# Feeding a Molecular Squid. A Pliable Nanocarbon Receptor for Electron-Poor Aromatics 

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Experimental

General. Tetrahydrofuran, toluene, 1,4-dioxane and N,N-Dimethylformamide were freeze-pumpthawed prior to use. All other solvents and reagents were used as received. Compounds $\mathbf{S 1}, \mathbf{S 2}, \mathbf{S 3}, \mathbf{S 4}$ and 2a were prepared according to modified literature procedures. ${ }^{1-5}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were recorded on high-field spectrometers ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ frequency 500.13 or 600.13 MHz ), equipped with broadband inverse or conventional gradient probeheads. Spectra were referenced to the residual solvent signals (chloroform-d, 7.26 ppm , dichloromethane- $d_{2}, 5.32 \mathrm{ppm}$, acetone- $d_{6}, 2.05$ ). Two-dimensional NMR spectra were recorded with 2048 data points in the $t_{2}$ domain and up to 2048 points in the $t_{1}$ domain, with a 1.5 s recovery delay. All 2D spectra were recorded with gradient selection, with the exception of ROESY. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded with ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ broadband decoupling and referenced to solvent signals $\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 77.0 \mathrm{ppm}\right)$. High resolution mass spectra were recorded using ESI ionization in the positive mode on Bruker Apex ultra FT-ICR. Absorption spectrometry was performed using Agilent Cary 60 UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Recycling gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was carried out using an JAI LaboACE LC-7080 chromatograph equipped with a RID (RI-700 LA) and UV-Vis (UV-VIS4ch 800LA) detectors and a preparative GPC columns JAIGEL-2HR and JAIGEL-2.5HR (size 20.0 mm ID $\times 600 \mathrm{~mm}$ each) in series, using chloroform as an eluent with a flow rate of $10 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR spectroscopic titration studies. ${ }^{6,7}$ The receptor solutions of $\mathbf{1}$ ( 1.81 or 0.906 mM , acetone- $d_{6}$ or $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ) were titrated in an NMR tube sealed with a plastic stopper, by adding known quantities of a stock solution of either $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2},\left[\mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2},\left[\mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]$or AQ in the same solvent. These solutions contained compound 1 to ensure a constant concentration of the guest throughout the titration. After each addition the NMR tube was quickly shaken to ensure good mixing of the solutions and after temperature stabilization the spectra were recorded. [AQ] was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2},\left[\mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2},\left[\mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]$were prepared according to modified literature procedures. ${ }^{8-10}$ The fitting, performed with the Bindfit software, ${ }^{11}$ takes into account all data sets at the same time, thus improving the quality of the non-linear curve fitting. The data for $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2},\left[\mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$ and $\left[\mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]$were fitted to the 1:1 and 2:1 (1:G) binding model, 1 being the receptor and $G$ the guest molecule. The data obtained for $A Q$ were fitted to the 1:1 binding model only.

Gas and Vapor Sorption Analyses. All gas and vapor sorption isotherms were measured on a Micromeritics ASAP 2020M surface area and porosimetry system. Prior to the measurements, the sample of 1 was recrystallized from the benzene/methanol solvent mixture. The precipitate was filtered off and degassed at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ sorption measurements were performed at 77 K using a liquid $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ bath. For the $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ measurement carried out at 195 K , an isopropanol/dry ice cooling bath was used. For all other measurements ( $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$, cyclohexane, MeOH , water) carried out in the 273-293 K temperature range, chilled water/ethylene glycol bath was used for temperature control. All gases used were of $99.999 \%$ purity. Helium was used for the free-space determination. The isosteric heats of adsorption ( $Q_{\mathrm{st}}$ ) were calculated by fitting the $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ adsorption isotherms using the single-site Langmuir-Freundlich model (1) and $Q_{\text {st }}$ was calculated using the Clausius-Clapeyron equation

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\begin{equation*}
q=\frac{q_{s a t} K p^{n}}{1+K p^{n}} \tag{1}
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where $q$ is the gravimetric uptake of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}(\mathrm{mmol} / \mathrm{g})$ at pressure $p . q_{s a t}, K$ and $n$ are the saturation loading and the Langmuir-Freundlich constants, respectively.

Excitation and emission spectra were obtained using a FLS980 spectrofluorimeter (Edinburgh Instruments Ltd.) equipped with a 450 W Xenon lamp excitation source and a red-sensitive
photomultiplier (Hamamatsu R-928P) operating within 200-870 nm. The former spectra were corrected for the incident light intensity and the latter for the wavelength-dependence of the emission channel sensitivity. Quantum yields were measured using a cooled extended-red Hamamatsu photomultiplier operating in a range of 200-1050 nm. Quantum yield measurements were performed by using an Edinburgh Instruments integrating sphere equipped with a small elliptical mirror and a baffle plate for beam steering and shielding against directly detected light. For the measurement, the integrating sphere replaces the standard sample holder inside the sample chamber. Calculations of quantum yields were made using the software provided by Edinburgh Instruments. The luminescence decay traces were registered by means of F-G05PM featuring a Hamamatsu H5773-04 detector. As an excitation source picosecond pulsed light emitting diode 360 nm was used.

Computational methods. Tight-binding density functional theory calculations were performed using xTB v. 6.1 with the GFN2 parameterization, and the GBSA solvation model as necassary. ${ }^{12-14}$ CREST $^{12}$ metadynamics searches were performed using default parameters. Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed using Gaussian 16. ${ }^{15}$ DFT geometry optimizations were carried out in unconstrained $C_{1}$ symmetry, typically using the entire CREST ensemble and selecting the conformer with lowest DFT Gibbs free energy. DFT geometries were refined to meet standard convergence criteria, and the existence of a local minimum was verified by a normal mode frequency calculation. Geometry optimizations, frequency calculations were performed using the hybrid functional B3LYP ${ }^{16-}$ ${ }^{18}$ and the $6-31 G(d, p)$ basis set and Grimme's GD3BJ dispersion correction. ${ }^{19}$ The CAM modification was employed as discussed in the manuscript.

X-ray crystallography. X-ray quality crystals were grown as follows: $5 \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{14} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ by slow diffusion of $n$ hexane into ethyl acetate, $1 \cdot 3 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$ by slow diffusion of methanol into benzene, $1 \cdot 3.2 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ by slow diffusion of methanol into dichloromethane, $[1 \supset \mathrm{AQ}] \cdot 2.5 \mathrm{CH}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ by slow diffusion of methanol into a dichloromethane solution of 1 and 4 equiv of AQ. Crystals of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$ and $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right.$ $]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$ were obtained from crystals of $1 \cdot 3 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$, which were placed in an acetone-methanol solution of $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}$ or $\left[\mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}$, respectively. These samples were kept in the presence of methanol vapors until the crystal-to-crystal transformation was complete. Diffraction measurements were performed on а к-geometry Ruby PX diffractometer ( $\omega$ scans) with graphite-monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$ or $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation. The data were collected at 100 K , corrected for Lorenz and polarization effects. Data collection, cell refinement, data reduction and analysis were carried out with the Xcalibur PX software, CRYSALIS CCD and CRYSALIS RED, respectively (Oxford Diffraction Ltd., Abignon, England, 2009). An analytical absorption correction was applied with the use of CRYSALIS RED. All structures were solved by direct methods with the SHELXS-97 program and refined using SHELXL-97 with anisotropic thermal parameters for non-H atoms. In the final refinement cycles, all H atoms were treated as riding atoms in geometrically optimized positions. CCDC 2016786 (1-3C $\mathrm{C}_{6}$ ), 2016787 $\left(5 \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{14} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 2016788\left(1 \cdot 3.2 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right), 2016789\left(\left[1 \supset \mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}\right.$ ), 2016790 ( $[1 \supset \mathrm{AQ}] \cdot 2.5 \mathrm{CH}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ ), and $2016791\left(\left[1 \supset \mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}\right)$ contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data are provided free of charge by The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

## Synthesis






Scheme S1. Synthesis of compound 1: (a) $37 \%$ solution of formaldehyde in water, $\mathrm{NaOH}, \mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, reflux; (b) $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$, toluene; (c) $\mathrm{BuBr}, \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, reflux; (d) $\mathrm{Br}_{2}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}, \mathrm{O}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; (e) $\mathrm{BuBr}, \mathrm{NaH}$, reflux, $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to RT ; (f) $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{dppf}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2},[\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{pin})]_{2}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COOK}$, dioxane, $110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 12 \mathrm{~h} ;(\mathrm{g}) \mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}, \mathrm{dppf}, \mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, toluene, water, $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$; (h) Ni(cod) 2 , bpy, THF, DMF, $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 16 \mathrm{~h}$; (i) $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SnCl}_{4}$, THF, RT, overnight.


2,2'-( $\mathbf{1}^{2}, 3^{2}, 5^{2}, 7^{2}$-Tetrabutoxy-1,3,5,7(1,3)-tetrabenzenacyclooctaphane-1 ${ }^{5}, 5^{5}$-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-
tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (2b). Inside the glove box, compound 2a ( $0.700 \mathrm{~g}, 0.868 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), bis(pinacolato)diboron ( $0.529 \mathrm{~g}, 2.08 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.4$ equiv), $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{dppf}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(34.43 \mathrm{mg}, 0.43 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.05$ equiv) and potassium acetate ( $0.204 \mathrm{~g}, 2.08 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.4$ equiv) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane ( 14 mL ) in a pressure tube equipped with a stir bar. The tube was sealed with a cap, transferred out of the glove box and stirred at $110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h . The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, brine was added, followed by extraction with dichloromethane. Combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was purified by column chromatography (silica, dichloromethane/hexane, $3: 1$ ) ( $0.651 \mathrm{~g}, 83 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ): $\delta 7.60$ $(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 6.19\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 6.10\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 4.42\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=13.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 4.12\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.3\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 3.69\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.20\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.90\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.84\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) 1.61\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, sextet, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.39\left(24 \mathrm{H}\right.$, s) $1.26\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, sextet, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.00\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, $0.96\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ): $\delta 161.2,155.1,136.7,135.7,133.0$, 127.5, 122.0, 83.5, 74.9, 74.7, 32.6, 32.0, 30.8, 25.0, 19.6, 19.0, 14.1, 13.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z: [M $+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{78} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$: 923.5793; Found 923.5731.

$1^{5}, 5^{5}$-bis(4'-bromo-1', $4^{\prime}$-dimethoxy-1', $\mathbf{4}^{\prime}$-dihydro-[1,1':4', $1^{\prime \prime}$-terphenyl]-4-yl)-1², $\mathbf{3}^{2}, 5^{2}, 7^{2}$ -
tetrabutoxy-1,3,5,7(1,3)-tetrabenzenacyclooctaphane (4). Inside the glove box, $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(14.95 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.066 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.12$ equiv), dppf ( $41.54 \mathrm{mg}, 0.075 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.135$ equiv) and anhydrous toluene ( 4 mL ) were added to a 5 mL vial equipped with a stir bar. The mixture was stirred in the glove box at room temperature for 30 min . Then it was added to a pressure tube containing a solution of compound $\mathbf{2 b}$ ( $0.500 \mathrm{~g}, 0.55 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), 3 ( $1.999 \mathrm{~g}, 4.44 \mathrm{mmol}, 8.0$ equiv), $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ ( $0.153 \mathrm{~g}, 1.11 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv), and $\mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( $0.579 \mathrm{~g}, 1.33 \mathrm{mmol}, 4.5$ equiv) in 36 mL of anhydrous toluene. The pressure tube was sealed with a septum cap and transferred out of the glove box. Degassed water ( 4 mL ) was added through the septum via a syringe, and the septum cap was replaced with the pressure bushing under a blanket of argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in an oil bath for 24 h , cooled down to room temperature, and filtered through celite. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Excess of the substrate $\mathbf{3}$ was removed from the mixture by column chromatography (basic alumina
grade III, dichloromethane/hexane/ethyl acetate, 1:2:0.01). The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane, loaded on alumina by slow evaporation, and purified by column chromatography (basic alumina grade III, $15 \%$ ethyl acetate in hexane) to get compound 4 ( $0.451 \mathrm{~g}, 59 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , chloroform-d , 300 K ): $\delta 7.55\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.46\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.41\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, $7.31\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.27(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 6.26(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 6.19\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 6.07\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, $4.50\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 4.09\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.77\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.45(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.44(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.22$ $\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=13.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.97\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.89\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.60\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, sextet, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 1.35\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, sextet, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.04\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.00\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 151 MHz , chloroform-d , 300 K ): $\delta 157.6,155.5,142.7,141.4,140.6,137.0,134.0,133.9,133.3,132.8,131.5$, $127.9,127.7,127.3,126.9,126.2,122.2,121.6,75.0,75.0,74.7,74.6,52.0,32.5,32.2,31.2,29.7,19.6$, 19.2, 14.2, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z: $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{84} \mathrm{H}_{90} \mathrm{O}_{8} \mathrm{Br}_{2} \mathrm{Na}^{+}: 1407.4895$; Found 1407.4952.


Compound (5). Inside the glove box, $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{cod})_{2}(88.53 \mathrm{mg}, 0.32 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.5$ equiv), 2,2'-bipyridyl ( 50.27 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.32 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.5$ equiv), and anhydrous THF ( 21.0 mL ) were sequentially added to a pressure tube equipped with a stir bar. After 5 min of stirring, a DMF solution of compound 4 ( $178.63 \mathrm{mg}, 0.13 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.0 equiv, 26.5 mL ) was added dropwise to above mixture during 2 h . The tube was sealed with cap, transferred out of the glove box and stirred at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h in an oil bath. The reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and evaporated under reduced pressure. Brine was added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane, loaded on alumina by slow evaporation and purified by column chromatography (basic alumina grade III, $15 \%$ ethyl acetate in hexane) to get compound 5 ( $0.116 \mathrm{~g}, 74 \%$ ) as a colorless solid. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ): $\delta 7.51\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.42(8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 7.28\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.22(4 \mathrm{H}$, s), $7.03\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 6.65\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 6.29\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}^{3} \mathrm{~J}=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 6.03\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, $4.57\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.98\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}^{3}{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.91\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.47(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.44(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 3.32$ $\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 2.18\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 2.03\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.52\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, sextet, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 1.47\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, sextet, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.09\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.05\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 151 MHz , chloroform-d , 300 K ): $\delta 155.8,155.7,142.3,141.6,141.5,139.3,135.9,135.8,134.7,133.9,132.8$, $128.2,127.7,127.6,126.8,126.2,126.0,123.3,75.7,75.5,75.0,74.4,52.0,51.9,32.5,32.3,30.5,19.3$, 19.3, 14.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF): $m / z:[M+H]^{+}$Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{84} \mathrm{H}_{90} \mathrm{O}_{8} \mathrm{H}^{+}$: 1227.6708 ; Found 1227.6723. $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}:[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{84} \mathrm{H}_{90} \mathrm{O}_{8} \mathrm{Na}^{+}: 1249.6528$; Found 1249.6543.


Compound (1). Under a nitrogen atmosphere, concentrated hydrochloric acid ( $207 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 3.05 \mathrm{mmol}, 16$ equiv) was added to a sunspension of $\mathrm{SnCl}_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( $354.71 \mathrm{mg}, 1.52 \mathrm{mmol}$, 8 equiv) in 9 mL THF and stirred for 15 min . Subsequently, the resulting mixture was added dropwise to a solution containing compound 5 ( $234 \mathrm{mg}, 0.19 \mathrm{mmol}, 1$ equiv) in 14 mL of THF, which turned immedately from colorless to yellow and was stirred at RT overnight. To the resulting mixture, a $10 \%$ aqueous NaOH solution was added, and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduce pressure. The crude residue was passed through a short column (silica, dichloromethane/ethyl acetate, 1:0.01). The pure compound 5 was obtained after purification by GPC (Figure S1, $180 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K): $\delta 7.59\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.54\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.51\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.39\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$, $7.36\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.29\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 7.15(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 7.09\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 6.74\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=\right.$ $7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.55\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=12.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 4.06\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.83\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.30\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d},{ }^{2} \mathrm{~J}=12.2\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 2.22\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.94\left(4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, quint, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.47\left(8 \mathrm{H}\right.$, septet, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.09(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}$, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.02\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 151 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ): $\delta 156.6,155.7,138.7$, $138.4,138.3,138.0,137.9,136.9,135.7,134.1,133.6,128.7,127.9,127.4,127.4,127.3,127.1,126.5$, 126.4, 123.1, 76.2, 74.7, 32.4, 32.2, 31.0, 19.4, 19.3, 14.3, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF): $m / z:[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+} \mathrm{Calcd}$ for $\mathrm{C}_{80} \mathrm{H}_{78} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Na}^{+}$: 1125.5792; Found 1125.5733. UV-vis (dichloromethane, 298 K ) $\lambda$ [ nm$]\left(\varepsilon\right.$ in $\mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ): 327 (78500), 377 (18200).

## Additional Schemes


$\left[\mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$

$\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$


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Scheme S2. Structures of the guests molecules.


Scheme S3. Homodesmotic strain calculation for 1. $\Delta H$ is given at the B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR:

1. 14.31
2. $\quad 19.38$ or 19.28
3. 32.22
4. 74.75
5. 156.64
6. 135.74
7. 128.71
8. 123.13
9. 14.09
10. 19.38 or 19.28
11. 32.41
12. 76.21
13. 31.02
14. 155.74
15. 134.13
16. 126.37
17. 138.74
18. 138.36 or 138.33
19. 127.10

20. 126.47
21. 133.57
22. 138.02
23. 127.36
24. 127.30
25. 138.36 or 138.33
26. 136.. 89
27. 127.93
28. 127.43
29. 137.90

Scheme S4. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts of 1. The assignment was based on data obtained from COSY, NOESY (Figure S2), HSQC and HMBC (Figure S3, Figure S4) experiments.

## Additional Figures



Figure S1. GPC chromatogram for compound 1 purification. Wavelenghts: $A=254 \mathrm{~nm}, B=310 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{C}$ $=350 \mathrm{~nm}, \mathrm{D}=415 \mathrm{~nm}$.


Figure S2. Overlaid NOESY (blue/green) and COSY (red) spectra of 1 ( 600 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ).


Figure S3. Overlaid HSQC (blue) and HMBC (red) spectra of $\mathbf{1}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, chloroform-d, 300 K$)$.


Figure S4. Partial HSQC (blue) and HMBC (red) spectra of 1 ( 600 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ).


Figure S5. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR titration spectra ( 600 MHz , acetone- $\mathrm{d}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ) obtained upon addition of 0-17 equiv. of a 10.87 mM solution of $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}$, prepared with a 1.81 mM solution of $\mathbf{1}$, to a 1.81 mM solution of 1 .


Figure S6. Nonlinear least-squares analysis of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR binding data (Figure S5) corresponding to the formation of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$ complex. The data were fitted to a 1:1 (host:guest) binding model to give $K_{11}=3.56(1) \cdot 10^{2} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$. The residual distribution is shown below the binding isotherm. All solid lines were obtained from non-linear curve-fitting with the Nelder-Mead method to a 1:1 binding model using the http://supramolecular.org/ web applet.


Figure S7. Nonlinear least-square analysis of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR binding data (Figure S5) corresponding to the formation of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}$ and $\left[\mathbf{1}_{2} \supset \mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$ complexes. The data were fitted to a 2:1 (host:guest) binding model to give $K_{11}=6.03(2) \cdot 10^{2} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ and $K_{21}=3.36(3) \cdot 10^{1} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$. The residual distribution is shown below the binding isotherm. All solid lines were obtained from non-linear curvefitting with the Nelder-Mead method to a 2:1 binding model using the http://supramolecular.org/ web applet.


Figure S8. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of an equimolar mixture of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$ in acetone. [1+DQ$\mathrm{H}]^{+}=\mathrm{C}_{92} \mathrm{H}_{89} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$.


Figure S9. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR titration spectra ( 600 MHz , acetone- $d_{6}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ) obtained upon addition of $0-18.5$ equiv of a 5.437 mM solution of $\left[\mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$, prepared with a 0.906 mM solution of 1 , to a 0.906 mM solution of 1.



Figure S10. Nonlinear least-square analysis of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR binding data (Figure S9) corresponding to the formation of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}$ complex. The data were fitted to a $1: 1$ (host:guest) binding model to give $K_{11}=7.19(3) \cdot 10^{2} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$. The residual distribution is shown below the binding isotherm. All solid lines were obtained from non-linear curve-fitting with the Nelder-Mead method to a 1:1 binding model using the http://supramolecular.org/ web applet.


| Details |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Time to fit | 3.6179 s |  |  |
| SSR | $1.8773 \mathrm{e}-4$ |  |  |
| Fitted datapoints | 252 |  |  |
| Fitted params | 10 |  |  |
| Parameters |  |  |  |
| Parameter (bounds) | Optimised | Error | Initial |
| $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{HI}}(0 \rightarrow \infty)$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1429.51 \\ & \mathrm{M}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 0.9369 \\ & \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1000.00 \\ & \mathrm{M}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{Ka}(0 \rightarrow \infty)$ | $178.59 \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm 1.9911 \\ & \% \end{aligned}$ | $100.00 \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ |
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Figure S11. Nonlinear least-square analysis of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR binding data (Figure S9) corresponding to the formation of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$ and $\left[1_{2} \supset \mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}$ complexes. The data were fitted to a $2: 1$ (host:guest) binding model to give $K_{11}=1.43(1) \cdot 10^{3} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ and $K_{21}=1.78(4) \cdot 10^{2} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$. The residual distribution is shown below the binding isotherm. All solid lines were obtained from non-linear curvefitting with the Nelder-Mead method to a 2:1 binding model using the http://supramolecular.org/ web applet.


Figure S12. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of an equimolar mixture of 1 and $\left[\mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}$ in acetone. $[1+\mathrm{PQ}+\mathrm{OMe}]^{+}=\mathrm{C}_{95} \mathrm{H}_{93} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$.


Figure S13. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR titration spectra ( 600 MHz , acetone $-d_{6}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ) obtained upon addition of $0-17$ equiv. of a 10.87 mM solution of $\left[\mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]$, prepared with a 1.81 mM solution of 1 , to a 1.81 mM solution of 1.



Figure S14. Nonlinear least-square analysis of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR binding data (Figure S13) corresponding to the formation of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]$complex. The data were fitted to a 1:1 (host:guest) binding model to give $K_{11}=4.37(4) \cdot 10^{3} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$. The residual distribution is shown below the binding isotherm. All solid lines were obtained from non-linear curve-fitting with the Nelder-Mead method to a 1:1 binding model using the http://supramolecular.org/ web applet.



Figure S15. Nonlinear least-square analysis of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR binding data (Figure S13) corresponding to the formation of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]$and $\left[\mathbf{1}_{2} \supset \mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]$complexes. The data were fitted to a $2: 1$ (host:guest) binding model to give $K_{11}=5.92(7) \cdot 10^{3} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ and $K_{21}=4.3(1) \cdot 10^{2} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$. The residual distribution is shown below the binding isotherm. All solid lines were obtained from non-linear curvefitting with the Nelder-Mead method to a 2:1 binding model using the http://supramolecular.org/ web applet.


Figure S16. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of an equimolar mixture of 1 and $\left[\mathrm{MA}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$ in acetone. $[1+\mathrm{MA}]^{+}=$ $\mathrm{C}_{94} \mathrm{H}_{90} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$.
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Figure S17. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR titration spectra ( 600 MHz , dichoromethane $-d_{2}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ) obtained upon addition of 0-18.5 equiv. of a 10.87 mM solution of AQ , prepared with a 1.81 mM solution of 1 , to a 1.81 mM solution of 1.


Figure S18. Nonlinear least-square analysis of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR binding data (Figure S17) corresponding to the formation of $1 \supset A Q$ complex. The data were fitted to a 1:1 (host:guest) binding model to give $K_{11}=$ $1.968(2) \cdot 10^{1} \mathrm{M}^{-1}$. The residual distribution is shown below the binding isotherm. All solid lines were obtained from non-linear curve-fitting with the Nelder-Mead method to a 1:1 binding model using the http://supramolecular.org/ web applet.


Figure S19. Variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( 600 MHz , acetone- $d_{6}$ ) of $\mathbf{1}$ with 1.5 equiv of $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2}$.


Figure S20. Variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( 600 MHz , dichloromethane- $d_{2}$ ) of $\mathbf{1}$ with 4.0 equiv of [AQ].


Figure S21. Variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( 600 MHz , DCFM-d) of 1 with 4.0 equiv of [AQ].


Figure S22. Overlaid ROESY (blue/green for positive/negative contours) and COSY (red) spectra of 1 with 1.5 equiv of $\left[\mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}^{-}\right]_{2}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, acetone- $\left.d_{6}, 174 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Figure S23. Overlaid ROESY (blue/green for positive/negative contours) and COSY (red) spectra of 1 with 4.0 equiv of $A Q(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, DCFM-d, 170 K$)$.


Figure S24. Experimental $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ adsorption isotherms for 1 at 195, 273, 283 and 293 K.


Figure S25. The BET plot derived from $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ isotherm at 195 K for 1.


Figure S26. $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ isotherms for $\mathbf{1}$ at $\mathbf{2 7 3}, 283$ and 293 K fitted with Langmuir-Freundlich model curves.


Figure S27. The $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ isosteric heat of adsorption plot for $\mathbf{1}$.


Figure S28. Absorption spectrum of $\mathbf{1}$ in dichloromethane ( 1 cm path length).


Figure S29. Fluorescence decay traces of 1 in dichloromethane ( $\lambda_{\text {em }}=490 \mathrm{~nm}$ ).


Figure S30. Spectra used for determination of the fluorescence quantum yield for compound 1 (black), solvent (red). Excitation range: 315.00 to 335.20 nm ; luminescence range: 375.00 to 800.00 nm . QY = 33.45\%.


Figure S31. Simulated electronic absorption spectrum of 1 (TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/631G(d,p)).


Figure S32. Simulated electronic absorption spectrum of [1כAQ] (TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p)).


Figure S33. Simulated electronic absorption spectrum of [1כMA ${ }^{+}$(TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p)).


Figure S34. Simulated electronic absorption spectrum of $\left[1 \supset D Q^{2+}\right]$ (TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p)).


Figure S35. Simulated electronic absorption spectrum of [1つPQ ${ }^{2+}$ (TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p)).


Figure S36. Crystal structure of $5 \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{14} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. Solvent molecules are removed for clarity.


Figure S37. Crystal structure of $\mathbf{1} \cdot 3 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$. Solvent molecules and disorder positions are removed for clarity.


Figure S38. Crystal structure of $\mathbf{1} \cdot 3.2 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Solvent molecules and disorder positions are removed for clarity.


Figure S39. Crystal structure of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{DQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$. Solvent molecules and disorder positions are removed for clarity.


Figure S40. Crystal structure of $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$. Solvent molecules and disorder positions are removed for clarity.


Figure S41. Crystal structure of $[1 \supset \mathrm{AQ}] \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \mathrm{CH}_{4} \mathrm{O}$. Solvent molecules and disorder positions are removed for clarity.

## Additional Tables

Table S1. Association constants for host-guest complexes of $\mathbf{1}^{a}$.

| Guest | Model | $K_{11}$ |  | $K_{21}$ |  | SSR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | optimized | error | optimized | error |  |
| $\mathrm{DQ}^{b}$ | $2: 1^{d}$ | $6.0337 \cdot 10^{2}$ | $2.23 \cdot 10^{0}$ | $3.3631 \cdot 10^{1}$ | $3.40 \cdot 10^{-1}$ | $2.65 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |
| $\mathrm{DQ}^{b}$ | $1: 1^{e}$ | $3.5569 \cdot 10^{2}$ | $1.21 \cdot 10^{0}$ |  |  | $7.54 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $\mathrm{PQ}^{b}$ | $2: 1^{f}$ | $1.4295 \cdot 10^{3}$ | $1.34 \cdot 10^{1}$ | $1.7859 \cdot 10^{2}$ | $3.56 \cdot 10^{0}$ | $1.88 \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $\mathrm{PQ}^{b}$ | $1: 1^{g}$ | $7.1878 \cdot 10^{2}$ | $2.72 \cdot 10^{0}$ |  |  | $1.72 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $\mathrm{MA}^{b}$ | $2: 1^{h}$ | $5.9187 \cdot 10^{3}$ | $7.18 \cdot 10^{1}$ | $4.3457 \cdot 10^{2}$ | $1.439 \cdot 10^{1}$ | $6.07 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |
| $\mathrm{MA}^{b}$ | $1: 1^{i}$ | $4.3728 \cdot 10^{3}$ | $4.46 \cdot 10^{1}$ |  |  | $1.03 \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| $\mathrm{AQ}^{c}$ | $1: 1^{j}$ | $1.9679 \cdot 10^{1}$ | $1.9 \cdot 10^{-2}$ |  |  | $2.06 \cdot 10^{-5}$ |

${ }^{a}$ based on ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR titration data (300 K). ${ }^{b}$ in acetone $-\mathrm{d}_{6},{ }^{c}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} .{ }^{d}$ Figure S7. ${ }^{e}$ Figure S6. ${ }^{f}$ Figure S11. ${ }^{g}$ Figure S10. ${ }^{h}$ Figure S15. ${ }^{\prime}$ Figure S14. ${ }^{j}$ Figure S18.

Table S2. The BET fitting parameters derived from the $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ isotherm for 1 .

| Parameter | Value |
| :---: | :---: |
| Slope | $0.0596 \pm 0.0004 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3} \mathrm{STP}$ |
| Y-intercept | $0.000350 \pm 0.000025 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ STP |
| Correlation | 0.9998 |
| coefficient | $63.7 \pm 0.4 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{g}$ |
| BET surface area | 171 |
| C |  |

Table S3. Single-site Langmuir-Freudlich parameters for adsorption of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ in $\mathbf{1}$. These parameters were determined by fitting adsorption isotherms for temperatures ranging from 273 to 293 K .

|  | $\mathrm{T}=273 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\mathrm{~T}=283 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\mathrm{~T}=293 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $q_{\text {sat }}$ | $1.438 \pm 0.059$ | $1.103 \pm 0.025$ | $1.33 \pm 0.06$ |
| $K$ | $8.43 \cdot 10^{-4} \pm 9.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $1.09 \cdot 10^{-4} \pm 1.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $3.16 \cdot 10^{-5} \pm 3.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |
| $n$ | $1.09 \pm 0.03$ | $1.39 \pm 0.02$ | $1.44 \pm 0.02$ |

Table S4. Computational data.

| File name ${ }^{[4]}$ | Formula | Level of theory | SCF E $E^{[b]}$ | ZPV ${ }^{[c]}$ | lowest freq. ${ }^{[d]}$ <br> $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ | $\boldsymbol{H}^{[\mathrm{e}]}$ | $\boldsymbol{G}^{[f]}$ | HOMO ${ }^{[8]}$ | LUMO ${ }^{[8]}$ | $\mathrm{HLG}^{[8]}$ <br> eV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1_AQ_CAMacetone | $\mathrm{C}_{86} \mathrm{H}_{70} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ | CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3768.966020 | 1.346138 | 12.49 | -3767.544062 | -3767.731012 | -6.37 | -1.06 | 5.31 |
| 1_CAMacetone | $\mathrm{C}_{72} \mathrm{H}_{62} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3080.440368 | 1.160906 | 17.68 | -3079.216311 | -3079.375733 | -6.39 | -0.30 | 6.10 |
| 1_CO2_vac | $\mathrm{C}_{73} \mathrm{H}_{62} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ | B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3270.940247 | 1.159592 | 17.94 | -3269.712415 | -3269.883869 | -5.03 | -1.45 | 3.58 |
| 1_MA+_CAMacetone | $\mathrm{C}_{86} \mathrm{H}_{74} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ | CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3675.527695 | 1.390744 | 11.93 | -3674.061356 | -3674.246670 | -6.97 | -2.86 | 4.11 |
| 1_PQ2+_CAMacetone | $\mathrm{C}_{86} \mathrm{H}_{74} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3730.063892 | 1.400629 | 12.78 | -3728.588312 | -3728.771517 | -7.59 | -4.34 | 3.25 |
| 1_DQ2+_CAMacetone | $\mathrm{C}_{84} \mathrm{H}_{74} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3653.866914 | 1.388212 | 19.12 | -3652.404640 | -3652.584363 | -7.69 | -4.30 | 3.39 |
| 1_round_vac | $\mathrm{C}_{72} \mathrm{H}_{62} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3082.335748 | 1.147045 | 17.07 | -3081.124552 | -3081.286777 | -5.10 | -1.50 | 3.60 |
| 1_flat_vac | $\mathrm{C}_{72} \mathrm{H}_{62} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3082.337646 | 1.147246 | 17.28 | -3081.126386 | -3081.287748 | -5.05 | -1.44 | 3.61 |
| 1_MA+_acetone | $\mathrm{C}_{86} \mathrm{H}_{74} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ | B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) | -3677.814276 | 1.374917 | 7.86 | -3676.362825 | -3676.550194 | -5.71 | -3.84 | 1.87 |

[a] Structure code (see the zip file for Cartesian coordinates). [b] SCF electronic energy. [c] Zero-point vibrational energy. [d] Lowest vibrational frequency. [e] Enthalpy, [f] Gibbs free energy. [g] Frontier orbital energies and the HOMO-LUMO gap.

Table S5. Electronic transitions calculated for [1つMA+] using the TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

| No. | Energy ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $\begin{gathered} \lambda \\ (\mathrm{nm}) \end{gathered}$ | $f^{\text {a] }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Major } \\ \text { excitations }^{[b]} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 20049 | 498.8 | 0.002 | HOMO»LUMO (94\%) |
| 2 | 22344 | 447.5 | 0.030 | H-1»LUMO (97\%) |
| 3 | 25033 | 399.5 | 0.051 | H-2»LUMO (92\%) |
| 4 | 27678 | 361.3 | 0.033 | H-7»LUMO (44\%) <br> H-4»LUMO (28\%) |
| 5 | 29577 | 338.1 | 0.018 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-6»LUMO (10\%) } \\ & \text { H-5»LUMO (68\%) } \\ & \text { H-4»LUMO (14\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 6 | 29774 | 335.9 | 0.001 | H-3»LUMO (90\%) |
| 7 | 29963 | 333.7 | 0.384 | HOMO»L+1 (80\%) |
| 8 | 30153 | 331.6 | 0.008 | H-7»LUMO (23\%) H-4»LUMO (54\%) |
| 9 | 31776 | 314.7 | 0.002 | H-6»LUMO (76\%) H-5»LUMO (11\%) |
| 10 | 31978 | 312.7 | 0.028 | H-15»LUMO (28\%) H-10»LUMO (23\%) |
| 11 | 32585 | 306.9 | 0.011 | H-14»LUMO (59\%) |
| 12 | 33420 | 299.2 | 0.002 | H-15»LUMO (12\%) <br> H-9»LUMO (12\%) <br> H-8»LUMO (53\%) |
| 13 | 33708 | 296.7 | 0.000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-16»LUMO (19\%) } \\ & \text { H-15»LUMO (30\%) } \\ & \text { H-9»LUMO (12\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 14 | 33975 | 294.3 | 0.006 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-12»LUMO (11\%) } \\ & \text { H-11»LUMO (23\%) } \\ & \text { H-9»LUMO (30\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 15 | 34289 | 291.6 | 0.064 | H-13»LUMO (31\%) H-10»LUMO (25\%) |
| 16 | 34650 | 288.6 | 0.025 | H-10»LUMO (16\%) <br> H-9»LUMO (33\%) <br> H-8»LUMO (25\%) |
| 17 | 35081 | 285.1 | 0.546 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-13»LUMO (43\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+3 (10\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 18 | 35379 | 282.7 | 0.753 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-12»LUMO (14\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+3 (11\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 19 | 35855 | 278.9 | 0.466 | H-12»LUMO (27\%) |
| 20 | 36407 | 274.7 | 0.183 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HOMO»L+2 (72\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+3 (10\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 21 | 36749 | 272.1 | 0.041 | H-17»LUMO (12\%) <br> H-14»LUMO (11\%) <br> H-12»LUMO (10\%) <br> H-11»LUMO (41\%) |
| 22 | 36868 | 271.2 | 0.297 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-11»L+1 (11\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+7 (28\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+8 (14\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 23 | 37565 | 266.2 | 0.080 | H-25»LUMO (40\%) <br> H-21»LUMO (10\%) <br> H-19»LUMO (15\%) <br> H-12»LUMO (12\%) |
| 24 | 37877 | 264.0 | 0.232 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+1 (19\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+2 (10\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+3 (22\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+4 (18\%) } \end{aligned}$ |


| No. | Energy $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ | $\underset{(\mathrm{nm})}{\lambda}$ | $f^{\text {a] }}$ | Major excitations ${ }^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | 38625 | 258.9 | 0.034 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-25»LUMO (16\%) } \\ & \text { H-20»LUMO (12\%) } \\ & \text { H-19»LUMO (33\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 26 | 38678 | 258.5 | 0.007 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-17»LUMO (34\%) } \\ & \text { H-16»LUMO (43\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 27 | 38829 | 257.5 | 0.017 | H-1»L+2 (58\%) |
| 28 | 39041 | 256.1 | 0.043 | HOMO»L+11 (16\%) |
| 29 | 39505 | 253.1 | 0.006 |  |
| 30 | 39558 | 252.8 | 0.008 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+2 (10\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+3 (11\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 31 | 39888 | 250.7 | 0.004 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-1»L+1 (23\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+3 (26\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 32 | 40401 | 247.5 | 0.004 | H-1»L+2 (16\%) |
| 33 | 40707 | 245.7 | 0.003 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-16»L+1 (12\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+18 (13\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 34 | 40876 | 244.6 | 0.007 | H-18»LUMO (15\%) |
| 35 | 40947 | 244.2 | 0.014 | H-18»LUMO (50\%) |
| 36 | 41095 | 243.3 | 0.003 |  |
| 37 | 41302 | 242.1 | 0.025 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-24»LUMO (37\%) } \\ & \text { H-20»LUMO (20\%) } \\ & \text { H-18»LUMO (23\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 38 | 41603 | 240.4 | 0.001 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-5»»L+1 (13\%) } \\ & \text { H-2»L+2 (12\%) } \\ & \text { H-2»L+3 (14\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+4 (11\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 39 | 41859 | 238.9 | 0.003 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+2 (32\%) } \\ & \text { H-2»L+3 (11\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+5 (20\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 40 | 42346 | 236.1 | 0.004 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-21»LUMO (32\%) } \\ & \text { H-20»LUMO (20\%) } \\ & \text { H-19»LUMO (33\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 41 | 42423 | 235.7 | 0.012 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+2 (13\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+5 (35\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 42 | 42938 | 232.9 | 0.026 |  |
| 43 | 43127 | 231.9 | 0.019 |  |
| 44 | 43218 | 231.4 | 0.002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+1 (34\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+4 (35\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 45 | 43659 | 229.0 | 0.004 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-22»LUMO (72\%) } \\ & \text { H-20»LUMO (12\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 46 | 44070 | 226.9 | 0.014 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+1 (10\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+3 (36\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+5 (13\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+4 (18\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 47 | 44579 | 224.3 | 0.844 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-7»L+2 (11\%) } \\ & \text { H-4»L+2 (18\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 48 | 44781 | 223.3 | 0.036 | H-23»LUMO (71\%) |
| 49 | 44875 | 222.8 | 0.590 |  |
| 50 | 45243 | 221.0 | 0.152 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+5 (13\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+6 (14\%) } \end{aligned}$ |

[a] Oscillator strength. [b] Contributions smaller than 10\% are not included. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO}, \mathrm{L}=$ LUMO. Orbitals are numbered consecutively regardless of possible degeneracies.

Table S6. Electronic transitions calculated for [1つDQ ${ }^{2+}$ ] using the TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

| No. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Energy } \\ & \left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{(\mathrm{nm})}{\lambda}$ | $f^{[a]}$ | Major excitations ${ }^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 14556 | 687.0 | 0.000 | HOMO»LUMO (94\%) |
| 2 | 17634 | 567.1 | 0.000 | H-1»LUMO (95\%) |
| 3 | 20465 | 488.6 | 0.001 | H-2»LUMO (88\%) |
| 4 | 23361 | 428.1 | 0.006 | HOMO»L+1 (85\%) |
| 5 | 23611 | 423.5 | 0.001 | H-3»LUMO (87\%) |
| 6 | 24050 | 415.8 | 0.003 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-4»LUMO (77\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+1 (15\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 7 | 24582 | 406.8 | 0.009 | H-5»LUMO (85\%) |
| 8 | 26047 | 383.9 | 0.002 | H-6»LUMO (88\%) |
| 9 | 27222 | 367.3 | 0.005 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-9»LUMO (11\%) } \\ & \text { H-8»LUMO (11\%) } \\ & \text { H-2»L+1 (10\%) } \\ & \text { H-2»L+2 (13\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+2 (10\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+2 (29\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 10 | 27572 | 362.7 | 0.001 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-4»LUMO (11\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+1 (72\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 11 | 27801 | 359.7 | 0.012 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-10»LUMO (37\%) } \\ & \text { H-8»LUMO (37\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 12 | 28490 | 351.0 | 0.004 | H-10»LUMO (33\%) <br> H-8»LUMO (13\%) <br> HOMO»L+2 (14\%) |
| 13 | 28723 | 348.2 | 0.007 | H-9»LUMO (49\%) H-8»LUMO (21\%) |
| 14 | 29098 | 343.7 | 0.003 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-15»LUMO (32\%) } \\ & \text { H-12»LUMO (47\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 15 | 29477 | 339.3 | 0.005 | H-15»LUMO (39\%) H-7»LUMO (35\%) |
| 16 | 29755 | 336.1 | 0.000 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-15»LUMO (10\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+2 (37\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 17 | 30001 | 333.3 | 0.006 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-15»LUMO (11\%) } \\ & \text { H-12»LUMO (19\%) } \\ & \text { H-7»LUMO (24\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+2 (15\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 18 | 30231 | 330.8 | 0.020 | H-13»LUMO (77\%) |
| 19 | 30359 | 329.4 | 0.292 | HOMO»L+3 (63\%) |
| 20 | 30475 | 328.1 | 0.030 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-14»LUMO (36\%) } \\ & \text { H-11»LUMO (23\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 21 | 31174 | 320.8 | 0.000 | H-19»LUMO (49\%) <br> H-14»LUMO (16\%) <br> H-11»LUMO (15\%) |
| 22 | 31429 | 318.2 | 0.002 | H-19»LUMO (41\%) <br> H-14»LUMO (33\%) <br> H-11»LUMO (12\%) |
| 23 | 31528 | 317.2 | 0.010 | H-2»L+1 (68\%) |
| 24 | 32510 | 307.6 | 0.004 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+2 (53\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+2 (22\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 25 | 32812 | 304.8 | 0.004 | $\begin{aligned} & H-3 » L+1(15 \%) \\ & H-3 » L+2(70 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| 26 | 33021 | 302.8 | 0.005 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-18»LUMO (56\%) } \\ & \text { H-4»L+1 (12\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 27 | 33645 | 297.2 | 0.017 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-16»LUMO (49\%) } \\ & \text { H-5»L+2 (23\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 28 | 33787 | 296.0 | 0.003 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-16»LUMO (31\%) } \\ & \text { H-5»L+2 (47\%) } \end{aligned}$ |


| No. | Energy ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $\begin{gathered} \lambda \\ (\mathrm{nm}) \end{gathered}$ | $f^{\text {a] }}$ | Major excitations ${ }^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29 | 34509 | 289.8 | 0.245 | H-17»LUMO (55\%) |
| 30 | 34680 | 288.4 | 1.495 | H-17»LUMO (18\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+3 (18\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+4 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+5 (19\%) |
| 31 | 35190 | 284.2 | 0.039 | H-6»L+1 (12\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-6»L+2 (65\%) |
| 32 | 35256 | 283.6 | 0.072 | H-18»LUMO (11\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»L+1 (54\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»L+2 (11\%) |
| 33 | 36390 | 274.8 | 0.004 | H-3»L+1 (73\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-3»L+2 (15\%) |
| 34 | 36475 | 274.2 | 0.377 | H-22»LUMO (41\%) |
| 35 | 36784 | 271.9 | 0.079 | H-20»LUMO (78\%) |
| 36 | 36899 | 271.0 | 0.069 | H-10»L+2 (22\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»L+2 (23\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»L+2 (10\%) |
| 37 | 37077 | 269.7 | 0.008 | H-10»L+2 (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»L+2 (32\%) |
| 38 | 37205 | 268.8 | 0.012 | H-12»L+1 (34\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»L+1 (22\%) |
| 39 | 37400 | 267.4 | 0.003 | H-5»L+1 (71\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-5»L+2 (11\%) |
| 40 | 37543 | 266.4 | 0.004 | H-12»L+1 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+4 (15\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+5 (11\%) |
| 41 | 37628 | 265.8 | 0.024 | H-21»LUMO (69\%) |
| 42 | 37682 | 265.4 | 0.000 | HOMO»L+11 (12\%) |
| 43 | 37926 | 263.7 | 0.056 | H-10»L+2 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-9»L+2 (21\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»L+2 (28\%) |
| 44 | 38050 | 262.8 | 0.222 | H-2»L+3 (17\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+5 (12\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+6 (16\%) |
| 45 | 38118 | 262.3 | 0.016 | H-12»L+1 (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»L+1 (30\%) |
| 46 | 38362 | 260.7 | 0.271 | H-24»LUMO (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-12»L+1 (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»L+1 (14\%) |
| 47 | 38680 | 258.5 | 0.145 | H-24»LUMO (17\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-14»L+1 (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»L+1 (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-6»L+1 (10\%) |
| 48 | 38762 | 258.0 | 0.028 | H-6»L+1 (64\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-6»L+2 (13\%) |
| 49 | 38989 | 256.5 | 0.097 |  |
| 50 | 39138 | 255.5 | 0.006 | H-15»L+1 (64\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-14) ${ }^{\text {L }}$ ( (11\%) |

[a] Oscillator strength. [b] Contributions smaller than 10\% are not included. H = HOMO, L = LUMO. Orbitals are numbered consecutively regardless of possible degeneracies.

Table S7. Electronic transitions calculated for [1つPQ ${ }^{2+}$ ] using the TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

| No. | Energy $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} \lambda \\ (\mathrm{nm}) \end{gathered}$ | $f^{\text {[a] }}$ | Major excitations ${ }^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 13516 | 739.8 | 0.002 | HOMO»LUMO (94\%) |
| 2 | 17550 | 569.8 | 0.000 | H-1»LUMO (93\%) |
| 3 | 19085 | 524.0 | 0.008 | H-2»LUMO (50\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+1 (37\%) |
| 4 | 20635 | 484.6 | 0.002 | H-2»LUMO (42\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+1 (45\%) |
| 5 | 22062 | 453.3 | 0.002 | H-3»LUMO (33\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+1 (55\%) |
| 6 | 24165 | 413.8 | 0.007 | H-3»LUMO (29\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+1 (37\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+1 (17\%) |
| 7 | 24233 | 412.7 | 0.013 | H-5»LUMO (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»LUMO (64\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»L+1 (13\%) |
| 8 | 24733 | 404.3 | 0.011 | H-5»LUMO (68\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-5» ${ }^{\text {L }}$ ( (13\%) |
| 9 | 25149 | 397.6 | 0.010 | H-3»LUMO (27\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+1 (39\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+1 (15\%) |
| 10 | 26383 | 379.0 | 0.001 | H-6»LUMO (79\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-6»L+1 (15\%) |
| 11 | 27750 | 360.4 | 0.008 | H-12»LUMO (46\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»LUMO (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»LUMO (28\%) |
| 12 | 27834 | 359.3 | 0.001 | H-15»LUMO (47\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-13»LUMO (12\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-10»LUMO (20\%) |
| 13 | 28118 | 355.6 | 0.020 | H-10»LUMO (49\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-10»L+1 (12\%) |
| 14 | 28221 | 354.3 | 0.008 | H-9»LUMO (15\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»LUMO (30\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»LUMO (27\%) |
| 15 | 28575 | 350.0 | 0.001 | H-3»L+1 (47\%) |
| 16 | 28643 | 349.1 | 0.007 | H-12»LUMO (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-9»LUMO (29\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»LUMO (19\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-3»L+1 (14\%) |
| 17 | 28989 | 345.0 | 0.004 | H-12»LUMO (11\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»LUMO (37\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-9»LUMO (14\%) |
| 18 | 29331 | 340.9 | 0.015 | H-14»LUMO (55\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»LUMO (13\%) |
| 19 | 29417 | 339.9 | 0.002 | H-5»L+1 (11\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»LUMO (11\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»L+1 (56\%) |
| 20 | 29932 | 334.1 | 0.025 | H-13»LUMO (15\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-5»L+1 (36\%) |
| 21 | 30069 | 332.6 | 0.039 | H-15»LUMO (12\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-13»LUMO (34\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-13»L+1 (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-5»L+1 (16\%) |
| 22 | 30141 | 331.8 | 0.238 | HOMO»L+2 (27\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+4 (30\%) |
| 23 | 30189 | 331.2 | 0.003 | H-14»LUMO (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»LUMO (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»LUMO (30\%) |
| 24 | 30432 | 328.6 | 0.002 | H-19»LUMO (53\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-18»LUMO (25\%) |
| 25 | 31083 | 321.7 | 0.172 | HOMO»L+2 (43\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+4 (28\%) |
| 26 | 31549 | 317.0 | 0.001 | H-6»LUMO (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-6"L+1 (73\%) |
| 27 | 32475 | 307.9 | 0.009 | H-15»L+1 (11\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»L+1 (17\%) |


| No. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Energy } \\ & \left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \lambda \\ (\mathrm{nm}) \end{gathered}$ | $f^{[\text {[]] }}$ | Major excitations ${ }^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28 | 32734 | 305.5 | 0.004 | H-15»L+1 (22\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-9»L+1 (18\%) |
| 29 | 33065 | 302.4 | 0.019 | H-19»LUMO (15\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-18»LUMO (36\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-15»L+1 (16\%) |
| 30 | 33446 | 299.0 | 0.021 | H-10»LUMO (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-10»L+1 (58\%) |
| 31 | 33646 | 297.2 | 0.003 | H-17»LUMO (17\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-16»LUMO (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-15»L+1 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-9»L+1 (18\%) |
| 32 | 33903 | 295.0 | 0.031 | H-11»L+1 (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-9»L+1 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+2 (14\%) |
| 33 | 34181 | 292.6 | 0.151 | H-1»L+2 (40\%) |
| 34 | 34347 | 291.2 | 0.004 | H-17»LUMO (25\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-16»LUMO (49\%) |
| 35 | 34603 | 289.0 | 0.008 | H-12) $\mathrm{L}+1$ (40\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»L+1 (32\%) |
| 36 | 34863 | 286.8 | 0.010 | H-24»LUMO (59\%) |
| 37 | 34953 | 286.1 | 0.015 | HOMO»L+3 (60\%) |
| 38 | 35073 | 285.1 | 0.016 | H-22»LUMO (20\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-15»L+1 (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-13) L+1 (17\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»L+1 (14\%) |
| 39 | 35356 | 282.8 | 0.112 | H-13»L+1 (17\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-12) $\mathrm{L}+1$ (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»L+1 (23\%) |
| 40 | 35413 | 282.4 | 0.205 | H-22»LUMO (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-7»L+1 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+5 (10\%) |
| 41 | 35845 | 279.0 | 1.340 | H-22»LUMO (17\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+5 (27\%) |
| 42 | 36121 | 276.8 | 0.028 | H-14»L+1 (41\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»L+1 (14\%) |
| 43 | 36510 | 273.9 | 0.021 | H-19»L+1 (47\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-18»L+1 (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+2 (16\%) |
| 44 | 36602 | 273.2 | 0.013 | H-19»L+1 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-18»L+1 (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»L+1 (22\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+2 (21\%) |
| 45 | 36754 | 272.1 | 0.016 | H-20»LUMO (82\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-20»L+1 (10\%) |
| 46 | 37090 | 269.6 | 0.036 | H-14) $\mathrm{L}+1$ (29\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»L+1 (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-8»L+1 (15\%) |
| 47 | 37283 | 268.2 | 0.015 | H-25»LUMO (30\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-22»LUMO (13\%) |
| 48 | 37499 | 266.7 | 0.021 | H-21»LUMO (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-19»L+1 (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-18»L+1 (29\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-3»L+2 (10\%) |
| 49 | 37612 | 265.9 | 0.340 | H-7>L+4 (11\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+12 (11\%) |
| 50 | 37689 | 265.3 | 0.008 | H-21»LUMO (61\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-21»L+1 (10\%) |

[a] Oscillator strength. [b] Contributions smaller than 10\% are not included. H = HOMO, L = LUMO. Orbitals are numbered consecutively regardless of possible degeneracies.

Table S8. Electronic transitions calculated for [1つAQ] using the TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

| No. | Energy ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $\underset{(\mathrm{nm})}{\lambda}$ | $f^{(a]}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Major } \\ \text { excitations }^{[b]} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 27446 | 364.3 | 0.000 | H-15»LUMO (76\%) |
| 2 | 29206 | 342.4 | 0.023 | HOMO»LUMO (82\%) |
| 3 | 29543 | 338.5 | 0.001 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-23»LUMO (17\%) } \\ & \text { H-22»LUMO (60\%) } \\ & \text { H-15»L+3 (10\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 4 | 30500 | 327.9 | 0.382 | HOMO»L+1 (76\%) |
| 5 | 31161 | 320.9 | 0.020 | H-1»LUMO (94\%) |
| 6 | 32168 | 310.9 | 0.004 | H-7»LUMO (20\%) H-2»LUMO (47\%) |
| 7 | 34476 | 290.1 | 0.004 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-8»LUMO (29\%) } \\ & \text { H-7»LUMO (18\%) } \\ & \text { H-4»LUMO (13\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 8 | 35642 | 280.6 | 0.958 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-7»LUMO (12\%) } \\ & \text { H-2»LUMO (13\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+1 (14\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+2 (21\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 9 | 35941 | 278.2 | 0.485 | H-8»LUMO (22\%) H-2»LUMO (23\%) |
| 10 | 36555 | 273.6 | 0.066 | H-11»LUMO (39\%) |
| 11 | 37046 | 269.9 | 0.880 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-1»L+1 (16\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+5 (21\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 12 | 38076 | 262.6 | 0.198 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+1 (19\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+2 (23\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+4 (17\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 13 | 38615 | 259.0 | 0.007 | H-5»LUMO (41\%) |
| 14 | 39135 | 255.5 | 0.079 | H-5»LUMO (10\%) HOMO»L+3 (24\%) |
| 15 | 39164 | 255.3 | 0.002 | H-3»LUMO (52\%) |
| 16 | 39505 | 253.1 | 0.011 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-12»LUMO (25\%) } \\ & \text { H-4»LUMO (12\%) } \\ & \text { H-3»LUMO (20\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 17 | 39591 | 252.6 | 0.016 | H-4»LUMO (30\%) H-3»LUMO (15\%) |
| 18 | 39701 | 251.9 | 0.057 | H-12»LUMO (15\%) H-4»LUMO (32\%) |
| 19 | 39944 | 250.4 | 0.005 | H-5»LUMO (11\%) |
| 20 | 40096 | 249.4 | 0.021 |  |
| 21 | 40432 | 247.3 | 0.075 | HOMO»L+3 (25\%) |
| 22 | 40509 | 246.9 | 0.011 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-1»L+1 (20\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+2 (23\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 23 | 40738 | 245.5 | 0.003 | HOMO»L+17 (12\%) |
| 24 | 40901 | 244.5 | 0.007 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-14»LUMO (11\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+3 (11\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 25 | 41135 | 243.1 | 0.005 |  |
| 26 | 41510 | 240.9 | 0.003 |  |
| 27 | 41651 | 240.1 | 0.005 | H-6»LUMO (65\%) |
| 28 | 42031 | 237.9 | 0.008 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}-2 » \mathrm{~L}+2(25 \%) \\ & \mathrm{H}-1 » \mathrm{~L}+4(10 \%) \end{aligned}$ |


| No. | Energy ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | $\begin{gathered} \lambda \\ (\mathrm{nm}) \end{gathered}$ | $f^{\text {a] }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Major } \\ \text { excitations }^{[b]} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29 | 42159 | 237.2 | 0.036 | H-13»LUMO (36\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+3 (13\%) |
| 30 | 42436 | 235.7 | 0.034 | H-1»L+3 (40\%) |
| 31 | 42786 | 233.7 | 0.021 | H-3»L+6 (20\%) |
| 32 | 43180 | 231.6 | 0.179 | H-2»L+1 (24\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+3 (15\%) |
| 33 | 43212 | 231.4 | 0.203 | H-2»L+1 (23\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+3 (17\%) |
| 34 | 43492 | 229.9 | 0.061 | H-9»LUMO (38\%) |
| 35 | 43560 | 229.6 | 0.108 | H-19»LUMO (24\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-18»LUMO (18\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»LUMO (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+3 (10\%) |
| 36 | 43772 | 228.5 | 0.008 | H-9»LUMO (21\%) |
| 37 | 43941 | 227.6 | 0.017 | H-20»LUMO (26\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-16»LUMO (24\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»LUMO (10\%) |
| 38 | 44104 | 226.7 | 0.023 | H-17»LUMO (30\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-10»LUMO (33\%) |
| 39 | 44335 | 225.6 | 0.005 | H-17»LUMO (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-13»LUMO (12\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-10»LUMO (45\%) |
| 40 | 44938 | 222.5 | 0.004 | H-2»L+4 (22\%) |
| 41 | 45185 | 221.3 | 0.014 | H-1»L+2 (27\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+4 (41\%) |
| 42 | 45668 | 219.0 | 0.004 | H-5»L+1 (30\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+1 (13\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+5 (11\%) |
| 43 | 45716 | 218.7 | 0.003 | H-22»LUMO (11\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-15»L+3 (57\%) |
| 44 | 45784 | 218.4 | 0.080 | H-19»LUMO (14\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-14»LUMO (27\%) |
| 45 | 46230 | 216.3 | 0.170 | H-16»L+1 (16\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-11»L+1 (13\%) |
| 46 | 46456 | 215.3 | 0.152 | H-7»L+3 (17\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-4»L+3 (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-2»L+2 (10\%) |
| 47 | 46542 | 214.9 | 0.072 | H-2»L+2 (21\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-1»L+4 (26\%) |
| 48 | 46668 | 214.3 | 0.046 | H-16»LUMO (10\%) |
| 49 | 46847 | 213.5 | 0.013 | H-20»LUMO (10\%) |
|  |  |  |  | H-16»LUMO (17\%) |
| 50 | 46979 | 212.9 | 0.018 |  |

[a] Oscillator strength. [b] Contributions smaller than 10\% are not included. $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{HOMO}, \mathrm{L}=$ LUMO. Orbitals are numbered consecutively regardless of possible degeneracies.

Table S9. Electronic transitions calculated for 1 using the TDA/PCM(acetone)/CAM-B3LYP-GD3BJ/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ level of theory.

| No. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Energy } \\ \left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \lambda \\ (\mathrm{nm}) \end{gathered}$ | $f^{[a]}$ | Major excitations ${ }^{[b]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 31257 | 319.9 | 0.437 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HOMO»LUMO } \\ & (80 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| 2 | 36320 | 275.3 | 2.490 | H-1»LUMO (30\%) HOMO»L+1 (40\%) |
| 3 | 37953 | 263.5 | 0.453 | H-13»LUMO (13\%) H-1»LUMO (11\%) HOMO»L+3 (32\%) |
| 4 | 38566 | 259.3 | 0.210 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»LUMO (12\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+1 (18\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+2 (18\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+6 (13\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 5 | 39914 | 250.5 | 0.219 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»LUMO (16\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+1 (14\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+6 (17\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 6 | 40288 | 248.2 | 0.023 | H-15»LUMO (15\%) HOMO»L+9 (10\%) |
| 7 | 40447 | 247.2 | 0.002 | $\begin{aligned} & H-2 » L+4(15 \%) \\ & H-1 » L+7(17 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| 8 | 40471 | 247.1 | 0.001 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»L+7 (11\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+4 (14\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 9 | 40839 | 244.9 | 0.001 | H-16»LUMO (19\%) HOMO»L+13 (19\%) |
| 10 | 41205 | 242.7 | 0.024 | H-1»LUMO (31\%) HOMO»L+1 (39\%) |
| 11 | 41431 | 241.4 | 0.003 | H-11»L+1 (11\%) |
| 12 | 41446 | 241.3 | 0.003 | H-12»L+1 (11\%) |
| 13 | 42798 | 233.7 | 0.101 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-6»LUMO (12\%) } \\ & \text { H-2»L+1 (24\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+2 (19\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 14 | 42991 | 232.6 | 0.016 | H-3»L+4 (18\%) |
| 15 | 43506 | 229.9 | 0.015 |  |
| 16 | 44179 | 226.4 | 0.005 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-2»LUMO (42\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+2 (27\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 17 | 45646 | 219.1 | 0.004 | $\begin{aligned} & H-6 » L+1(11 \%) \\ & H-2 » L+2(21 \%) \end{aligned}$ |
| 18 | 45870 | 218.0 | 0.024 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-1»L+1 (41\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»LUMO } \\ & \text { (12\%) } \\ & \text { HOMO»L+2 (28\%) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 19 | 46388 | 215.6 | 0.031 | H-6»LUMO (20\%) <br> H-5»LUMO (16\%) <br> HOMO»L+3 (12\%) <br> HOMO»L+5 (11\%) |
| 20 | 47352 | 211.2 | 0.056 | H-4»L+4 (24\%) |
| 21 | 47499 | 210.5 | 0.024 | H-13»LUMO (44\%) <br> HOMO»L+3 (14\%) <br> HOMO»L+5 (14\%) |
| 22 | 47589 | 210.1 | 0.024 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H-4»LUMO (21\%) } \\ & \text { H-4»L+2 (12\%) } \\ & \text { H-1»L+4 (13\%) } \end{aligned}$ |


| No. | Energy <br> (cm $\left.^{-1}\right)$ | $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ <br> (nm) | f $^{[\text {a] }}$ | Major <br> excitations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 23 | 47816 | 209.1 | 0.007 | H-2»L+1 (39\%) <br> H-1»L+2 (24\%) |
| 24 | 47950 | 208.6 | 0.109 | H-3»LUMO (27\%) <br> H-3»L+2 (13\%) |
| 25 | 48913 | 204.4 | 0.044 | H-14»LUMO (17\%) <br> H-10»LUMO (18\%) |
|  |  |  |  | HOMO»L+6 (27\%) |

[a] Oscillator strength. [b] Contributions smaller than 10\% are not included. H = HOMO, L = LUMO. Orbitals are numbered consecutively regardless of possible degeneracies.

Table S10. Crystal data and structure refinement for $5 \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{14} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

| Identification code | RF07A |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C90 H104.40 O8.20 |
| Formula weight | 1317.33 |
| Temperature | 100(2) K |
| Wavelength | 1.54184 Ĺ |
| Crystal system | Triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| Unit cell dimensions | $\mathrm{a}=12.027(2) \AA \quad \alpha=72.10(5)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $b=16.806(3) \AA \quad \beta=84.41(4)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=19.642(4) \AA \quad \gamma=85.99(4)^{\circ}$ |
| Volume | 3756.7(16) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 2 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.165 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.567 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| F(000) | 1420 |
| Crystal size | $0.650 \times 0.110 \times 0.070 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.371 to $67.997^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-13<=\mathrm{h}<=14,-20<=\mathrm{k}<=17,-23<=1<=23$ |
| Reflections collected | 29270 |
| Independent reflections | $13674[\mathrm{R}$ (int) $=0.0695]$ |
| Completeness to theta $=67.000^{\circ}$ | 99.9 \% |
| Absorption correction | Analytical |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.968 and 0.822 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 13674 / 0 / 896 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.040 |
| Final R indices [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0775, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2021$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1039, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2405$ |
| Extinction coefficient | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.428 and -0.460 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |

Table S11. Crystal data and structure refinement for $1 \cdot 3 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}$.

| Identification code | rf05a |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C98 H96 O4 |
| Formula weight | 1337.74 |
| Temperature | 100(2) K |
| Wavelength | $1.54184 \AA$ |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | Pca21 |
| Unit cell dimensions | $a=32.979(5) \AA \quad \alpha=90^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=18.110(3) \AA \quad \beta=90^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=25.513(5) \AA$ A $\quad \gamma=90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 15238(5) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 8 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.166 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.530 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $\mathrm{F}(000)$ | 5728 |
| Crystal size | $0.340 \times 0.150 \times 0.080 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.625 to $67.158^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-38<=\mathrm{h}<=31,-17<=\mathrm{k}<=20,-21<=1<=29$ |
| Reflections collected | 63836 |
| Independent reflections | $20179[\mathrm{R}($ int $)=0.0372]$ |
| Completeness to theta $=67.000^{\circ}$ | 97.3 \% |
| Absorption correction | Analytical |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.965 and 0.910 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 20179 / 16 / 1750 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.090 |
| Final R indices [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0827, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2146$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1053, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2355$ |
| Absolute structure parameter | -0.19(16) |
| Extinction coefficient | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.533 and -0.446 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |

Table S12. Crystal data and structure refinement for $\mathbf{1} \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.

| Identification code | rf07abs |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C83.20 H84.40 Cl6.40 O4 |
| Formula weight | 1375.18 |
| Temperature | 100(2) K |
| Wavelength | 1.5418 Å |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{n}$ |
| Unit cell dimensions | $a=16.394(7) \AA \quad \alpha=90.00(3)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=24.705(10) \AA \quad \beta=92.58(4)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=18.366(7) \AA \quad \gamma=90.00(3)^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 7431(5) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 4 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.229 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $2.621 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| F(000) | 2898 |
| Crystal size | $0.550 \times 0.310 \times 0.170 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.000 to $75.613^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-18<=\mathrm{h}<=20,-30<=\mathrm{k}<=26,-22<=1<=21$ |
| Reflections collected | 37405 |
| Independent reflections | 14977 [R(int) $=0.0624]$ |
| Completeness to theta $=67.000^{\circ}$ | 100.0 \% |
| Absorption correction | Analytical |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.680 and 0.289 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 14977 / 16 / 936 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.667 |
| Final R indices [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1029, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2682$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1207, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2891$ |
| Extinction coefficient | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 1.102 and -0.705 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |

Table S13. Crystal data and structure refinement for $\left[1 \supset\right.$ DQ $\left.^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$.

| Identification code | stepien |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C95 H96 F12 N2 O5 P2 |
| Formula weight | 1635.67 |
| Temperature | 100(2) K |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 A |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{c}$ |
| Unit cell dimensions | $a=23.011(10) \AA \quad \alpha=90^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=16.617(9) \AA \quad \beta=91.04(3)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=21.113(9) \AA \quad \gamma=90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 8072(7) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 4 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.346 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.138 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $\mathrm{F}(000)$ | 3432 |
| Crystal size | $0.380 \times 0.280 \times 0.120 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.234 to $28.977^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-30<=\mathrm{h}<=30,-21<=\mathrm{k}<=13,-28<=1<=28$ |
| Reflections collected | 30480 |
| Independent reflections | 30480 [R(int) = ?] |
| Completeness to theta $=25.500^{\circ}$ | 95.8\% |
| Absorption correction | None |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 30480 / 8 / 1001 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.004 |
| Final R indices $[\mathrm{I}>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0732, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1862$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1622, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2059$ |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.680 and -0.511 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |

Table S14. Crystal data and structure refinement for $\left[1 \supset \mathrm{PQ}^{2+}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}{ }^{-}\right]_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$.

| Identification code | rf21a |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C97 H96 F12 N2 O5 P2 |
| Formula weight | 1659.69 |
| Temperature | 100(2) K |
| Wavelength | 1.54184 Å |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{c}$ |
| Unit cell dimensions | $\mathrm{a}=21.800(9) \AA \quad \alpha=90^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=18.632(8) \AA$ A $\quad \beta=102.05(5)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=20.532(8) \AA \quad \gamma=90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 8156(6) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 4 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.352 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $1.196 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| F(000) | 3480 |
| Crystal size | $0.280 \times 0.180 \times 0.013 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.587 to $69.093{ }^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-26<=\mathrm{h}<=26,-22<=\mathrm{k}<=22,-15<=1<=24$ |
| Reflections collected | 22988 |
| Independent reflections | 22988 [R(int) = ?] |
| Completeness to theta $=67.000^{\circ}$ | 99.9\% |
| Absorption correction | Analytical |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.985 and 0.800 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 22988 / 1 / 966 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 0.875 |
| Final R indices [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1082, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1297$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.3169, w R 2=0.1680$ |
| Extinction coefficient | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.498 and -0.545 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |

Table S15. Crystal data and structure refinement for $[1 \supset \mathrm{AQ}] \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \mathrm{CH}_{4} \mathrm{O}$.

| Identification code | rf23ra |
| :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | C96.50 H96 O8.50 |
| Formula weight | 1391.73 |
| Temperature | 100(2) K |
| Wavelength | 1.54184 A |
| Crystal system | Triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| Unit cell dimensions | $a=19.335(10) \AA \quad \alpha=117.13(5)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $b=20.831(11) \AA \quad \beta=97.39(5)^{\circ}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=21.770(12) \AA \quad \gamma=90.80(5)^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 7712(8) $\AA^{3}$ |
| Z | 4 |
| Density (calculated) | $1.199 \mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.587 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| F(000) | 2972 |
| Crystal size | $0.160 \times 0.050 \times 0.050 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.462 to $67.000^{\circ}$. |
| Index ranges | $-21<=\mathrm{h}<=23,-18<=\mathrm{k}<=24,-25<=1<=25$ |
| Reflections collected | 60971 |
| Independent reflections | $27037[\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int})=0.1548]$ |
| Completeness to theta $=67.000^{\circ}$ | 98.4 \% |
| Absorption correction | Analytical |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.975 and 0.936 |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 27037 / 12 / 1829 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.003 |
| Final R indices $[\mathrm{I}>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})$ ] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.1163, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.2483$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.2597, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.3428$ |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.700 and -0.388 e. $\AA^{-3}$ |

NMR Spectra


Figure S42. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{2 b}$ ( 500 MHz , chloroform- $d$, 300 K ).


Figure S43. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{2 b}$ ( 125 MHz , chloroform- $d$, 300 K ).


Figure S44. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $4(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, chloroform-d , 300 K ).


Figure S45. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $4(125 \mathrm{MHz}$, chloroform-d , 300 K ).


Figure S46. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 5 ( 600 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ).




Figure S47. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 5 ( 151 MHz , chloroform-d, 300 K ).


Figure S48. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}(600 \mathrm{MHz}$, chloroform-d , 300 K ).


Figure S49. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}(151 \mathrm{MHz}$, chloroform-d , 300 K ).

## Mass Spectra



Figure S50. High resolution mass spectrum of 2 b (ESI-TOF, top: experimental, bottom: simulated).


Figure S51. High resolution mass spectrum of 4 (ESI-TOF, top: experimental, bottom: simulated).


Figure S52. High resolution mass spectrum of 4 (ESI-TOF, top: experimental, bottom: simulated).


Figure S53. High resolution mass spectrum of 4 (ESI-TOF, top: experimental, bottom: simulated).


Figure S54. High resolution mass spectrum of 1 (ESI-TOF, top: experimental, bottom: simulated).

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