





Coordination cages based on Pd(II) and banana shaped bis-pyridin ligands

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Metal-mediated Self-Assembly



directed metal-ligand dative bonds allow control of geometry

"naked ions" with chelating ligands



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Organic Ligands

Pd(II) and banana shaped bis monodentate ligands



Molecular building blocks with reactive groups Larger supramolecular objects

- Dynamic equilibrium
- Thermodynamic product
- Reversible
- Defect Free

Principle of "Maximum Site Occupancy"

- when steric and electronic conditions allow, all metal binding sites will coordinate to the maximum possible number of offered ligand donor sites \rightarrow thermodynamically favored
- correct stoichiometry of metal ions and ligands
- smaller assemblies are entropically favored

cage"



Structure Relationships





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2D simplification



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Host Guest Chemistry



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Communications

Anion Recognition

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Inclusion of Anionic Guests inside a Molecular Cage with Palladium(II) Centers as Electrostatic Anchors**

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Cage formation





Cage forms quantitatively upon addition of appropriate amount of metal ion: L_4M_2

¹H DOSY NMR: Diffusion Ordered Spectroscopy



Idealized globular molecular size estimation using the Stokes-Einstein equation:

$$r = \frac{k \cdot T}{6 \cdot \pi \cdot \eta \cdot D}$$

With r = radius, k = Boltzmann const., T = Temp., η = dynamic viscosity of CD₃CN = 3.9 \cdot 10⁻⁴ Pa/s and D = Diffusion values estimated by the DOSY experiment: log[D_{ligand}] \approx - 9.15, log[D_{cage}] \approx - 9.30

The obtained radius of 1.1 nm for cage 6 correlates well with the values from the molecular model and the x-ray structure. 10

Cage formation

Mass Spectrometry Typical ESI-TOF spectra



z = 1/peak distance



In ESI mass spectra, one product often results in a series of peaks with different m/z.

The reason for this can be:

- different protonation grade
- different number off associated counter ions
- redox processes

Attention: not only the charge but also the mass of additional protons or counter ions has to be considered:

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m/z [(Lig)<sub>4</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub>(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>
≠
2 x m/z [(Lig)<sub>4</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub>]<sup>4+</sup>
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Cage formation

X-ray crystal structure



Host-Guest Interaction

Host = Self-assembled Coordination Cage

in polar solvent (MeCN)

Guest = Ferrocene Bis-sulfonate



Host-Guest Interaction

NMR titration





DOSY superposition of spectra of 1,1'-ferrocene bissulfonate @ Cage 6 (black: signals of cage, NBu_4^+ ; red: signals of encapsulated guest) and the free guest (green).

Evolution of coordination cages: Increasing the complexity



Heteroleptic coordination cages

a) narcissistic + b) integrative M c) statistical

Self-sorting possibilities

Established Strategies for integrative self-sorting



Coordination Sphere Engineering



Shape Complementarity



Asymmetric Ligand

Heteroleptic coordination cages



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Coal-Tar Dyes-based Coordination Cages and Helicates





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Dye-based Helicates

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Absorption Spectra of the Dye-based Assemblies

Cage solutions in DMSO. In the picture concentration of 0.7 mM of cage (2.8 mM ligand concentration)

[Pd₂(**MB-P**)₄]

 (\mathcal{M}) -[Pd₂(**MB-Q**)₄]

Chiral Induction from Small Molecule to Cage

