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### **Abstract:**

The geometry of cobalt(II) ions in the axially distorted octahedral cation in  $[\text{Co}(\text{MeCN})_6](\text{BF}_4)_2$  (**1**) was compared to the trigonal prismatic cation in  $[\text{CoTpPy}]^+\text{PF}_6^-$  (**2**) which revealed significant differences in magnetic anisotropy. Combined experimental and ab initio CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculations support the observed zero field SMM behaviour for **2**, with easy axis anisotropy ( $B_0^2 = -150.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) with minimal transverse anisotropy component, attributed to the rigidity of the trigonal prismatic ligand. Strong transverse anisotropy ( $B_0^2 = +148.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $B_2^2 = 44.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for **1** leads to significant quantum tunneling processes due to the non-rigid MeCN ligands in the distorted octahedral coordination environment.