Flexibility and anion exchange of [(X)@Pd₂L₄] cages for recognition of size and charge of polyatomic anions

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Electronic supplementary information (ESI) available: ESI-TOF-MS of $[PdL_2](NO_3)_2$; ¹H NMR spectra and IR spectra of 1,2-bis(dimethyl(pyridin-3-yl)silyl)ethane (L), $[PdL_2](NO_3)_2$, $[(BF_4)@Pd_2L_4](BF_4)_3$, $[(ClO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ClO_4)_3 \cdot C_4H_8O_2$, $[(PF_6)@Pd_2L_4](PF_6)_3$, $[(ReO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ReO_4)_3 \cdot CH_4O$ and $[(SiF_6)@Pd_2L_4](SiF_6) \cdot 8C_2H_6SO$; DOSY spectra of $[PdL_2](NO_3)_2$ and $[(BF_4)@Pd_2L_4](BF_4)_3$; crystallographic data of $[(BF_4)@Pd_2L_4](BF_4)_3$, $[(ClO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ClO_4)_3 \cdot C_4H_8O_2$, $[(PF_6)@Pd_2L_4](PF_6)_3$, $[(ReO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ReO_4)_3 \cdot CH_4O$ and $[(SiF_6)@Pd_2L_4](SiF_6) \cdot 8C_2H_6SO$. CCDC 2025726–2025730. For ESI and crystallographic data in CIF or other electronic format see DOI:







Fig. S1 Electrospray time of flight ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-TOF-MS) data of $[PdL_2](NO_3)_2$. m/z range 50-4000 (a), m/z range 750-1400 (b). m/z for $[PdL_2(NO_3)]^+ =$ 768.1876



Fig. S2 ¹H NMR spectra of 1,2-bis(dimethyl(pyridin-3-yl)silyl)ethane (L), $[PdL_2](NO_3)_{2,}$ [(BF₄)@Pd₂L₄](BF₄)₃, [(ClO₄)@Pd₂L₄](ClO₄)₃·C₄H₈O₂, [(PF₆)@Pd₂L₄](PF₆)₃, [(ReO₄)@Pd₂L₄](ReO₄)₃·CH₄O₅ [(SiF₆)@Pd₂L₄] (SiF₆)·8C₂H₆SO.

1,2-bis(dimethyl(pyridin-3-yl)silyl)ethane (L)



 $[PdL_2](NO_3)_2$





 $[(ClO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ClO_4)_3 \cdot C_4H_8O_2$



[(**B**F₄)









Fig. S3 IR spectra of 1,2-bis(dimethyl(pyridin-3-yl)silyl)ethane (L), $[PdL_2](NO_3)_2$, [(BF₄)@Pd₂L₄](BF₄)₃, [(ClO₄)@Pd₂L₄](ClO₄)₃·C₄H₈O₂, [(PF₆)@Pd₂L₄](PF₆)₃, [(ReO₄)@Pd₂L₄](ReO₄)₃·CH₄O₂, [(SiF₆)@Pd₂L₄] (SiF₆)·8C₂H₆SO.



Fig. S4 DOSY spectra of $[PdL_2](NO_3)_2$ (a) and $[(BF_4)@Pd_2L_4](BF_4)_3$ (b) in Me₂SO-*d*⁶ at 298 K. For the (a), D = 2.11x10⁻¹¹, logD = -9.685. For the (b), D = 1.97x10⁻¹¹, logD = -9.726.

Fig. S5 X-ray structure of $[(BF_4)@Pd_2L_4](BF_4)_{3,}$ $[(ClO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ClO_4)_3 \cdot C_4H_8O_2,$ $[(ReO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ReO_4)_3 \cdot CH_4O_5 [(PF_6)@Pd_2L_4](PF_6)_3, [(SiF_6)@Pd_2L_4](SiF_6) \cdot 8C_2H_6SO.$

 $[(BF_4)@Pd_2L_4](BF_4)_3$

 $[(ClO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ClO_4)_3 \cdot C_4H_8O_2$



 $[(\text{ReO}_4) \textcircled{@} \text{Pd}_2 \text{L}_4] (\text{ReO}_4)_3 \cdot \text{CH}_4 \text{O}$

[(PF₆)@Pd₂L₄](PF₆)₃





 $[(\mathrm{SiF}_6) \textcircled{@} \mathrm{Pd}_2 \mathrm{L}_4] (\mathrm{SiF}_6) \cdot \mathrm{8C}_2 \mathrm{H}_6 \mathrm{SO}$



(a) $[(BF_4)@Pd_2L_4](BF_4)_3$



Packing structure (a-axis)





Packing structure (c-axis)



Asymmetric unit (a-axis)



Asymmetric unit (b-axis)



Asymmetric unit (c-axis)

(b) $[(ClO_4)@Pd_2L_4](ClO_4)_3 \cdot C_4H_8O_2$



Packing structure (a-axis)





Packing structure (c-axis)



Asymmetric unit (a-axis)



Asymmetric unit (b-axis)



Asymmetric unit (c-axis)

(c) $[(PF_6)@Pd_2L_4](PF_6)_3$



Packing structure (a-axis)





Packing structure (c-axis)



Asymmetric unit (a-axis)



Asymmetric unit (b-axis)



Asymmetric unit (c-axis)





Packing structure (b-axis)



Packing structure (c-axis)



Asymmetric unit (a-axis)



Asymmetric unit (b-axis)



Asymmetric unit (c-axis)

(e) $[(SiF_6)@Pd_2L_4](SiF_6) \cdot 8C_2H_6SO$



Packing structure (a-axis)





Packing structure (c-axis)



Asymmetric unit (a-axis)



Asymmetric unit (b-axis)



Asymmetric unit (c-axis)