

Supplementary Information

**Theoretical exploration of uranyl complexes of a designed
polypyrrolic macrocycle: Structure/property effects of hinge size
on Pacman-shaped complexes †**

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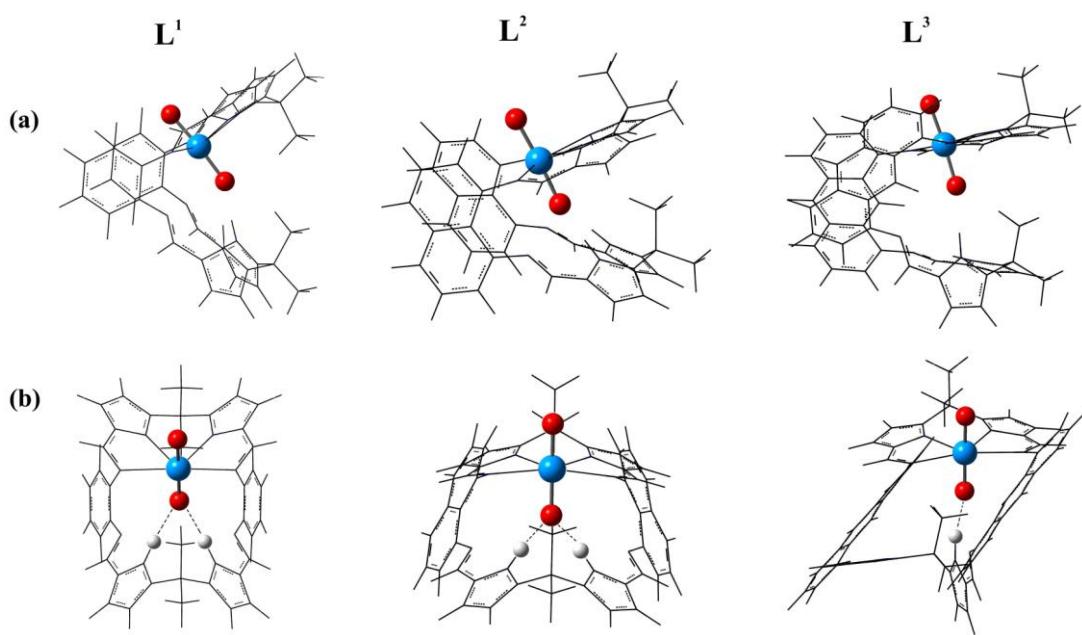


Fig. S1 Structures of the mononuclear $[(UO_2)(H_2L^x)]^{n-2}$ ($L^x = L^1, L^2$ and L^3 ; $n = 2$ for U^{VI} ; $n = 1$ for U^V) complexes, (a) side-on view, (b) face-on view.

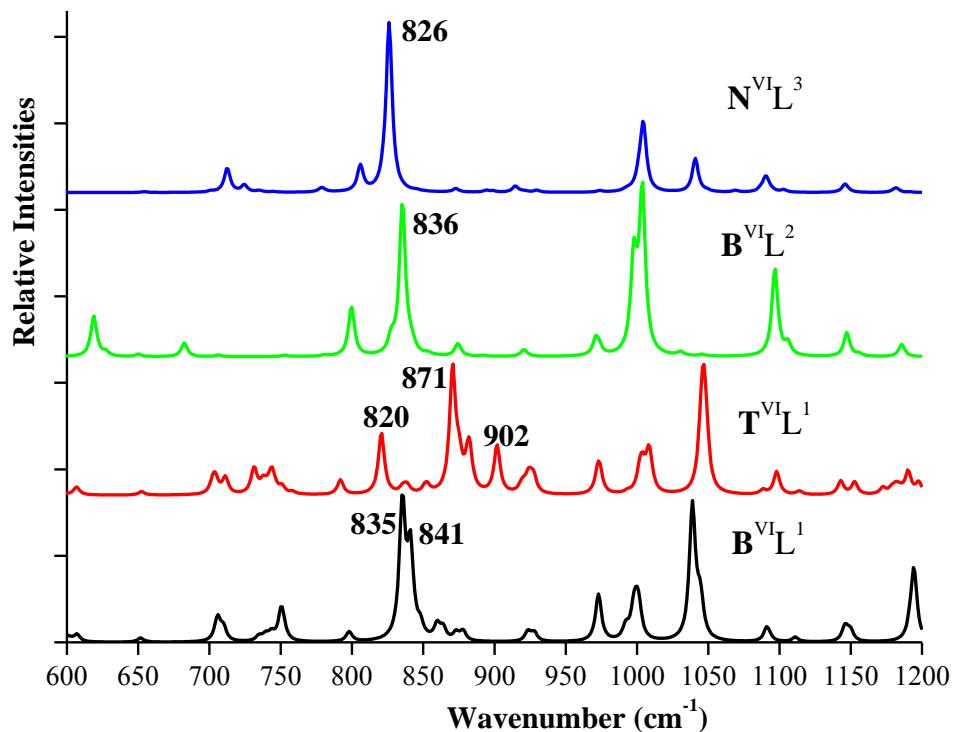


Fig. S2. Simulated vibrational spectra of binuclear $[(\text{U}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}_2)_2(\text{L}^{\text{x}})]$ ($\text{L}^{\text{x}} = \text{L}^1, \text{L}^2$ and L^3) complexes. For convenient comparison, the calculated intensities of $\text{T}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^1$ and $\text{B}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^1$ are scaled by a factor of 0.05, and those of $\text{B}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^1$ are scaled by 2.

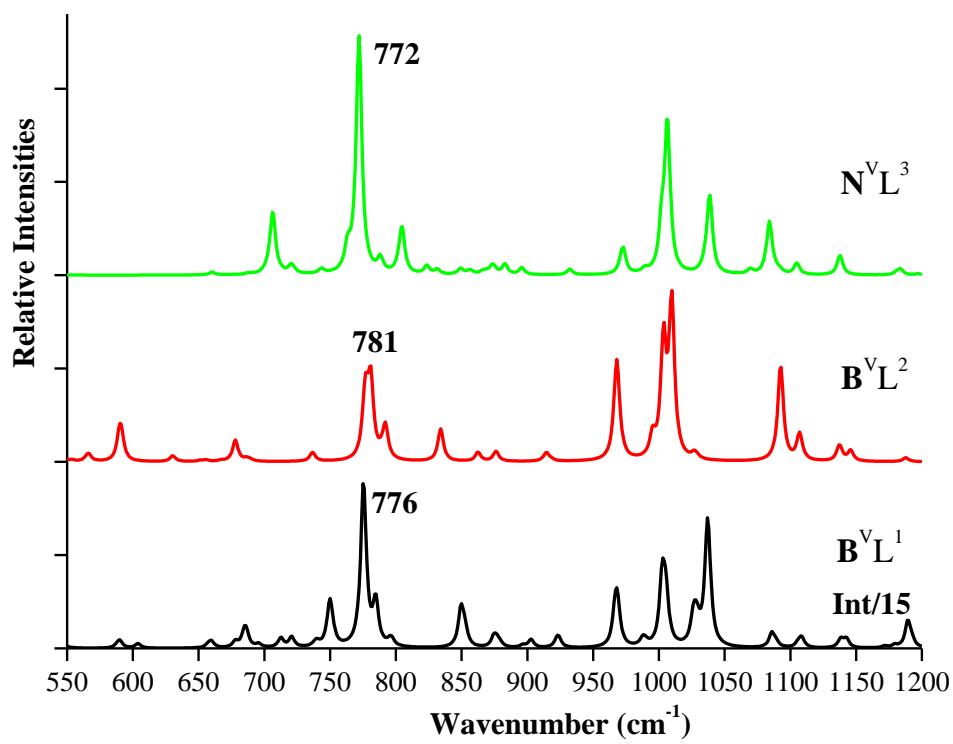


Fig. S3. Simulated vibrational spectra of binuclear $[(\text{U}^{\text{V}}\text{O}_2)_2(\text{L}^{\text{x}})]^{2-}$ ($\text{L}^{\text{x}} = \text{L}^1, \text{L}^2$ and L^3) complexes.
For convenient comparison, the calculated intensities of $\text{B}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^1$ are scaled by a factor of 1/15.

Table S1 Optimized geometry parameters and bond orders (in parentheses) for mononuclear complexes, $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{S})(\text{H}_2\text{L}^2)]^{n-2}$ (Solvent = Vacant and py; n = 2 for U^{VI} , n = 1 for U^{V}) in the gas phase.

Complexes	S =	U-O _{exo}	U-O _{endo}	U-N _{eq}	O _{endo} ···H	O=U=O
$\text{SM}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^2$	Vacant	1.806 (2.38)	1.830 (2.19)		1.942 (0.07)	176.6
	py	1.808 (2.39)	1.836 (2.15)	2.612 (0.37)	1.881 (0.08)	175.5
$\text{SM}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^2$	Vacant	1.835 (2.38)	1.882 (2.04)		1.814 (0.12)	176.9
	py	1.839 (2.38)	1.887 (2.02)	2.553 (0.45)	1.782 (0.12)	176.8

Table S2 Optimized geometry parameters and bond orders (in parentheses) for mononuclear $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{L}^x)]^{n-2}$ ($\text{L}^x = \text{L}^1, \text{L}^2$ and L^3 ; n = 2 for U^{VI} ; n = 1 for U^{V}) in the gas phase. (Bond lengths in Å and angles in degree)

Complexes		U-O _{exo}	U-O _{endo}	O _{endo} ···H	O-U-O
$\text{M}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^1$	Cal.	1.796 (2.43)	1.832 (2.19)	2.051 (0.05)	175.4
	Expt. ^a	1.766	1.790	2.251	177.6
$\text{M}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^1$	Cal.	1.823 (2.43)	1.889 (2.01)	1.856 (0.11)	174.7
$\text{M}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^2$	Cal.	1.806 (2.38)	1.830 (2.19)	1.942 (0.07)	176.6
$\text{M}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^2$	Cal.	1.835 (2.38)	1.882 (2.04)	1.814 (0.12)	176.9
$\text{M}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^3$	Cal.	1.801 (2.40)	1.817 (2.30)	2.034 (0.05)	176.3
$\text{M}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^3$	Cal.	1.830 (2.39)	1.853 (2.24)	1.946 (0.08)	173.6

^a Experimental values for $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{THF})(\text{H}_2\text{L}^1)]$ from ref. ⁹.

Table S3 Calculated electron-spin densities and atomic charges (in parentheses) for mononuclear $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{L}^x)]^{n-2}$ ($\text{L}^x = \text{L}^1, \text{L}^2$ and L^3 ; $n = 2$ for U^{VI} ; $n = 1$ for U^{V}) complexes in the gas phase.

Complexes	U	O _{exo}	O _{endo}	H
M^{VI}L¹	0.000 (1.339)	0.000 (-0.254)	0.000 (-0.380)	0.000 (0.201)
M^VL¹	0.993 (1.150)	-0.043 (-0.312)	-0.035 (-0.470)	0.000 (0.214)
M^{VI}L²	0.000 (1.389)	0.000 (-0.283)	0.000 (-0.371)	0.000 (0.207)
M^VL²	0.964 (1.210)	-0.040 (-0.339)	-0.035 (-0.453)	0.001 (0.221)
M^{VI}L³	0.000 (1.397)	0.000 (-0.270)	0.000 (-0.328)	0.000 (0.222)
M^VL³	0.756 (1.224)	-0.033 (-0.321)	-0.031 (-0.388)	0.000 (0.230)

Table S4 Optimized geometry parameters and bond orders (in parentheses) for binuclear $[(\text{UO}_2)(\text{L}^x)]^{2n-4}$ ($\text{L}^x = \text{L}^1$ and L^2 ; $n = 2$ for U^{VI} ; $n = 1$ for U^{V}) in the gas phase. (Bond lengths in Å and angles in degree)

Compl.	U ₁ -O _{exo}	U ₁ -O _{endo}	U ₂ -O _{exo}	U ₂ -O _{endo}	U ₁ ···U ₂	O _{exo} -U ₁ -O _{endo}	O _{exo} -U ₂ -O _{endo}	U ₁ -O _{endo} -U ₂
B^{VI}L¹	1.818 (2.44)	2.111/2.093 (1.21/1.18)	1.814 (2.45)	2.144/2.070 (1.19/1.18)	3.377 (0.33)	176.6/104.1	175.6/102.7	
T^{VI}L¹	1.805/1.801 (2.40/2.38)	2.387 (0.37)	1.806 (2.40)	1.847 (2.00)	4.214 (0.09)	179.3/101.5	169.9	168.9
B^VL¹	1.858 (2.42)	2.107/2.144 (1.25/1.09)	1.853 (2.43)	2.151/2.078 (1.12/1.25)	3.399 (0.49)	176.3/103.1	175.7/102.0	
B^{VI}L²	1.822 (2.44)	2.099/2.082 (1.26/1.11)	1.819 (2.43)	2.133/2.048 (1.15/1.21)	3.363 (0.32)	176.7/110.4	178.9/108.2	
B^VL²	1.853 (2.42)	2.124/2.084 (1.21/1.17)	1.854 (2.41)	2.138/2.093 (1.16/1.17)	3.370 (0.43)	177.5/108.3	178.5/107.8	

Table S5 Optimized geometry parameters and bond orders (in parentheses) for binuclear $[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{L}^{\text{x}})]^{2n-4}$ ($n = 2$ for U^{VI} ; $n = 1$ for U^{V}) in the gas phase. (Bond lengths in Å and angles in degree)

Complexes	U-O_{exo}	U-O_{endo}	$\text{U}\cdots\text{O}_{\text{endo}}$	$\text{O}_{\text{endo}}\cdots\text{O}_{\text{endo}}$	$\text{O}_{\text{exo}}\cdots\text{U-O}_{\text{endo}}$
$\text{N}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^3$	1.802 (2.39)	1.798 (2.38)	3.931	2.940	175.6
$\text{N}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^3$	1.827 (2.38)	1.817 (2.37)	4.043	3.116	176.1

Table S6 Calculated electron-spin densities and atomic charges for binuclear $[(\text{UO}_2)_2(\text{L}^{\text{x}})]^{2n-4}$ ($\text{L}^{\text{x}} = \text{L}^1, \text{L}^2$ and L^3 ; $n = 2$ for U^{VI} ; $n = 1$ for U^{V}) complexes in the gas phase.

	U1		U2	
	electron-spin densities	atomic charges	electron-spin densities	atomic charges
$\text{B}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^1$	0.000	1.406	0.000	1.376
$\text{T}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^1$	0.000	1.272	0.000	1.459
$\text{B}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^1$	1.093	1.136	0.978	1.121
$\text{B}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^2$	0.000	1.444	0.000	1.474
$\text{B}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^2$	0.975	1.204	1.042	1.217
$\text{N}^{\text{VI}}\text{L}^3$	0.000	1.414	0.000	1.414
$\text{N}^{\text{V}}\text{L}^3$	0.563	1.263	0.564	1.263