min}^{-1}$ ). Roomtemperature Raman scattering spectra in the range of  $4000$ -100 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the single crystals were accumulated using a JASCO NRS-7500 laser Raman spectrometer (532.12 nm laser with 0.8 mW power, single monochromator, L600/B500 nm grating, d-100  $\mu$ m slit, d-4000  $\mu$ m aperture, MPLFLN 20x objective lens, BS 30/70, and 5%(OD1.3) attenuator). A room-temperature absolute photoluminescence quantum yield detection device (C9920-02, Hamamatsu Photonics) with an integrating sphere with a 3.3-inch radius was used to measure emission quantum yields. The excitation source, a Xenon lamp, produced different excitation wavelengths ranging from 250 to 950 nm with the use of a monochromator. A PMA multichannel spectrometer was used to detect the emitted light in

the reflection mode after normal excitation light exposure through the side of the sphere. To prevent seeing the sample's fluorescence and scattered light directly, a baffle was put in between the sample and the detecting port. An empty quartz vessel was inserted into the sphere prior to each measurement to serve as an excitation reference spectrum. The quantum yield of the sample was then determined by dividing the number of photons absorbed by the sample by the number of photons released as photoluminescence. For the same substance, several independent measurements were made to confirm its reproducibility. In SHG measurements, fundamental 1040 nm light, generated by the femtosecond pulsed laser (Spectra Physics Spirit One), has been applied. Green light transmitted through an IR filter, a third harmonic generation filter, and a band-pass filter was observed with a photomultiplier tube (Hamamatsu R329-02). The Mössbauer spectra of **FeDiR** and **FeTriRB** were recorded in a routine transmission geometry at room temperature, using WissEl spectrometer (Wissenschaftliche Electronic GmbH, Ortenberg, Germany). The powder samples were directly placed into copper rings and sealed with Kapton foil. The spectra were collected in 1024 channels, with a  $\sim$  5 mCi  $57$ Co source in an Rh matrix. The temperature stabilization was up to 0.5 K. The velocity scale was calibrated using the α-Fe foil standard. The reported spectra were numerically evaluated with the use of the *WinNormos-for-Igor package* (Wissenschaftliche Electronic GmbH, Ortenberg, Germany).

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