

# Supplementary Information

## Bisactinyl halogenated complexes: relativistic density functional theory calculation and experimental synthesis

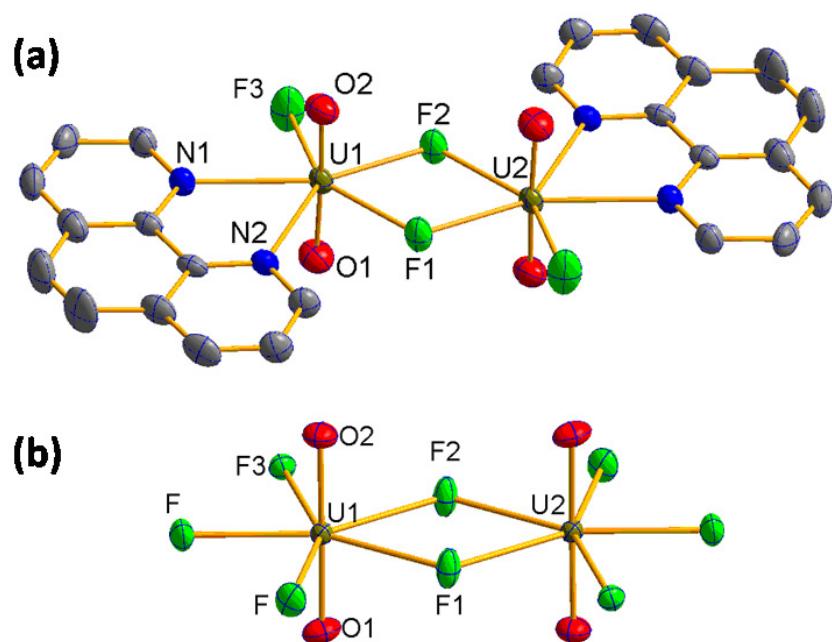
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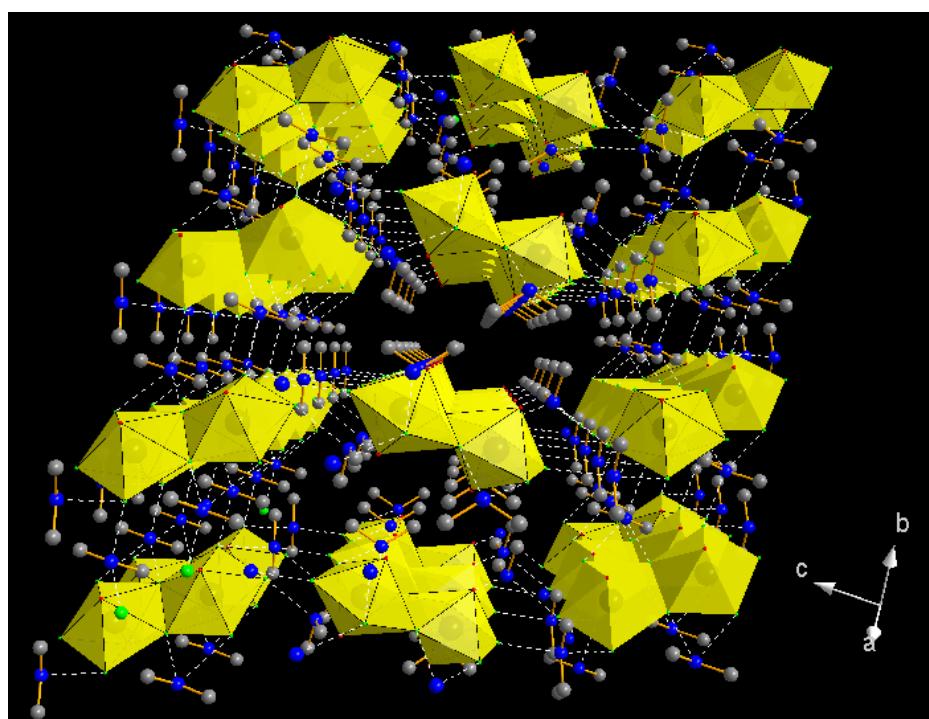
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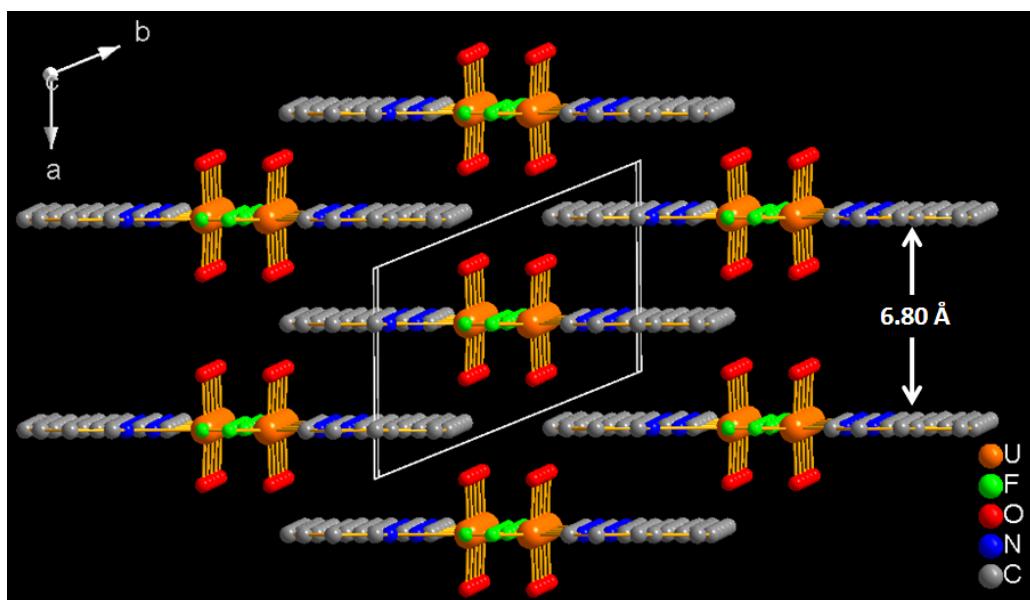
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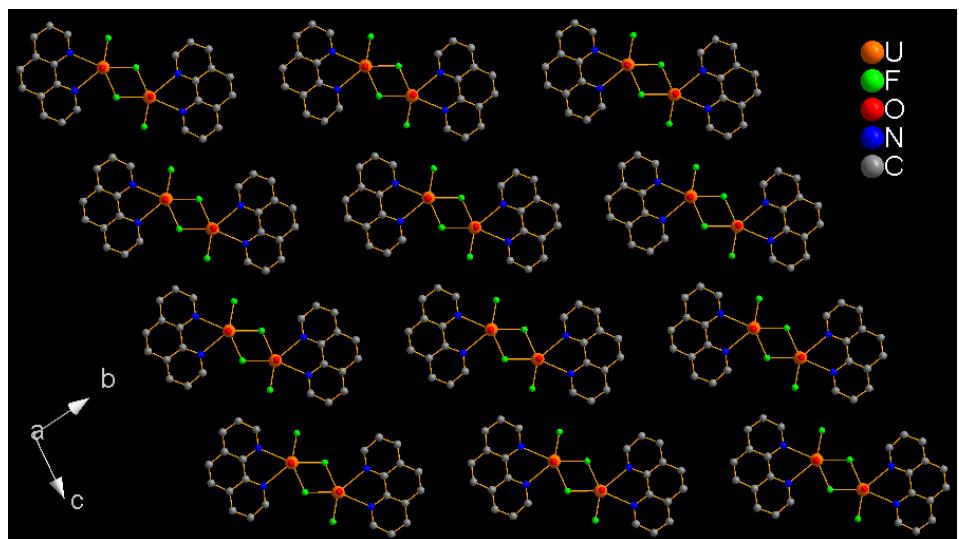
**Figure S1.** ORTEP representation of the asymmetric units of **1** (a) and **12** (b). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 30 % probability level, and the hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



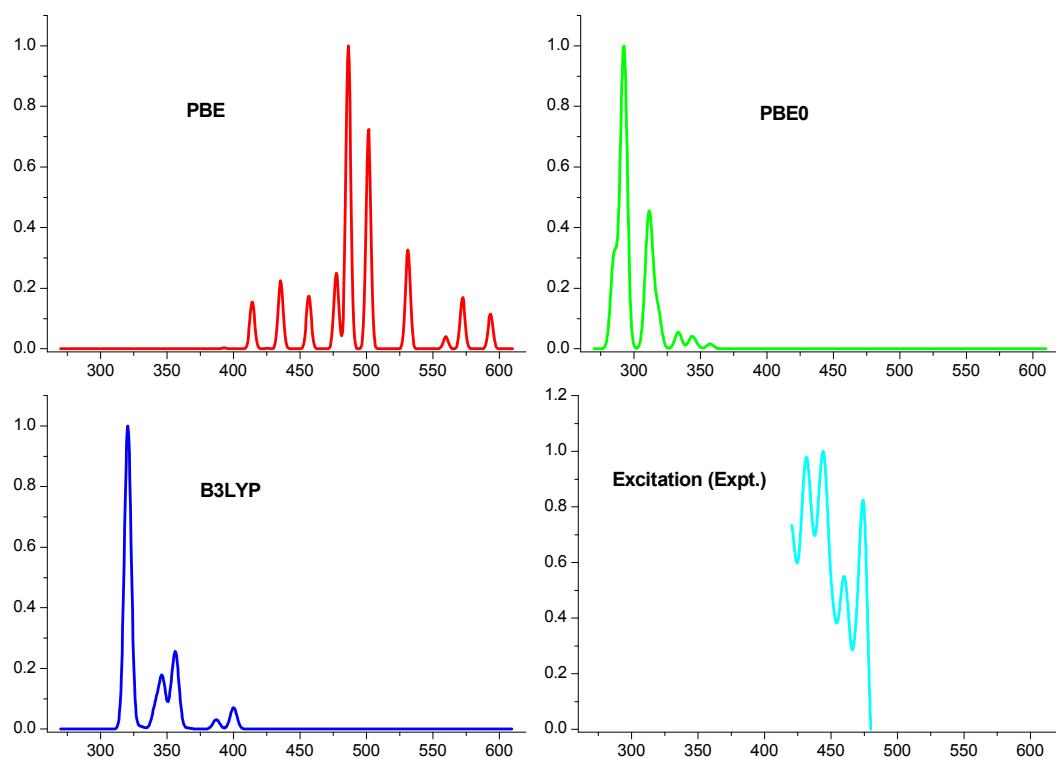
**Figure S2.** Representation of 3-D hydrogen-bonding interactions in complex **12** viewed along the <111> direction. N-H···F bonds are drawn as dashed white lines. Uranyl centered pentagonal bipyramids are represented as yellow polyhedra. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



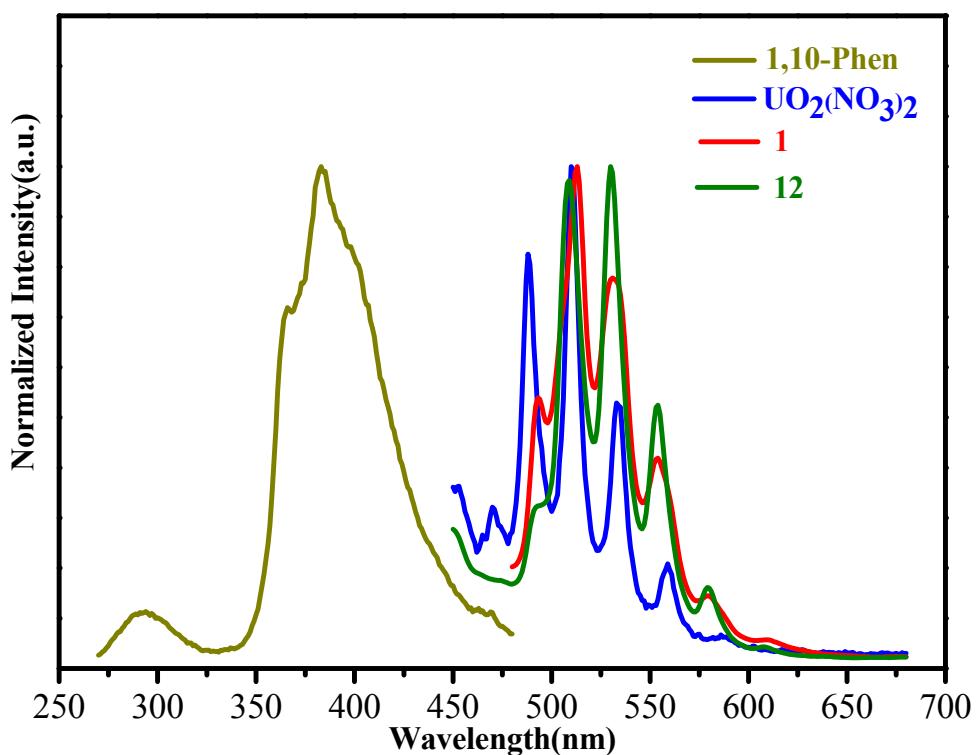
**Figure S3.** Structure of **1** viewed along the *c* axis. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



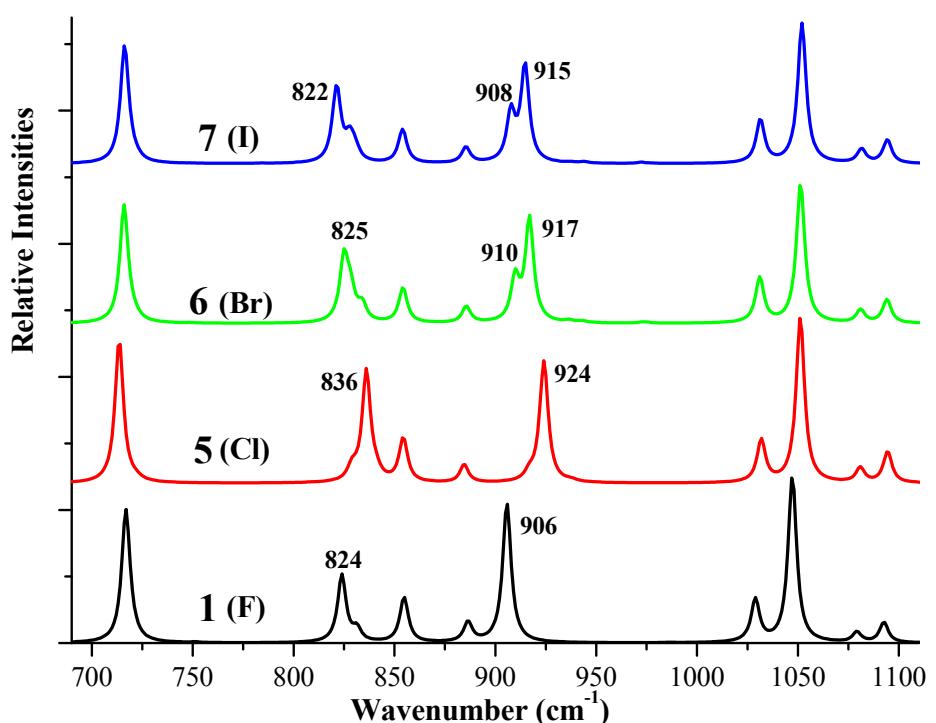
**Figure S4.** Layered distributions of **1** on the  $bc$  plane viewed along the  $a$  axis. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



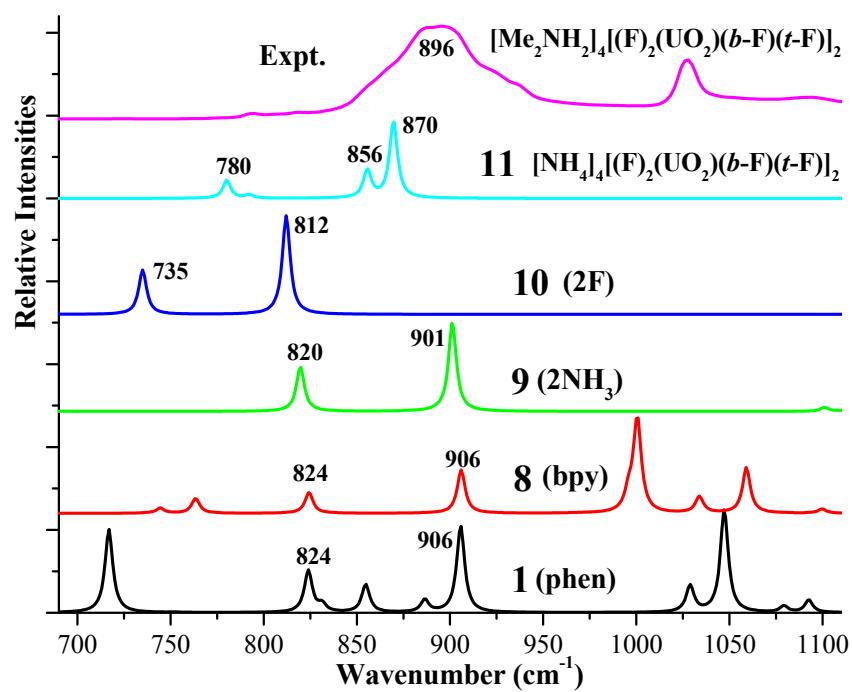
**Figure S5.** Simulated absorption spectra for **1** in water under the different density functional (GGA-PBE, Hybrid-PBE0 and Hybrid-B3LYP) calculations, compared with the experimentally obtained excitation spectra. For convenient comparison, all the spectra were normalized.



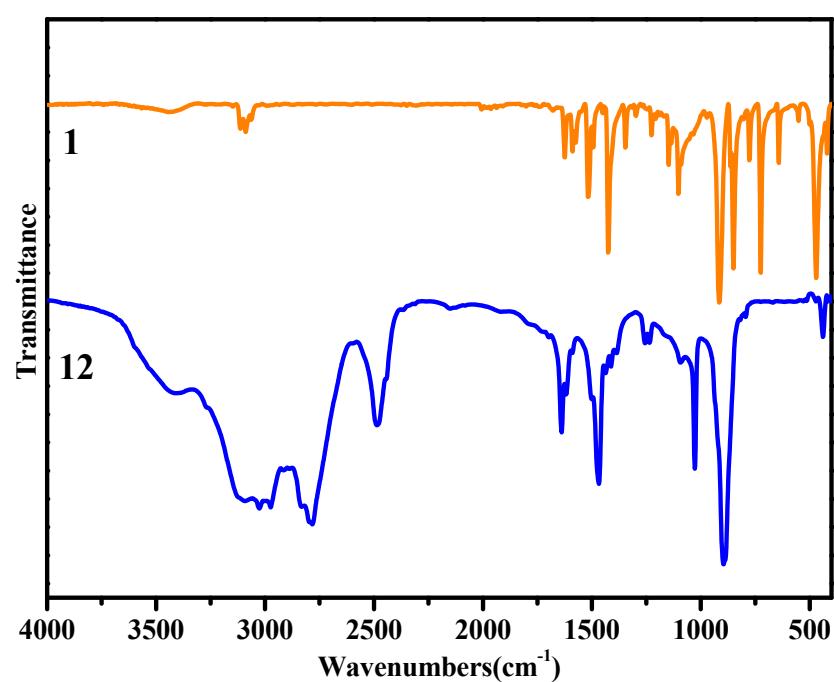
**Figure S6.** Fluorescent emission spectra of phenanthroline (Excited at 245 nm),  $\text{UO}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , (at 428 nm) **1** and **12** (at 430 nm) in the solid state.



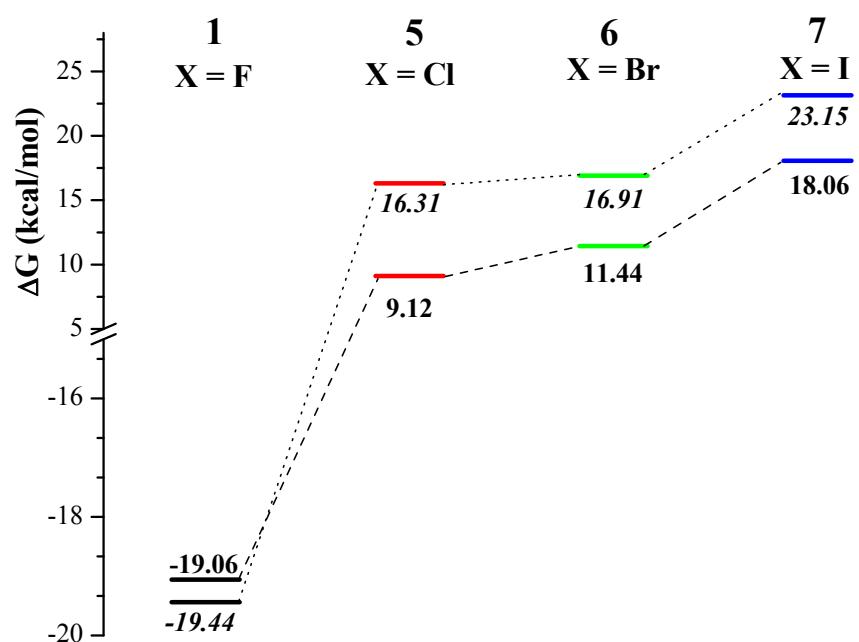
**Figure S7.** Simulated vibrational spectra of bisuranyl complexes,  $[(\text{phen})(\text{UO}_2)(\mu_2\text{-X})(\text{X})]_2$  ( $\text{X} = \text{F}$  (**1**), Cl (**5**), Br (**6**) and I (**7**)).



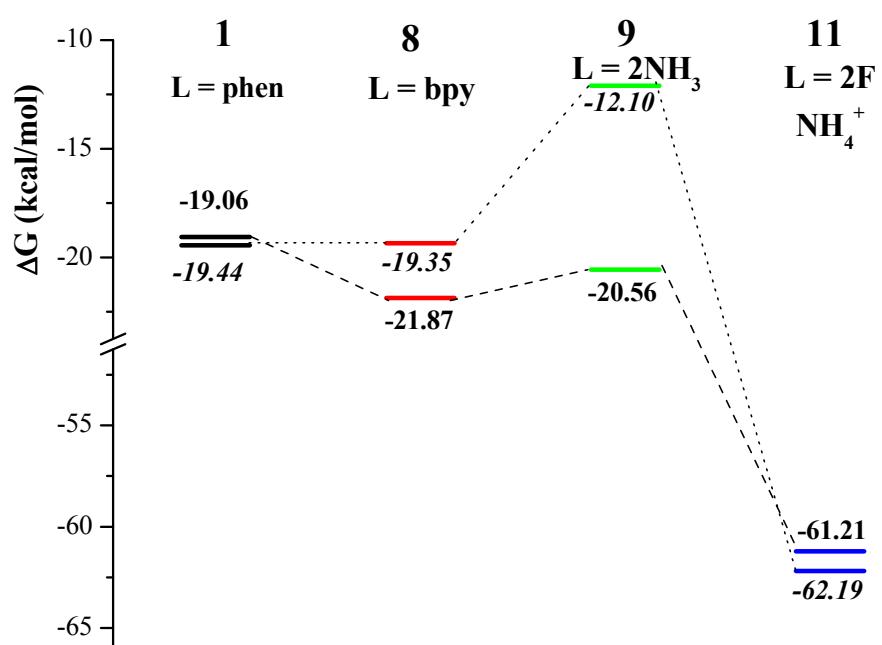
**Figure S8.** Simulated vibrational spectra of bisuranyl complexes,  $[(L)(UO_2)(\mu_2\text{-}F)(F)]_2$  ( $L = \text{phen}$  (**1**), bpy (**8**), and  $2\text{NH}_3$  (**9**)) and  $[\text{NH}_4]_4[(F)_2(UO_2)(\mu_2\text{-}F)(F)]_2$  (**11**), together with experimental IR measurements of  $[\text{Me}_2\text{NH}_2]_4[(F)_2(UO_2)(\mu_2\text{-}F)(F)]_2$  (**12**).



**Figure S9.** FTIR spectra of **1** and **12** measured as KBr pellets.



**Figure S10.** Free energies of formation reactions for bisuranyl complexes,  $[(\text{phen})(\text{UO}_2)(\mu_2\text{-X})(\text{X})]_2$  ( $\text{X} = \text{F}$  (**1**),  $\text{Cl}$  (**5**),  $\text{Br}$  (**6**) and  $\text{I}$  (**7**)), in the gas phase (italic number) and aqueous solution (bold nubmer).



**Figure S11.** Free energies of formation reactions for bisuranyl complexes,  $[(L)(UO_2)(\mu_2\text{-}F)(F)]_2$  ( $L = \text{phen}$  (**1**), bpy (**8**), and  $2\text{NH}_3$  (**9**)) and  $[\text{NH}_4]_4 \cdot [(F)_2(UO_2)(\mu_2\text{-}F)(F)]_2$  (**11**), in the gas phase (connected by dot line) and aqueous solution (connected by dash line).

**Table S1.** Optimized geometry parameters and bond orders (in parentheses) of **2-4** in different electron-spin states. (Distance in angstrom and angle in degree)

	<b>2</b> Np <sup>VII</sup>		<b>3</b> Pu <sup>VI</sup>		<b>4</b> U <sup>V</sup>	
	Triplet	unrestr. Singlet	Quintuplet	Triplet	unrestr. Singlet	Triplet
An1=O	1.788 (2.36)	1.788 (2.36)	1.780 (2.33)	1.776 (2.33)	1.777 (2.33)	1.819 (2.36)
An1-F1	2.360 (0.52)	2.360 (0.52)	2.345 (0.53)	2.331 (0.55)	2.335 (0.54)	2.375 (0.54)
An1-F2	2.296 (0.57)	2.296 (0.57)	2.302 (0.55)	2.297 (0.56)	2.303 (0.55)	2.353 (0.54)
An1-F3	2.109 (1.14)	2.109 (1.14)	2.120 (1.12)	2.113 (1.12)	2.113 (1.12)	2.153 (1.09)
An1-N1	2.644 (0.31)	2.644 (0.31)	2.629 (0.31)	2.632 (0.31)	2.631 (0.31)	2.620 (0.40)
An1-N2	2.681 (0.32)	2.681 (0.30)	2.665 (0.30)	2.667 (0.30)	2.667 (0.30)	2.658 (0.38)
An1···An2	3.871 (0.06)	3.870 (0.06)	3.863 (0.06)	3.854 (0.08)	3.846 (0.07)	3.960 (0.00)
O=An=O	175.5	175.5	176.3	176.6	176.6	175.9
O-An1-An2	90.7	90.8	92.9	93.5/88.0	92.5	91.0
F1-An1-F2	67.5	67.6	67.5	67.9	67.9	66.2
An1-F1-An2	112.5	112.4	112.5	112.4	112.1	113.8
An1-F1-F2-An2	180.0	180.0	-178.1	-176.4	-178.1	180.0
ΔE (kcal/mol) <sup>a</sup>	0.00	-0.01	0.00	8.74	17.47	0.00
						0.02

<sup>a</sup>. The relative energy of complex in different electronic states, where the energy in the highest electron-spin state was assumed at 0.00 kcal/mol.

**Table S2.** Partial molecular orbital contributions (%) of **1**, **10** and **11** in the aqueous solution calculated at the TD-B3LYP level.

Orb.s	Energy (eV)	Composition	Orb.s	10		11			
				Energy (eV)	Composition	Orb.s	Energy (eV)		
LUMO+5	112a	-3.058	90% U( $f_z^3, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}, f_{zx}^2$ )	62a	-1.316	90% U( $f_y(3x^2-y^2)$ )	78a	-2.405	90% U( $f_x(3x^2-3y^2), f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$ )
LUMO+4	111a	-3.074	93% U( $f_{xyz}, f_{zy}^2, f_y(3x^2-y^2)$ )	61a	-1.361	94% U( $f_x(3x^2-y^2)$ )	77a	-2.469	91% U( $f_x(3x^2-y^2), f_{zy}^2, f_y(3x^2-y^2)$ )
LUMO+3	110a	-3.199	94% U( $f_{xyz}$ )	60a	-1.495	97% U( $f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$ )	76a	-2.524	90% U( $f_{z(x^2-y^2)}, f_{x(x^2-3y^2)}, f_{xyz}$ )
LUMO+2	109a	-3.212	93% U( $f_{zy}^2, f_x(3x^2-y^2), f_{xyz}$ )	59a	-1.511	94% U( $f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$ )	75a	-2.605	94% U( $f_{xyz}, f_{zy}^2, f_x(3x^2-y^2)$ )
LUMO+1	108a	-3.213	92% U( $f_z^3, f_{zx}^2, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}$ )	58a	-1.561	96% U( $f_{xyz}$ )	74a	-2.627	94% U( $f_{xyz}, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}, f_{zy}^2$ )
LUMO	107a	-3.293	97% U( $f_{zy}^2, f_y(3x^2-y^2)$ )	57a	-1.673	97% U( $f_{xyz}$ )	73a	-2.736	97% U( $f_{xyz}, f_y(3x^2-y^2), f_{xyz}, f_{zx}^2$ )
HOMO	106a	-7.006	92% phen	56a	-7.232	42% U( $f_z^3$ ), 42% O( $2p_z$ )	72a	-8.368	42% U( $f_z^3, f_{zx}^2, f_{zy}^2$ ), 40% O( $2p_z$ )
HOMO-1	105a	-7.006	92% phen	55a	-7.301	41% U( $f_z^3$ ), 43% O( $2p_z$ )	71a	-8.460	39% U( $f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{zy}^2$ ), 42% O( $2p_z$ )
HOMO-2	104a	-7.394	94% phen	54a	-7.952	97% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	70a	-9.058	79% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]
HOMO-3	103a	-7.395	94% phen	53a	-7.958	88% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	69a	-9.230	78% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]
HOMO-4	102a	-8.621	44% U( $f_y(3x^2-y^2), f_{zy}^2$ ), 34% O( $2p_y$ )	52a	-7.959	91% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	68a	-9.287	86% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]
HOMO-5	101a	-8.716	61% phen	51a	-7.983	95% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	67a	-9.293	83% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]
HOMO-6	100a	-8.738	54% phen						
HOMO-7	99a	-8.754	37% U( $f_y(3x^2-y^2), f_{zy}^2$ ), 30% O( $2p_y$ )						

**Table S3.** Partial molecular orbital contributions (%) of **1**, **10** and **11** in the aqueous solution calculated at the TD-PBE level.

	<b>1</b>			<b>10</b>			<b>11</b>		
	Orb.s	Energy (eV)	Composition	Orb.s	Energy (eV)	Composition	Orb.s	Energy (eV)	Composition
LUMO+5	112a	-4.053	93% U( $f_{xyz}^2, f_{xy}^2, f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2$ )	62a	-2.747	88% U( $f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2$ )	78a	-3.969	88% U( $f_{(x^2-3y^2)}^2, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2$ )
LUMO+4	111a	-4.100	89% U( $f_z^3, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{zx}^2$ )	61a	-2.801	90% U( $f_y^2, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2$ )	77a	-4.014	91% U( $f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{z(x^2-3y^2)}^2, f_{zx}^2$ )
LUMO+3	110a	-4.172	94% U( $f_{xyz}^2$ )	60a	-2.917	94% U( $f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2$ )	76a	-4.064	90% U( $f_{x(x^2-3y^2)}^2, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{xyz}^2$ )
LUMO+2	109a	-4.221	97% U( $f_z^2, f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{xyz}^2$ )	59a	-2.918	93% U( $f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2$ )	75a	-4.116	92% U( $f_{x(x^2-3y^2)}^2, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{zy}^2$ )
LUMO+1	108a	-4.239	93% U( $f_z^3, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{zx}^2$ )	58a	-2.99	95% U( $f_{xyz}^2$ )	74a	-4.147	94% U( $f_{xyz}, f_{z(x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{zy}^2$ )
LUMO	107a	-4.297	97% U( $f_z^2, f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2$ )	57a	-3.095	98% U( $f_{xyz}^2$ )	73a	-4.253	97% U( $f_{xyz}, f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{xyz}, f_{zx}^2$ )
HOMO	106a	-6.384	90% phen	56a	-5.763	43% U( $f_z^2$ ), 38% O( $2p_z$ )	72a	-6.955	43% U( $f_{zx}^2, f_{z^3}^2, f_{zy}^2$ ), 36% O( $2p_z$ )
HOMO-1	105a	-6.384	90% phen	55a	-5.838	33% U( $f_z^2$ ), 35% O( $2p_z$ )	71a	-7.049	44% U( $f_{zx}^2, f_{z^3}^2, f_{zy}^2$ ), 36% O( $2p_z$ )
HOMO-2	104a	-6.766	92% phen	54a	-6.369	99% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	70a	-7.647	88% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]
HOMO-3	103a	-6.767	92% phen	53a	-6.433	100% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	69a	-7.793	88% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]
HOMO-4	102a	-7.026	44% U( $f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{zy}^2$ ), 35% O( $2p_y$ )	52a	-6.44	96% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	68a	-7.823	85% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]
HOMO-5	101a	-7.183	45% U( $f_{y(3x^2-y^2)}^2, f_{zy}^2$ ), 35% O( $2p_y$ )	51a	-6.443	94% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]	67a	-7.832	89% [F( $2p$ )+O( $2p$ )]

**Table S4.** Calculated absorptions of complexes **1** in the aqueous solution at the TD-B3LYP/TZP/ZORA/COSMO level.

Compl.s	States	$\lambda$ (nm) <sup>a</sup>	E (eV) <sup>a</sup>	E ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	f <sup>b</sup>	Configurations	Weight > 0.2
<b>1</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	400	3.10	25000	0.056	106a→107a	0.4645
	S <sub>5</sub>	387	3.20	25840	0.025	106a→110a	0.4832
	S <sub>8</sub>	366	3.39	27322	0.003	105a→109a	0.3891
						106a→107a	0.2746
	S <sub>14</sub>	357	3.48	28011	0.157	103a→107a	0.5194
						103a→109a	0.2864
	S <sub>16</sub>	354	3.50	28249	0.057	105a→111a	0.4660
	S <sub>18</sub>	353	3.51	28329	0.017	102a→109a	0.2824
						99a→107a	0.2248
	S <sub>23</sub>	347	3.58	28818	0.110	104a→110a	0.6377
						104a→111a	0.2446
	S <sub>24</sub>	346	3.58	28902	0.107	103a→110a	0.6375
						103a→111a	0.2546
	S <sub>26</sub>	341	3.63	29326	0.092	102a→111a	0.4210
						99a→110a	0.3564
	S <sub>31</sub>	330	3.75	30303	0.006	103a→109a	0.5846
						103a→107a	0.3237
	S <sub>35</sub>	321	3.87	31153	1.000	105a→116a	0.3769
						106a→115a	0.3542
	S <sub>37</sub>	320	3.87	31250	0.174	103a→111a	0.5752
						103a→110a	0.2197
<b>11</b>	S <sub>5</sub>	310	3.99	32258	0.026	71a→75a	0.4250
						71a→74a	0.2824
	S <sub>6</sub>	309	4.02	32362	0.016	72a→76a	0.3961
						72a→77a	0.3416
	S <sub>9</sub>	257	4.83	38911	0.032	70a→73a	0.4182
	S <sub>24</sub>	240	5.16	41667	0.172	72a→76a	0.3006
						72a→77a	0.2669
	S <sub>25</sub>	238	5.22	42017	0.411	67a→73a	0.2154
	S <sub>27</sub>	237	5.24	42194	0.029	70a→78a	0.2753
	S <sub>29</sub>	235	5.27	42553	0.264	71a→77a	0.3048
						71a→76a	0.2909
	S <sub>32</sub>	233	5.32	42918	0.106	69a→78a	0.2012
	S <sub>35</sub>	231	5.38	43290	0.019	71a→78a	0.5301
						70a→78a	0.2360
	S <sub>37</sub>	228	5.43	43860	1.000	68a→76a	0.2583
						68a→77a	0.2142

<sup>a</sup> Calculated absorption spectra in nm, eV and  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>b</sup> Oscillator strength was normalized for convenient comparison.