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**Synthesis, crystal structure, and optical characteristics of  $[\text{Pd}_2\text{Hg}_4\text{Cl}_6\{\text{Te}(\text{DMB})\}_6]\cdot 2\text{DMF}$ ,  $[\text{HgClTe}(\text{DMB})]_4$ , and the ring-forming cluster  $[\text{Pd}_{12}(\text{TePh})_{24}]\cdot 2\text{DMF}$**

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Table S1. Crystallographic data and refinement parameters for **1**, **2** and **3**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>68</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Hg <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>14</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Hg <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Te <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>150</sub> H <sub>134</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Pd <sub>12</sub> Te <sub>24</sub>
Fw	2962.56	2003.17	6335.78
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)	296(2)	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	10.5718(4)	13.6219(17)	35.392(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	11.4215(5)	12.3303(14)	19.4685(17)
<i>c</i> /Å	15.7806(7)	14.266(2)	25.583(2)
$\alpha$ /deg	79.158(2)	90	90
$\beta$ /deg	81.398(2)	114.291(3)	92.237(6)
$\gamma$ /deg	80.819(2)	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	1833.36(13)	2184.0(5)	17614(3)
<i>Z</i>	1	2	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	2.683	3.046	2.389
$\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	11.438	16.923	5.134
$\lambda$ /Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<i>F</i> (000)	1344	1776	11456
Index ranges	-14< <i>h</i> <14,-15< <i>k</i> <15,-22< <i>l</i> <21	-18< <i>h</i> <18,-17< <i>k</i> <16,-19< <i>l</i> <19	-48< <i>h</i> <49,-27< <i>k</i> <25,-35< <i>l</i> <35
Collected reflns.	36375	22911	175629
Unique reflns.	10372	6133	24752
GOF ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	1.050	1.040	1.026
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup><i>a</i></sup> {[ <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]}	0.0404	0.0199	0.0749
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup><i>b</i></sup> (all data)	0.0971	0.0413	0.2018

$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|. \quad ^b wR_2 = \{ \sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2 \}^{1/2}.$$

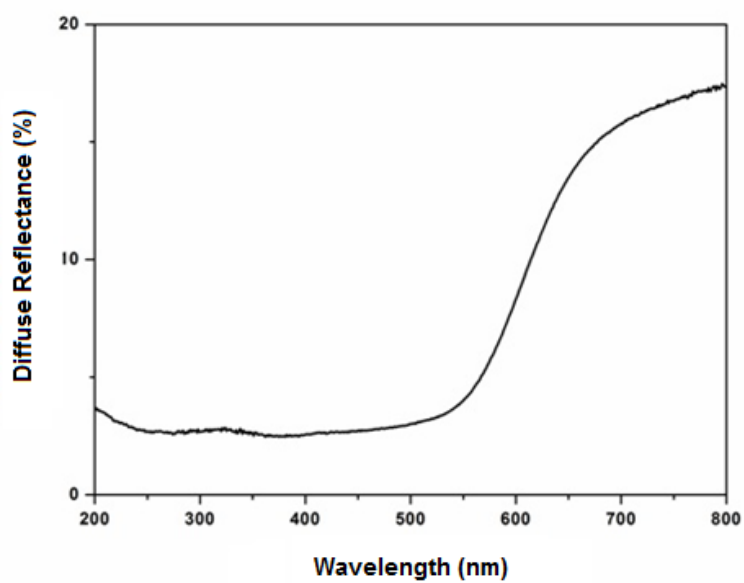


Figure S1. Diffuse reflectance spectrum  $\{r = (R_{\text{Sample}} / (R_{\text{Std}} - R_{\text{Noise}}))\}$  of **1**.

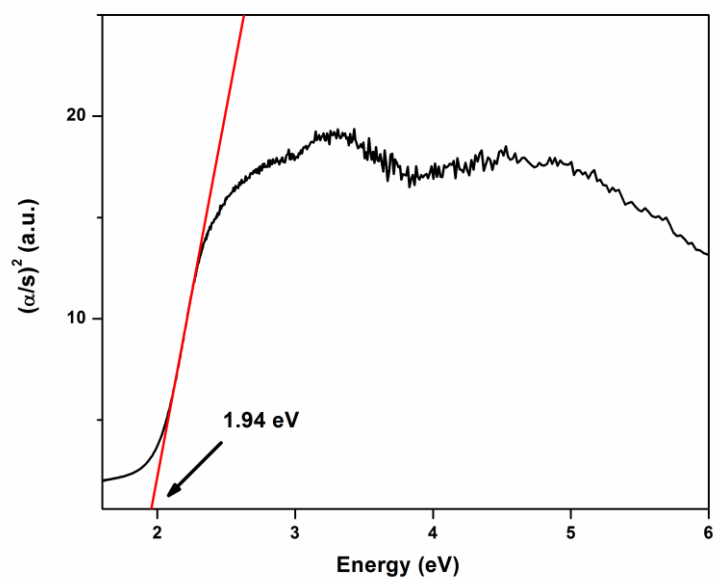


Figure S2. Graphical determination of the  $E_g$  value of **1** (1.94 eV).<sup>[20]</sup>

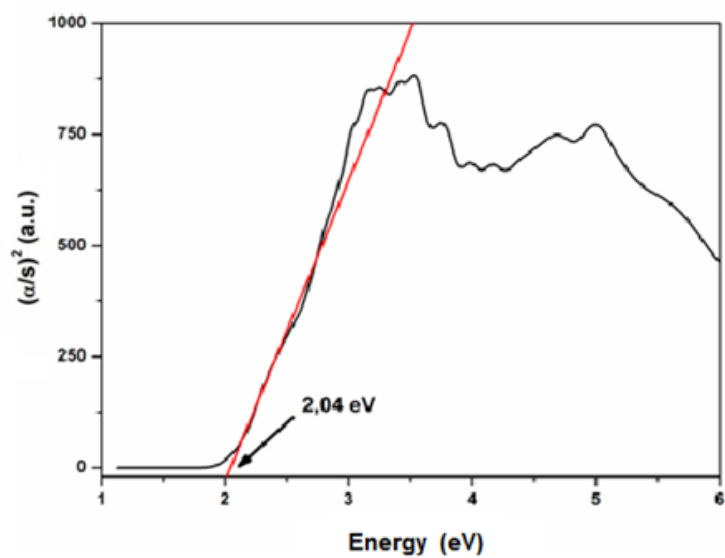


Figure S3. Graphical determination of the  $E_g$  value of **2** (2.04 eV).<sup>[20]</sup>

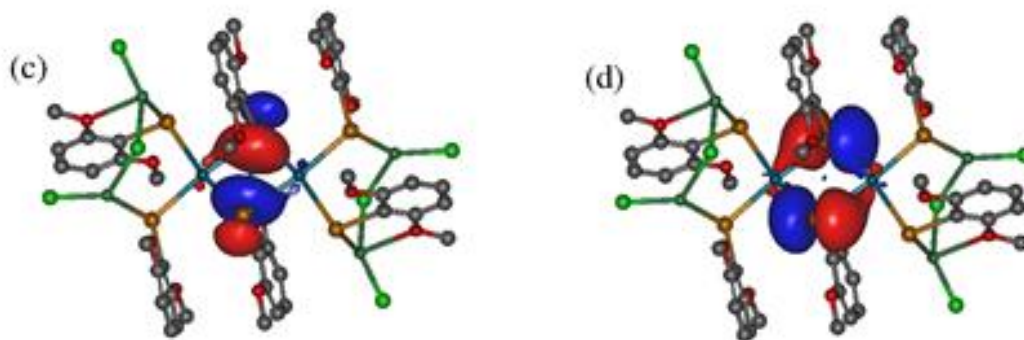


Figure S4. The two anti-bonding 'bridging' Te1-Te1' orbitals of **1**,