

## *Electronic Supplementary Information*

### **Ligand Rigidity and Electronic Effect on the Complexation of Hexavalent Plutonyl with Three Dicarboxylic Acids: A Combined Spectrophotometric and Computational Study**

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1. The supplementary data of Pu(VI) speciation diagrams during the titration process.

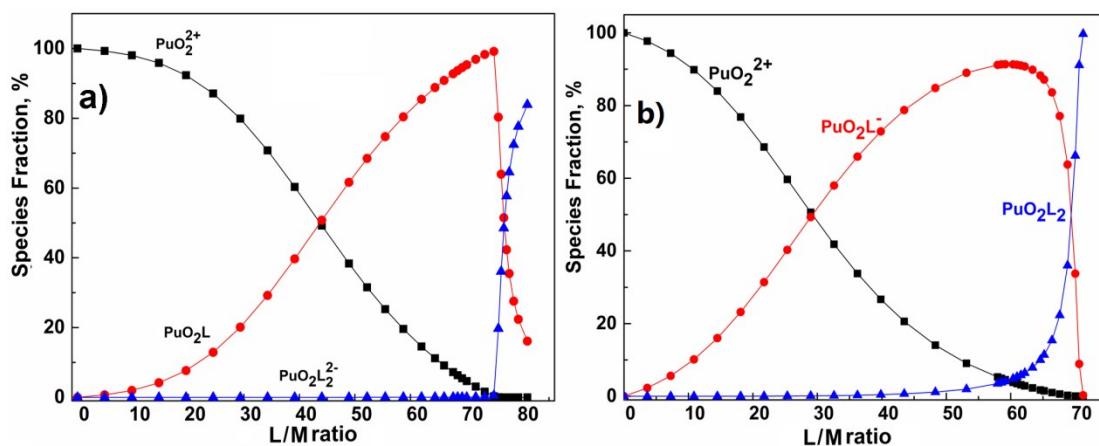


Fig. S1 Species fractions for the titrations of Pu(VI) with IDA a) and MIDA b) in  $I = 1.0$  mol/L NaClO<sub>4</sub> solution at 298K.

2. The supplementary structure of the 1:1 Pu(VI)/IDA complex.

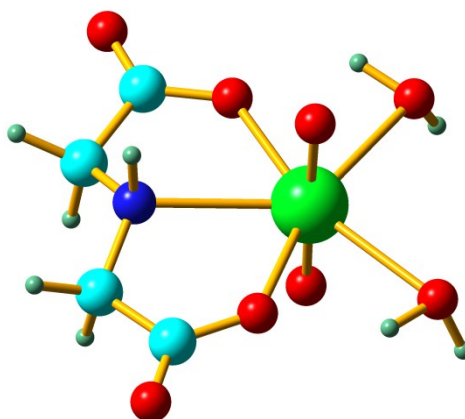


Fig. S2 The optimized structure of the 1:1 Pu(VI)/IDA complex with two coordinated water molecules. Grey-green, cyan, blue, red and green colors denote H, C, N, O and Pu atoms, respectively.

### 3. The coordinates of the optimized structures of the three ligands with DFT methods.

#### IDA<sup>2-</sup>

C	-2.505922287	1.708847334	0.11168394
C	-1.225507745	2.591101862	-0.108084603
O	-2.315053422	0.531014862	0.511241545
C	1.2259383	2.590914817	-0.108109126
C	2.506224518	1.708465191	0.111617372
O	3.601353229	2.306954683	-0.086050838
O	2.315186325	0.530645785	0.51113169
H	-1.432956393	3.285466439	-0.938762166
H	-1.144575002	3.246719012	0.795084555
H	1.145127719	3.246533123	0.795070286
H	1.433469229	3.285258171	-0.938783873
O	-3.600965825	2.307515043	-0.085914898
N	0.000156467	1.851723816	-0.354219458
H	9.55072E-05	1.001590874	0.207829245

#### MIDA<sup>2-</sup>

C	-2.632611155	1.948812321	-0.000446228
C	-1.204042814	2.585624495	-0.212320198
O	-2.752394521	0.90000357	0.683171191
C	1.204476135	2.585421275	-0.212351799
C	2.632952728	1.948368794	-0.000566807
O	3.541714232	2.618901287	-0.566292923
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H	-1.109809048	2.747882639	-1.294664326
H	-1.258988031	3.611879301	0.226246485
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H	1.110226071	2.747711981	-1.294689554
O	-3.541279069	2.619389806	-0.566270693
N	0.000162205	1.886013198	0.24398547
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H	0.000232393	2.688052765	2.232226566
H	-0.905588053	1.162668618	1.960248494
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#### DPA<sup>2-</sup>

C	0.12681	5.72995	-1.46317
C	-0.00549	7.10901	-1.70814
C	-1.28815	7.6395	-1.85789

C	-2.38564	6.78248	-1.75907
C	-2.15144	5.41731	-1.51206
N	-0.92084	4.88869	-1.36479
H	-1.43097	8.71216	-2.05119
H	0.8841	7.74778	-1.77848
H	-3.41074	7.15814	-1.87048
C	1.51661	5.08976	-1.28941
C	-3.32331	4.42526	-1.39306
O	1.6184	3.81228	-1.06343
O	2.58518	5.82813	-1.36907
O	-3.08643	3.16631	-1.16433
O	-4.54702	4.84881	-1.52158

#### 4. The coordinates of the optimized structures of Pu(VI) complexes using DFT methods.

PuO<sub>2</sub>(IDA)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>

C	-2.44254	1.57463	-0.01182
C	-1.2534	2.53913	-0.1866
O	-2.06684	0.32344	0.18717
C	1.25345	2.53912	-0.18661
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O	3.58652	1.96853	-0.0949
O	2.06684	0.3234	0.1871
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O	-0.00002	-0.47572	-1.72255
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O	-3.58648	1.96857	-0.09501
O	1.94803	-2.32382	-0.2432
H	2.60434	-1.63718	0.00919
H	2.13763	-2.51542	-1.17717
O	-1.94807	-2.32379	-0.2432
H	-2.13765	-2.51538	-1.17718
H	-2.60437	-1.63711	0.00911
N	0.00002	1.93858	0.32075
H	0.00003	2.01069	1.33985
Pu	-0.00001	-0.62752	0.05256

PuO<sub>2</sub>(MIDA)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>

C	-2.40499	1.62326	-0.02024
C	-1.21878	2.59993	-0.04984
O	-2.04581	0.35687	-0.01787
C	1.21922	2.59976	-0.04984
C	2.40526	1.62289	-0.02035
O	3.53987	2.05082	0.00127
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Pu	-0.00006	-0.63866	0.02417

PuO<sub>2</sub>(DPA)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>

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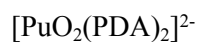
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O	1.239023118	0.10213492	-1.737611737

[PuO<sub>2</sub>(IDA)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>

C	2.51834	-2.4401	-0.15877
C	3.46426	-1.23921	0.0853
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O	0.4244	-1.29943	-1.99126
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C	-0.08443	-2.41361	2.39122
O	-0.14938	-2.84114	3.54678
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H	-1.72171	-3.01866	-1.12278
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