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Interactions Between Uranium(VI) and Phosphopeptide:

Experimental and Theoretical Investigations

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Fig. S1 Experimental and theoretical isotope patterns of 1:1 U(VI)-P¹ ($[P^{1}+UO_{2}^{2+}-H^{+}]^{+}$, m/z = 1118.3) complex, detected by ES⁺-MS.



Fig. S2 Experimental and theoretical isotope patterns of 1:2 U(VI)-P¹ ($[2P^{1}+UO_{2}^{2+}]^{2+}$, m/z = 984.2) complex, detected by ES⁺-MS.



Fig. S3 ESI mass spectrum of the solution containing P^2 (25 μ M) and 5.0 equiv. $UO_2(NO_3)_2$ in AcONH₄ buffer (5 mM, pH 7.0).



Fig. S4 Experimental and theoretical isotope patterns of U(VI)-P² 1:1 ($[P^2+UO_2^{2+}]^{2+}$, m/z = 479.6) complex, detected by ES⁺-MS.



Fig. S5 Collision induced dissociation spectrum of the monocation U(VI)-P¹ 1:1 complex ($[P^1+UO_2^{2^+}-H^+]^+$, m/z = 1118.3).



Fig. S6 Fluorescence emission spectra of 20 μ M P² in the absence and presence of increasing concentrations of uranyl nitrate (0 to 200 μ M). Measured at pH 4.0 , HEPES buffer 10 mM, NaClO₄ 0.1 M, 25 °C with λ_{ex} = 280 nm. Insert: plots of fluorescence variations at 352 nm expressed as I/I₀ over equivalent U(VI) additions. I₀ is the fluorescence intensity of the P² and I the fluorescence intensities of the resulting U(VI)-P² complex.



Fig. S7 FT-IR spectra of UO₂(ClO₄)₂



Fig. S8 The MO diagrams relevant to U(VI) ions and P¹ for complexes $[U(VI)-P^1]-2$ and $[U(VI)-P^1]^+-2$. The isosurface value of the MOs is set to be 0.02 au. The uranium atom composition of the corresponding MOs is also provided.

Table S1 The total electronic energy of six U(VI)-P¹ complexes in the gas phase (Egas, au) at the B3LYP/6-31G(d)/RECP level of theory and the aqueous phase (Esol, au) at the B3LYP/6-311+G (d)/RECP/SMD level of theory, respectively.

Complexes	Egas	Esol	
[U(VI)-P ¹]-1	-4335.997915	-4337.134684	
[U(VI)-P ¹]-2	-4335.992684	-4337.142997	
[U(VI)-P ¹]-3	-4335.992555	-4337.137158	
[U(VI)-P ¹] ⁺ -1	-4336.412194	-4337.593993	
[U(VI)-P ¹] ⁺ -2	-4336.389231	-4337.594933	
[U(VI)-P ¹] ⁺ -3	-4336.387694	-4337.572391	

Table S2 Calculated NBO populations (s, p, d and f) and natural charges on the uranium atom at the B3LYP/6-31G(d)/RECP level of theory.

Complexes	7s	7p	6d	5f	Q _U
[U(VI)-P ¹]-1	0.19	0.37	1.39	2.56	1.58
[U(VI)-P ¹]-2	0.19	0.38	1.41	2.57	1.55
[U(VI)-P ¹]-3	0.18	0.39	1.42	2.58	1.52
[U(VI)-P ¹] ⁺ -1	0.18	0.37	1.41	2.57	1.59
[U(VI)-P ¹] ⁺ -2	0.18	0.36	1.39	2.57	1.61
[U(VI)-P ¹] ⁺ -3	0.18	0.36	1.38	2.55	1.66