The asymmetric unit of structure contains a discrete anion of $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ni(C_6F_5)_2]$ and half of two $[(C_2H_5)_4N]^+$ cations that reside on crystallographically independent centers of inversion with disordered methylene carbon atoms. The anion, depicted in Figure 1,⁸ consists of a nickel atom that is σ -bonded to two C₆F₅ ligands and π -bonded to C₅H₅ in η^5 fashion. This arrangement has quasi $m(C_s)$ symmetry with the quasi mirror plane containing the Ni, C_1 , C_7 , and C_{13} atoms and bisecting the $C_{15}-C_{16}$ bond. The plane of the C_5H_5 ring is within 1° of being perpendicular to the Ni, C_1 , C_7 plane and the C_1 NiC₇ bond angle is 92.7 (1)^o. The average $Ni-C_6F_5$ bond distance of 1.900 (3) \AA is 0.009 \AA longer than the corresponding distance in $(\eta^6$ -C₆H₅CH₃)Ni(C₆F₅)₂.^{1c} Bond distances and angles are compiled in Tables \tilde{V}^{13} and $\tilde{V}I$,¹³ respectively. Other bond parameters within the planar C_6F_5 ligands are within experimental error equivalent to those in $(\eta^6$ -C₆H₅CH₃)Ni- $(C_6F_5)_2$, ^{1c}

The average Ni-C_{Cp} distance is 2.108 (4) \AA ; the five distances are not equivalent due to a nonplanar deformation of the n^5 -C₅H₅ ring. This deformation can be described as a displacement of C_{13} from the plane containing C_{14} , C_{15} , C_{16} , and C_{17} by 0.070 (5) \AA toward the Ni atom, resulting in a fold angle (about the line between C_{14} and C_{17}) of 5.5°. Alternatively, if the plane defined by C_{13} , C_{15} , and C_{16} is taken as the reference plane, then C_{14} and C_{17} are 0.049 (4) and 0.040 (5) \AA , respectively, out of the plane away from the Ni atom.' The results of mean-planes calculations are given in Table VII.¹³ This second description is comparable to that used to describe the nonplanar deformation in $(\eta^6$ - $C_6H_5CH_3Ni(C_6F_5)_2$,^{1c} which can be explained by electronic factors.⁹ Interestingly, a similar deformation has been observed in $(\eta^5$ -C₅H₅)Ni(GeCl₃)(PPh₃),¹⁰ while the C₅H₅ ring in $(\eta^5$ - $C_5H_5)Ni(C_6F_5)(PPh_3)^{11}$ is planar.

The product $[(\eta^5{\text{-}}Cp)Ni(C_6F_5)_2][Et_4N]$, which is isoelectronic with the starting arene complex, represents a new class of cyclopentadienylnickel(II) organometallics. No $[(\eta^5{\text{-}}Cp)Ni(R)_2]$ ⁻ complexes have been reported. Actually $(\eta^5$ -Cp)Ni anions are rare, the most notable being [CpNi(CO)]⁻, which is unstable and is generally trapped at low temperature by nucleophilic displacement of halide from various RX compounds.¹²

A typical preparative reaction is now described. All manipulations were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in dry, deoxygenated solvents. When a toluene solution (30 mL) of $(\eta^6$ -toluene)Ni $(C_6F_5)_2$ (0.5 g, 1 mmol) held at -78 °C was treated with 1 equiv of solid TlCp (0.275 g, 1 mmol) followed by warming, the mixture became homogeneous between -10 and 0° C with a color change from red-brown to green. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. Recooling to -78 °C and addition of a 4-fold excess of $Et₄NI$ crystals followed again by slow warming to room temperature resulted in a light green supernate and a green solid. The supernate was removed and discarded. The solid was washed twice with 10-mL portions of toluene and twice with 20-mL portions of Et_2O and was then extracted with THF and filtered. After concentration of the ethereal solution, analytically pure product was obtained by vapor diffusion of pentane into the

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THF solution. Alternatively, evaporation of the THF, dissolution in a 15:85 (v/v) mixture of CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O followed by cooling also produced the pure salt. The product $[CpNi(C_6F_5)_2][Et_4N]$ is a yellow-green air-stable solid, soluble in CH_2Cl_2 , THF, CH_3CN , and acetone, slightly soluble in $Et₂O$, and insoluble in petroleum ether and water. The complex is decomposed by CHCI,. Yields were 60-80%. Mp: $149.\overline{5}$ °C (uncor).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6 , Me₄Si reference): δ (Cp) 5.16 $(S, 5 H)$, (CH_2) 3.51 (q, 8 H, $^{3}J_{HH} = 7.0$ Hz), $\delta(CH_3)$ 1.4 (tt, $12 \text{ H}, {}^{3}J_{\text{NH}} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 7 \text{ Hz}.$ ${}^{13}C({}^{1}H) NMR$ (acetone-d₆): δ (Cp) 89.6, δ (CH₂) 53.1, δ (CH₃) 7.7. IR (cm⁻¹, KBr pellet): 3050 w, 1690 vw, 1615 vw, 1500 vs, 1455 vs, 1360 m, 1280 w, 1180 m, 1055 vs, 1010 m, 960 vs, 860 w, 690 vs. Anal. Calcd: C, 51.0; H, 4.31; N, 2.35. Found: C, 51.5; H, 4.30; N, 2.58.

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Metal π **Complexes of Benzene Derivatives. 22.¹ Ground-State Configuration of** $(\eta^6$ -Toluene)bis(η^1 -pentafluorophenyl)cobalt(II): An **EPR Study**

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The observation3 that **bis(pentafluorophenyl)cobalt(II)** produced via cocondensation of cobalt atoms with pentafluorobromobenzene vapor adds a toluene molecule to yield the novel paramagnetic (η^6 -toluene)bis(pentafluorophenyl)cobalt(II) inaugurated the field of $(\eta$ -arene)ML₂ chemistry, which continues to reveal many interesting aspects structurally^{4,5} as well as chemically.⁶ One outstanding feature of this new class of π complexes is the facile substitution of η^6 -toluene for other arenes. This has been attributed to the weakness of the transition-metal-arene bond and rationalized in terms of the occupation of an antibonding orbital by one or two electrons ($M = Co$, Ni, respectively).⁵ The availability of the isostructural⁴ complexes $(\eta^6$ -tol)Co $(\eta^1$ -C₆F₅)₂ and $(\eta^6$ tol)Ni(η^1 -C₆F₅)₂ prompted us to engage in a thorough powder and single-crystal EPR investigation, the results of which are reported in the present communication. The principal aim was the identification of the singly occupied MO in complexes of the general formula (arene)ML₂, with $(\eta^6$ -tol)Co(η^1 -C₆F₅)₂ serving as a representative example.

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Figure 1. EPR spectra of polycrystalline (tol)Co(C_6F_5)₂ (2%) in (tol)- $Ni(C_6F_5)_2$: (a) X-band (8.987 GHz), $T = 4$ K, scan range = 1000 G; **(B)** Q-band (35.005 **GHz),** *T* = 103 K, scan range = 4000 G. Lower traces are computed simulations^{21,22} with the following linewidth tensors (G): **(A)** $W_x = 13$, $W_y = 13$, $W_z = 10$; **(B)** $W_x = 16$, $W_y = 16$, $W_z =$ 14. **A** Gaussian lineshape was assumed in the simulations.

Experimental Section

The complexes $(\eta^6$ -tol)Co(η^1 -C₆F₃)₂ and $(\eta^6$ -tol)Ni(η^1 -C₆F₅)₂ were
prepared as reported previously.³ Magnetically diluted samples were
obtained via crystallization from toluene. EPR measurements and pentane, respectively), on rigid solutions (toluene- d_8), on powders of the cobalt complexes diluted in the analogous nickel complex (1:50), and on a single crystal **(150).** The spectra were recorded on an E 12 EPR spectrometer (Varian) equipped with a Varian E-500 NMR gaussmeter and an EIP Model 548 microwave frequency counter in the **X-** as well as the Q-band. Sample preparation has to be performed under exclusion of air and moisture.

Results and Discussion

In fluid solution, only a single broad signal void of hyperfine structure is observed for (tol)Co(C_6F_5)₂. This is in accord with the considerable *g* and 59C0 hyperfine anisotropy that emerges from the spectra recorded in rigid solution as well as in magnetically diluted polycrystalline powders. The powder spectra of randomly oriented radicals in the **X-** and Q-band ranges are depicted in Figure 1; the pertinent EPR parameters are listed in Table **I.7a**

Due to the more homogeneous microscopic environment in the doped polycrsytalline sample, as compared to the frozen solution, resolution in the former matrix is superior to the latter. The analysis of the spectra of randomly oriented radicals yields the six parameters $g_{1,2,3}$ and $A_{1,2,3}$ (⁵⁹Co).^{7b} In order to use these data

 $T = 103$ K. ^{*b*} Solvent: toluene- d_8 . ^{*c*} Doped into (tol)Ni(C₆F₅)₂, 2%. dDeviations of these values from the g and *A* data extracted from polycrystalline powder spectra stem from difficulties in accurate alignment in the directions \vec{H} $\|\vec{a}$ and \vec{H} $\|\vec{c}$ caused by inferior development of the respective crystal faces. Whereas the values in brackets serve for the assignments $g_2 = g_y$ and $g_3 = g_z$, the accurate g and A parameters for (tol)Co(C_6F_5)₂ are listed in column three. ^{*e*} Fluid solution, tolu-

Figure 2. Molecular axis system and unit cell diagram of (tol) $M(C_6F_5)_2$, $M = Co$, Ni (reproduced with permission from ref 4).

to derive the electronic configuration of the paramagnetic complex, the experimental g and **A** values have to be related to a molecule-fixed coordinate system by purely experimental means. Toward that goal, a single crystal of $(\eta^6$ -tol)Co $(\eta^1$ -C₆F₅)₂ diluted $(1:50)$ in its isostructural⁴ Ni analogue at various orientations was studied by EPR. The unit cell of $(\eta^6$ -tol)Ni $(\eta^1$ -C₆F₅)₂ (Figure **2)** contains four molecules which are pairwise related by the symmetry operation of inversion. Consequently, two magnetically inequivalent sites arise, and the single-crystal EPR spectra in general display two 59C0 octets centered at different *g* values (Figure **3).** The strong overlap of the spectra stemming from the different sites would make an application of the standard procedure⁸ for the extraction of **g** and **A** tensors from single-crystal spectra quite tedious because for each orientation of the specimen relative to the magnetic field the accurate *g* and *A* data required for the construction of the nondiagonal tensors would have to be obtained via optimized computer simulations of the spectral traces. However, closer inspection of the unit cell diagram (Figure **2)** and the atomic coordinates⁴ in conjunction with the space group *Pnma* reveals that a set of crystal orientations exists, for which both magnetically inequivalent sites have a common principal axis. This situation arises whenever the magnetic field is perpendicular to the *ac* plane of the unit cell, the field direction then being parallel to the **x** coordinate of the molecules. In these orientations,

^{(7) (}a) The X-band spectra measured at 4 **K** and at 103 K are practically identical, whereas at room temperature only a broad asymmetric line is observed. (b) From our analysis of the powder spectra it was not possible to derive conclusive information about the relative orientation of the principal axes of **g** and **A.** In spite of the fact that the site symmetry at the cobalt position is only C_2 ,⁴ we assumed a common principal axis system for these tensors.

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Figure 3. Single-crystal EPR spectra of $(tol)Co(C_6F_5)_2$ (2%) in (tol)-Ni(C₆F₅)₂ at 103 K. The spectrum at the angle designated 90° represents the orientation when the magnetic field direction is perpendicular to the largest face of the platelet-shaped crystal *(uc* plane). The behavior of the spectrum **upon** rotation about an axis contained in this plane is also depicted.

only *one* ⁵⁹Co octet should be observed. Conversely, if experimentally an orientation of the crystal can be found in which the two ⁵⁹Co octets have merged into one such multiplet, which is unaffected by rotation about the axis parallel to the direction of the magnetic field and which possesses a g factor identical with one of the g factors extracted from the spectra of polycrystalline material, the respective g and $A(^{59}Co)$ values may unequivocally be assigned to the molecular **x** direction. Therefore, a doped crystal (150) shaped as a tetragonal platelet was mounted in three orthogonal orientations on a goniometer rod and turned in the magnetic field. The rotational behavior of the EPR absorption for one of these operations is shown in Figure 3. Whenever the field direction was perpendicular to the largest of the crystal faces (orientation 90° in Figure 3) a single 59 Co octet was observed. This leads to the assignment $g_x = 2.458$ and $A_x(^{59}Co) = 38.2 \times$ 10^{-4} cm⁻¹. It is gratifying to note that these values agree well with the magnitudes of g_1 and A_1 ⁽⁵⁹Co) extracted from the spectra of polycrystalline samples. As a corollary, the observation of a single (59Co) octet for certain crystal orientations, considering the relative disposition of the inequivalent sites in the unit cell, implies that the molecular **x** axis and the **x** axis of the **g** tensor are collinear. The assignment of the remaining parameters $g_{2,3}$ and $A_{2,3}^{(59)}$ Co) to the molecular *y* and *z* coordinates required information about the orientation of the unit cell relative to the external crystal faces. This was obtained by indexing via diffractometry the crystal employed in the EPR measurement. If the crystal was positioned in the magnetic field with $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{H}$, again only one (⁵⁹Co) octet was observed since the magnetic field direction then bisects the angle between the *y* axes and the *z* axes, respectively, of the two inequivalent sites. The same is true for $\vec{c}||\vec{H}$. In the case of $\vec{H}||\vec{a}$, the angles $\angle \vec{H} \vec{y} = 57.5^{\circ}$ and $\angle \vec{H} \vec{z} = 32.5^{\circ}$ occur whereas for $\vec{H} || \vec{c}$, $\angle \vec{H} \vec{y} = 32.5^{\circ}$ and $\angle \vec{H} \vec{z} = 57.5^{\circ}$ apply. A comparison of the g_{eff} values calculated by using these angles with the experimental g

Figure 4. Crystal field splitting scheme for a half-sandwich moiety $(C_{\infty}$) and for complexes of the type $(\eta^6$ -arene) ML_2 $(C_{2\nu})$. The electron configuration shown refers to $Co²⁺$ (d⁷).

factors for the two orientations $\vec{H} \parallel \vec{a}$ and $\vec{H} \parallel \vec{c}$ then allows the unequivocal assignment $g_y = 2.058$ and $g_z = 1.989$.

A derivation of the electronic ground-state configuration for $(tol)Co(C_6F_5)_2$, based on the assigned **g** tensor, will first be attempted by means of a simple crystal field splitting argument. Addition of two ligands to the half-sandwich unit $(\eta^6$ -Ar)M will raise the degeneracy of the e_2 and e_1 sets and is expected to lead to the d-orbital sequence $xy (a_2) < x^2 - y^2 (a_1) < z^2 (a_1) < yz$ $(b₁)$ < xz $(b₂)$ for the species $(\eta⁶-Ar)ML₂$ as depicted in Figure **4.** This orbital sequence, as well as the resultant single occupancy of a d_{yz} (b₁) orbital for the low-spin (d⁷) complex (tol)Co(C_6F_5)₂, is in accord with the principal values of the **g** tensor determined in the present investigation. In C_{2v} symmetry,⁹ mixing of the singly occupied orbital d_{yz} (b₁) with other filled or empty orbitals via spin-orbit coupling yields the following relations for the principal *values:¹⁰*

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g_x = 2.0023 + \frac{2\lambda}{\Delta E(d_{yz} - d_{x^2-y^2})} + \frac{6\lambda}{\Delta E(d_{yz} - d_{z^2})}
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g_y = 2.0023 + \frac{2\lambda}{\Delta E(d_{yz} - d_{xy})}
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$$
g_z = 2.0023 - \frac{2\lambda}{\Delta E(d_{yz} - d_{xz})}
$$

Although this simple approach neglects electron delocalization, it is in qualitative agreement with the experimental result g_x $g_y > 2.0023 > g_z$ if the relative magnitudes of the energy gaps in the d-level scheme are considered. The nature of the HOMO as a b_1 orbital (metal component d_{yz}) was also inferred from extended Hückel calculations for model systems like (C_6H_6) NiH₂ and $(C_6H_6)Fe(CO)_2$ ⁵ Since the authors⁵ state that the energy and composition of the HOMO $b₁$ depend on the electronic nature of the groups, we have performed an EHT-SCCC calculation for (tol)Co(C_6F_5)₂ itself.¹¹ In the frontier orbital region the following

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sequence was obtained:

The components $g_{x,y,z}$ of the **g** tensor, computed¹⁵ by means of these relative state energies and by employing a spin-orbit coupling constant λ (Co²⁺) of 533 cm^{-1 16} while confirming the assignment of a ²B_l ground state for (tol)Co(C₆F₅)₂, considerably differ in their magnitudes from the experimental values [calcd $(\lambda = 533)$ cm⁻¹) $g_x = 3.98$, $g_y = 1.94$, $g_z = 1.76$. Optimal agreement with experiment is achieved, if a greatly reduced effective spin-orbit coupling constant is used [calcd ($\lambda = 100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) $g_x = 2.47$, $g_y =$ 2.05, $g_z = 1.99$; cf. Table I]. Whereas the effective value of λ may well be less than 50% of the free ion value when there is pronounced covalency in the ground state and the excited state coupled by the spin-orbit operator,¹⁷⁻¹⁹ the reduction to 20%, required in the present case, appears somewhat large. Since larger energy differences ΔE and smaller Co coefficients would equally improve the agreement between theory and experiment, we **con**tend that the inconsistency should be traced to inaccurate state energies and eigenfunctions as computed with the extended Hiickel scheme. Rather than persuing this matter further here, we employ an effective λ of 100 cm⁻¹ in the following discussion of the ⁵⁹Co hyperfine tensor. A detailed treatment of hyperfine splitting in (tol)Co(C_6F_5)₂ is hampered by the fact that a_{iso} ⁽⁵⁹Co) in fluid solution is unobservable, leading to uncertainty in the magnitudes and signs of the components $F_{x,y,z}$ of the traceless ⁵⁹C0 hyperfine tensor **F.** Furthermore, the absence of resolved ligand hyperfine structure $(^1H, ^{19}F)$ renders an independent estimate of the degree

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of covalency impossible. However, in order to choose between the eight possible combinations for the signs of $[A_x, A_y, A_z]$ $({}^{59}Co)$ _{expu}, recourse will be taken to the extended Hückel results. On the basis of the computed state energies, a calculation²⁰ of the principal values of the **F** tensor yields $F_x = -57$, $F_y = +42$, $F_z = +15$ (10⁻⁴ cm⁻¹) by using $P(\text{Co}^{2+}) = 254 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $F_x = -45$, $F_y = +33$, $F_z = +12$ (10⁻⁴ cm⁻¹) by using $P(Co^0)$ = 200×10^{-4} cm⁻¹. Agreement with experiment is best with the sign combination $A_x = -38.2$, $A_y = +22.8$, $A_z = +12.0$ (10⁻⁴ cm⁻¹), which leads to the experimental **F** tensor components $F_x = -37.1$, $F_y = +23.9, F_z = +13.1$ (10⁻⁴ cm⁻¹).

By way of summary it may be stated that from single-crystal EPR data a ${}^{2}B_{1}$ ground state²³ is unequivocally established for (tol)Co(C_6F_5)₂, the unpaired electron occupying an orbital of predominantly d_{yz} character. In order to achieve good numerical agreement between the experimental data and the **g** tensor calculated on the basis of extended Huckel results, covalency has to be accounted for by drastically reducing the spin-orbit coupling constant of the central metal. It is gratifying, though, that the same reduction factor also leads to a calculated ⁵⁹Co dipolar coupling tensor, which is in reasonable concordance with experiment.

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cm⁻¹ (Co⁰), ¹⁰ respectively, were employed. Judging from the exten Hückel results, a reduction of *P* from the value for Co²⁺ is called for since the central metal charge calculated in (tol)Co(C_6F_3)₂ is considerably smaller than +2 (vide supra). Details of the calculation are erably smaller than +2 (vide supra). Details of the calculation are
available as supplementary material.