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Supporting Information

Modulation of the CO₂-Fixation in Dinickel-Azacryptands

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General synthetic procedure for [Ni₂La^R(**HCO**₃)]: La^R (0.062 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL MeCN/MeOH or MeCN/EtOH 4:1. A solution of Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.12 mmol) in MeCN/EtOH 4:1 was added to the solution. CO₂ was streamed through the solution for 10 min. The mixture was stirred over night. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was precipitated from MeCN/Et₂O, MeCN/hexane or by slow evaporation of the solvent.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{Me}(HCO_3)](CIO_4)_3$: blue solid, 93 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{40}H_{60}CIN_8Ni_2O_7]^+$: m/z = 915.30. Found: m/z = 914.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3345, 2917, 2774, 1654, 1612, 1464, 1440, 1093, 714, 626.

 $[Ni_2L_A^F(HCO_3)](CIO_4)_3$: red solid, 89 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{37}H_{51}CIF_3N_8Ni_2O_7]^+$: m/z = 927.22. Found: m/z = 927.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3447, 3270, 2963, 2925, 2856, 1738, 1676, 1634, 1603, 1460, 1304, 1150, 1099, 982, 884, 841, 799, 708, 628.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{OMe}(HCO_3)](CIO_4)_3$: blue solid, 98 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{40}H_{60}CIN_8Ni_2O_{10}]^+$: m/z = 963.28. Found: m/z = 963.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3419, 2910, 2781, 1620, 1467, 1340, 1302, 1145, 1113, 1087, 629.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{Fur}(HCO_3)](CIO_4)_3$: green solid, 96 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{31}H_{48}CIN_8Ni_2O_{10}]^+$: m/z = 842.19. Found: m/z = 842.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3444, 3304, 2926, 2858, 1637, 1521, 1454, 1088, 1016, 975, 926, 803, 626.

General synthetic procedure for [Ni₂L_A^R(H¹³CO₃)]: L_A^R (0.062 mmol) and Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.12 mmol) were dissolved in 5 mL degassed MeCN/MeOH 4:1 and stirred under N₂. ¹³CO₂ was streamed through the solution. The mixture was stirred over night. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and dried in vacuum.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{Me}(H^{13}CO_3)](CIO_4)_3:$ blue solid, 42 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[{}^{12}C_{39}{}^{13}CH_{60}CIN_8Ni_2O_7]^+: m/z = 918.23$. Found: m/z = 918.00. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3510, 3267, 2953, 2878, 1645, 1620, 1450, 1379, 1261, 1093, 324, 802, 625.

 $[Ni_2L_A^F(H^{13}CO_3)](CIO_4)_3$: red solid, 52 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[{}^{12}C_{36}{}^{13}CH_{53}CIF_3N_8Ni_2O_7]^+$: m/z = 930.24. Found: m/z = 930.00. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3531, 3277, 3072, 2941, 2881, 1697, 1626, 1602, 1456, 1304, 1103, 986, 878, 709, 627.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{OMe}(H^{13}CO_3)](CIO_4)_3$: blue solid, 38 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[{}^{12}C_{39}{}^{13}CH_{61}CIN_8Ni_2O_{10}]^+$: m/z = 965.29. Found: m/z = 965.80. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3537, 3265, 2949, 2872, 2853, 1636, 1605, 1464, 1337, 1304, 1092, 843, 625.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{Fur}(H^{13}CO_3)](CIO_4)_3$: green solid, 79 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[{}^{12}C_{30}{}^{13}CH_{49}CIN_8Ni_2O_{10}]^+$: m/z = 845.20. Found: m/z = 845.8. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3528, 3273, 2930, 2864, 1623, 1483, 1448, 1379, 1099, 1016, 982, 926, 804, 625.

General synthetic procedure for [Ni₂L_A^R(N₃)](ClO₄)₃: L_A^R (0.038 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN/MeOH or MeCN/EtOH 4:1. A solution of Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.076 mmol) in MeCN/EtOH 4:1 was added to the solution. After 30 min NaN₃ (0.038 mmol), dissolved in EtOH/H₂O (1:1), was added to the solution. The mixture was stirred overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was precipitated from MeCN/Et₂O or by slow evaporation of the solvent.

 $[Ni_2L_A^F(N_3)](CIO_4)_3$: crystallization from MeCN/EtOH, green crystals, 89 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{36}H_{51}F_3N_{11}Ni_2]^+$: m/z = 810.30. Found: m/z = 809.6. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3447, 3019, 2925, 2872, 2197, 2114, 2048, 1627, 1598, 1457, 1299, 1146, 1114, 1083, 629.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{Me}(N_3)](CIO_4)_3$: blue-green solid, 92 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{39}H_{60}N_{11}Ni_2 + 2 CIO_4]^+$: m/z = 996.27. Found: m/z = 997.73. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3421, 2922, 2872, 2781, 2194, 2118, 2058, 1616, 1445, 1146, 1085, 629.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{Py}(N_3)](ClO_4)_3$: violett solid, 67 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{33}H_{45}Cl_2N_{14}Ni_2 + 2 ClO_4]^+$: m/z = 951.16. Found: m/z = 951.78. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3429, 2931, 2119, 2065, 1610, 1458, 1145, 1086, 630.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{Fur}(N_3)](ClO_4)_3$: green solid, 65 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{30}H_{42}N_{11}Ni_2O_3 + 2 CH_3OH + 2 ClO_4]^+$: m/z = 982.17 IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3418, 2876, 2176, 2067, 1636, 1452, 1145, 1085, 1020, 630.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{OMe}(N_3)](CIO_4)_3$: green solid, 91 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{39}H_{60}N_{11}Ni_2O_3 + CIO_4]^+$: m/z = 1044.26. Found: m/z = 1046.30. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3420, 2937, 2878, 2193, 2122, 1599, 1469, 1441, 139, 1301, 1146, 1114, 1086, 842, 711, 627.

[Ni₂L_A^{Thio}(N₃)](ClO₄)₃: green solid, 87 %. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3554, 3478, 3416, 3247, 2926, 2855, 2191, 2105, 2056, 1622, 1442, 1087, 808. 629.

 $[Ni_2L_A^{OH}(N_3)](CIO_4)_3$: dark green solid, 93 %. ESI-MS calc. for $[C_{36}H_{55}N_{11}Ni_2O_3 + 2 CIO_4]^+$: m/z = 1003.21. Found: m/z = 1003.85. IR ((KBr, cm⁻¹): 3556, 3417 (br), 1326, 2931, 2871, 2189, 2116, 1603, 1461, 1310, 1144, 1114, 1084, 841, 629.

Synthesis of [(Tren)Ni(CH₃CN)₂](ClO₄)₂: Li^{tBu} or Li^H (0.066 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL MeCN/MeOH (4:1) and Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O was added. The solution was stirred for 1d at RT. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the violet solid was crystallized by slow diffusion of Et₂O into a solution of the compound, dissolved in MeCN/EtOH. Violet crystals were isolated with 33% (0.022 mmol) yield. ESI-MS calc. for [C₆H₂₀N₄NaNi + 2 CH₃CN + 4 ClO₄]⁺: *m/z* = 706.93. Found: *m/z* = 706.9. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2494, 3350, 3299, 2934, 2898, 1602, 1476, 1143, 1089, 984, 828, 628.

Synthesis of [Ni₂L_A^{H,para} **(CN)]:** L_A^{H,para} (0.084 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (3 mL) and Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.167 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred for 2d at RT. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a violet solid with 96 % (0.081 mmol). ESI-MS calc. for [C₃₈H₅₈N₉Ni₂]: m/z = 756.34. Found: m/z = 756.37. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3442, 3262, 2938, 2883, 2310, 2287, 2022, 1636, 1454, 1089, 807, 627.



Figure S1. Molecular structure of [(Tren)Ni(CH₃CN)₂](ClO₄)₂. Hydrogen atoms and counter ions omitted for clarity.



Figure S2. Molecular structures of a) L_1^F , b) L_1^{Me} and c) L_1^{OMe} . Hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity.



Figure S3. Molecular structures of a) L_A^{Py} and b) L_A^{OH} . Hydrogen atoms and counter ions omitted for clarity.



Figure S4. UV-vis spectra (MeCN/MeOH 20%, RT) of a) [Ni₂La^H], b) [Ni₂La^F], c) [Ni₂La^{Me}], d) [Ni₂La^{OMe}], e) [Ni₂La^{Fur}], f) [Ni₂La^{Thio}], g) [Ni₂La^{Py}], h) [Ni₂La^{tBu}] (black) and after CO₂-purging (green).



Figure S5. UV-vis spectra (MeCN/MeOH 20%, RT) of a) [Ni₂L_A^{OH}], b) [Ni₂L_A^{OH,Me}] and c) [Ni₂L_A^{H,para}] (black) and after CO₂-purging (green).



Figure S6. ESI spectra of the mass-peak $[Ni_2L_A^R](CIO_4)_3$ (black: measured, red: simulated) of a) $[Ni_2L_A^H]$, b) $[Ni_2L_A^F]$, c) $[Ni_2L_A^{Me}]$, d) $[Ni_2L_A^{OMe}]$, e) $[Ni_2L_A^{tBu}]$, f) $[Ni_2L_A^{Fy}]$, g) $[Ni_2L_A^{Fur}]$ and h) $[Ni_2L_A^{Thio}]$.



Figure S7. ESI spectra of the mass-peak [Ni₂L_A^R(HCO₃)](ClO₄)₂ (black: measured, red: simulated) of a) [Ni₂L_A^H(HCO₃)],¹ b) [Ni₂L_A^F(HCO₃)], c) [Ni₂L_A^{Me}(HCO₃)], d) [Ni₂L_A^{OMe}(HCO₃)] and e) [Ni₂L_A^{Fur}(HCO₃)].



Figure S8. ESI spectra of the mass-peak of $[Ni_2L_A^R(H^{13}CO_3)](CIO_4)_2$ (black: measured, red: simulated) of a) $[Ni_2L_A^H(H^{13}CO_3)], 1 b) [Ni_2L_A^F(H^{13}CO_3)], c) [Ni_2L_A^{Me}(H^{13}CO_3)], d) [Ni_2L_A^{OMe}(H^{13}CO_3)] and e) [Ni_2L_A^{Fur}(H^{13}CO_3)]. (*signal from neighboring mass peak)$



Figure S9. Observed color change during the CO₂-coordination in **[Ni₂L_A^F]**, left: before CO₂ addition, right: after CO₂-purging.



Figure S10. Change in absorption at 475 nm from the coordination of CO₂ in [Ni₂L_A^F].

Table S1. k_{obs} values obtained from the change in absorption of L^H (470 nm), L^F (475 nm), L^{Me} (550 nm), L^{OMe} (550 nm) and L^{Fur} (550 nm) from a pseudo 1. order plot at different temperatures, [CO₂] = 280 mM.²

	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C	40°C	45°C
LH	2.379 · 10 ⁻²	n.a	2.766 · 10 ⁻²	n.a	3.443 · 10 ⁻²	n.a	4.449 · 10 ⁻²
LF	2.106 · 10 ⁻⁴	n.a	8.327 · 10 ⁻³	n.a	1.267 · 10 ⁻²	n.a	2.150 · 10 ⁻²
L ^{Me}	4.910 · 10 ⁻³	5.940 · 10 ⁻³	6.280 · 10 ⁻³	9.190 · 10 ⁻³	1.008 · 10 ⁻²	1.035 · 10 ⁻²	1.229 · 10 ⁻²
L ^{OMe}	2.920 · 10 ⁻³	n.a.	5.410 · 10 ⁻³	n.a.	9.850 · 10 ⁻³	n.a.	1.560 · 10 ⁻²
L ^{Fur}	1.646 · 10 ⁻⁴	3.459 · 10 ⁻⁴	4.215 · 10 ⁻⁴	8.248 · 10 ⁻⁴	n.a	1.509 · 10 ⁻³	2.329 · 10 ⁻³

(n.a = not available/measured)

Table S2. Obtained values from the change in absorption of L^H (470 nm), L^F (475 nm), L^{Me} (550 nm), L^{OMe} (550 nm) and L^{Fur} (550 nm) at different [CO₂]-concentrations at 298.15 K.

	28mM	40 mM	56mM	93 mM	140 mM	210 mM	280 mM
LH	n.a	$1.106 \cdot 10^{-2}$	n.a	$1.413 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.809 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.153 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.766 \cdot 10^{-2}$
LF	3.420 · 10 ⁻³	n.a	$4.010 \cdot 10^{-3}$	n.a	6.05 · 10 ⁻³	n.a	8.310 · 10 ⁻³
L ^{Me}	n.a	n.a	n.a	3.230 · 10 ⁻³	4.06· 10 ⁻³	4.900 · 10 ⁻³	$6.280 \cdot 10^{-3}$
L ^{OMe}	n.a	n.a	n.a	1.700 · 10 ⁻³	2.360 · 10 ⁻³	3.350 · 10 ⁻³	5.390 · 10 ⁻³
L ^{Fur}	n.a	n.a	n.a	2.450 · 10 ⁻³	2.630 · 10 ⁻³	3.410 · 10 ⁻³	4.210 · 10 ⁻³

(*n.a* = not available/measured)

Table S3. Obtained values from stopped-flow measurements at different CO2-concentrations and the resulting ΔH^{\dagger} and ΔS^{\dagger} values, calculated from the Eyring-plot.

	k₂ [M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	ΔH [‡] [kJ/mol]	ΔS [‡] [J/mol·K]
LH	$6.70 \cdot 10^{-2} \pm 5.00 \cdot 10^{-3}$	7.55 <u>+</u> 1.07	2.64 ± 3.55
Ľ	$1.97 \cdot 10^{-2} \pm 3.10 \cdot 10^{-3}$	36.93 <u>+</u> 1.04	83.93 <u>+</u> 3.50
L ^{Me}	$1.60 \cdot 10^{-2} \pm 1.10 \cdot 10^{-3}$	23.55 ± 2.62	37.64 ± 8.66
L ^{OMe}	$1.93 \cdot 10^{-2} \pm 2.70 \cdot 10^{-3}$	43.40 ± 7.28	102.72 ± 23.67
L ^{Fur}	9.75 ·10 ⁻⁴ ± 1.08 ·10 ⁻⁴	23.539 ± 2.62	37.59 <u>+</u> 8.65



Figure S11. Eyring plot for the CO₂-fixation in [Ni₂L_A^H] (red, 470 nm), [Ni₂L_A^F] (black, 475 nm), [Ni₂L_A^{Me}] (violet, 550 nm) and [Ni₂L_A^{Fur}] (blue, 550 nm) and [Ni₂L_A^{OMe}] (green, 550 nm) in MeCN at different temperatures. [CO₂] = 280 mM.



Figure S12. UV-vis spectra (MeCN/MeOH 20%, RT) of [Ni₂L_A^R(N₃)].



Figure S13. Cyclic voltammograms (100 mV/s) of dinickel compounds [Ni₂La^F], [Ni₂La^{Me}] and [Ni₂La^{tBu}] a) and [Ni₂La^{Fy}], [Ni₂La^{Fur}] and [Ni₂La^{Thio}], b) in comparison to [Ni₂La^H] in degassed MeCN (100 mM TBAPF₆) without CO₂.





Figure S19. $^{\rm 13}C$ NMR spectrum (CDCl_3, 100 MHz) of $L_l^{\rm Me}.$



Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) of hexa-imine L_I^{OMe}.









Figure S31. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) of L_A^{OH,Me}.

	[(Tren)Ni(CH ₃ CN) ₂](ClO ₄) ₂	[Ni ₂ L _A ^{Thio}](ClO ₄) ₄		
Empirical formular	C10H24Cl2N6NiO8	C38H61Cl4N12Ni2O18S3*		
Formular weight [g·mol⁻¹]	485.96	1329.35		
Temperature [K]	110.15	170(2)		
λ [Å]	CuKα, 1.54184	ΜοΚα, 0.71073		
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic		
Space group	Cmc21	P-1		
a [Å]	31.9793(9)	10.180(5)		
b [Å]	10.8558(3)	15.292(5)		
c [Å]	11.0677(4)	21.793(5)		
α [°]	90	101.454(5)		
β [°]	90	103.465(5)		
γ [°]	90	102.672(5)		
V [ų]	3842.27(19)	3105.3(5)		
Z	8	2		
ρ _{ber} [g⋅cm ⁻³]	1.680	1.422		
μ [mm ⁻¹]	4.502	0.950		
F(000)	2016.0	1278.0		
2θ for data collection [deg]	8.602 to 152.378	3.002 to 53.32		
Index-ranges	-36 ≤ h ≤ 39,	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12,		
	-4 ≤ k ≤ 13,	-16 ≤ k ≤ 19,		
	-13 ≤ l ≤ 9	-26 ≤ l ≤ 23		
Reflections collected	4184	22448		
Independent reflections	2652	10966		
Rint	0.0308	0.0673		
S ^a)	1.184	1.090		
$R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]^{0/2}$	0.0493	0.1246		
wR ₂ [all data, F ²] ^{c)}	0.1381	0.3811		
Residual electron density [e Å ⁻³]	0.95/-0.60	1.434/-1.129		
CCDC number	1517786	1517782		
$S = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2]\}/(n-p)\}$	^{0.5} , $n =$ number of reflections,	p = number of parameters.		
^{b)} $R_1 = \sum F_0 F_c \sum F_0 .$ ^{c)} $wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [(F_0^2)^s]\}^{0.5}$				

Table S4. Crystallographic data of [(Tren)Ni(CH₃CN)₂](ClO₄)₂ and [Ni₂L_A^{Thio}](ClO₄)₄.

*One perchlorate molecule was squeezed.3

	[Ni ₂ L _A ^F (N ₃)](ClO ₄) ₃	[Ni ₂ L _A ^{OH,Me}](ClO ₄) ₂
Empirical formular	C90H137Cl6F6N29Ni4O28·1.68 C2H6O	C43H63Cl2N10Ni2O11
Formular weight [g·mol⁻¹]	2696.14	1083.81
Temperature [K]	100(2)	170(2)
λ [Å]	CuKα, 1.54184	ΜοΚα, 0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c	P21/c
a [Å]	67.725(3)	13.2094(10)
b [Å]	12.0716(7)	14.0369(6)
c [Å]	29.6586(15)	25.4984(19)
α [°]	90	90
β [°]	90.888(5)	92.086(9)
γ [°]	90	90
V [Å ³]	24245(2)	4724.8(5)
Z	8	4
ρ _{ber} [g⋅cm ⁻³]	1.477	1.524
μ [mm ⁻¹]	2.696	0.981
F(000)	11261.4	2276.0
2θ for data collection [deg]	6.544 to 152.856	6.02 to 56.26
Index-ranges	-85 ≤ h ≤ 64,	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17,
	-15 ≤ k ≤ 13,	-18 ≤ k ≤ 17,
	-37 ≤ l ≤ 34	-33 ≤ ≤ 33
Reflections collected	44869	42885
Independent reflections	22018	10314
Rint	0.1394	0.0441
S ^{a)}	1.039	1.084
$R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]^{b}$	0.1386	0.0686
wR ₂ [all data, F ²] ^{c)}	0.4619	0.1999
Residual electron density [e Å⁻³]	1.43/-1.13	1.13/-1.29
CCDC number	1517783	1517781

Table S5. Crystallographic data of [Ni₂LA^F(N₃)](ClO₄)₃, and [Ni₂LA^{OH,Me}](ClO₄)₂.

^{a)} $S = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2]\}/(n - p)\}^{0.5}, n = \text{number of reflections}, p = \text{number of parameters}.$ ^{b)} $R_1 = \sum |F_0| ||F_c|| \sum |F_0|.$ ^{c)} $wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [(F_0^2)^s]\}^{0.5}$

	Lı ^F	LI ^{OMe}	L _A Py
Empirical formular	C36H39F3N8	C ₃₉ H ₅₁ N ₈ O ₃	C35H62Cl2N12O3*
Formular weight [g·mol⁻¹]	640.44	679.88	769.85
Temperature [K]	170(2)	293(2)	170(2)
λ [Å]	ΜοΚα, 0.71073	ΜοΚα, 0.71073	ΜοΚα, 0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
Space group	Сс	Pna21	C2/c
a [Å]	15.888(3)	14.368(2)	16.679(3)
b [Å]	13.4639(18)	20.759(2)	19.9817(18)
c [Å]	16.442(3)	12.3557(9)	14.9744(15)
α [°]	90	90	90
β [°]	102.98(2)	90	120.298(10)
γ [°]	90	90	90
V [ų]	3427.3(10)	3685.3(7)	4308.9(10)
Z	4	4	4
ρ _{ber} [g⋅cm ⁻³]	1.241	1.225	1.187
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.087	0.080	0.206
F(000)	1352.0	1460.0	1528.0
2θ for data collection [deg]	5.054 to 56.44	3.84 to 47.96	5.82 to 73.24
Index-ranges	-21 ≤ h ≤ 21,	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16,	-27 ≤ h ≤ 25,
	-17 ≤ k ≤ 17,	-23 ≤ k ≤ 23,	-26 ≤ k ≤ 27,
	-21 ≤ ≤ 21	-13 ≤ l ≤ 14	-24 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	17944	24606	39717
Independent reflections	17944	5630	6847
Rint	0.0748	0.0646	0.0520
S ^{a)}	0.782	0.873	1.054
$R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]^{b}$	0.0793	0.0629	0.0845
wR ₂ [all data, F ²] ^{c)}	0.2570	0.1853	0.2812
Residual electron density [e Å ⁻³]	0.38/-0.43	0.19/-0.21	0.58/-0.41
CCDC number	1517784	1517785	1517950

Table S6. Crystallographic data of L_1^F , L_1^{OMe} and L_A^{Py} .

 $S = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2]\}/(n-p)\}^{0.5}$, n = number of reflections, p = number of parameters.

^{b)} $R_1 = \sum |F_0| |F_c| \sum |F_0|$. ^{c)} $wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [(F_0^2)^s]\}^{0.5}$

*One water and acetonitrile molecule was squeezed.³

	LI ^{Me}	LAOH
Empirical formular	C39H48N8	C40H75Cl6N10O16
Formular weight [g·mol⁻¹]	628.86	1148.8
Temperature [K]	170(2)	100(2)
λ [Å]	ΜοΚα, 0.71073	CuKα, 1.54184
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic
Space group	Pna2₁	P-1
a [Å]	14.4185(18)	11.1345(2)
b [Å]	20.046(3)	14.5818(3)
c [Å]	12.574(2)	18.3859(4)
α[°]	90	107.412(2)
β [°]	90	101.170(2)
γ [°]	90	102.173(2)
V [ų]	3634.3(9)	2676.69(9)
Z	4	2
ρ _{ber} [g⋅cm ⁻³]	1.149	1.425
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.070	3.540
F(000)	1160.0	1214.0
2θ for data collection [deg]	5.66 to 56.5	6.64 to 152.72
Index-ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 18,	-13 ≤ h ≤ 12,
-	-26 ≤ k ≤ 24,	-18 ≤ k ≤ 18,
	-16 ≤ ≤ 16	-22 ≤ ≤ 22
Reflections collected	26225	51557
Independent reflections	8835	9971
Rint	0.1620	0.0428
S ^{a)}	0.540	1.062
$R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]^{b}$	0.0595	0.0571
wR ₂ [all data, F ²] ^{c)}	0.1933	0.1532
Residual electron density [e Å ⁻³]	0.26/-0.16	1.57/-1.04
CCDC number	1517787	1517780

Table S7. Crystallographic data of L_{I}^{Me} and L_{A}^{OH} .

^{a)} $S = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2]\}/(n-p)\}^{0.5}, n = \text{number of reflections}, p = \text{number of parameters}.$ ^{b)} $R_1 = \sum |F_0|| |F_c|| \sum |F_0|.$ ^{c)} $wR_2 = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum [(F_0^2)^s]\}^{0.5}$ Cartesian coordinates [Angstrom] of geometry optimized structures (including COSMO) of $Ni_2L_A{}^R$.

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