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Discrete Stacking of Large Aromatic Molecules within Organic-Pillared Coordination Cages

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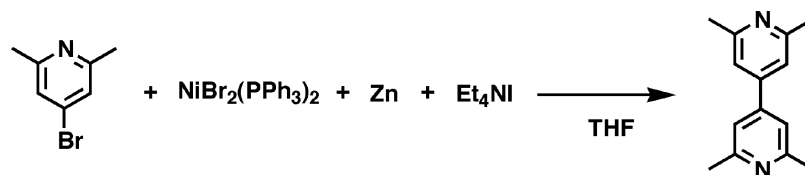
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| Materials and Instrumentations.

NMR spectral data were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. TMS (CDCl_3 solution) in a capillary served as external standard (δ 0 ppm). CSI-MS (cold-spray ionization mass spectroscopy) data were measured on a four-sector (BE/BE) tandem mass spectrometer (JMS-700C, JEOL) equipped with the CSI source. IR measurements were carried out as KBr pellets using a DIGILAB Scimitar FTS-2000 instrument. UV-visible spectral data were recorded on a SHIMADZU UV-3150. Melting points were determined on a Yanaco MF-500 V melting point apparatus. Solvents and reagents were purchased from TCI Co., Ltd., WAKO Pure Chemical Industries Ltd., and Aldrich chemical., Ltd. All the chemicals were of reagent grade and used without any further purification. Deuterated solvents were acquired from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc and used as supplied for the complexation reactions and NMR measurements.

Synthesis of 2,2',6,6'-Tetramethyl-4,4'-bipyridine Ligand (**3**).

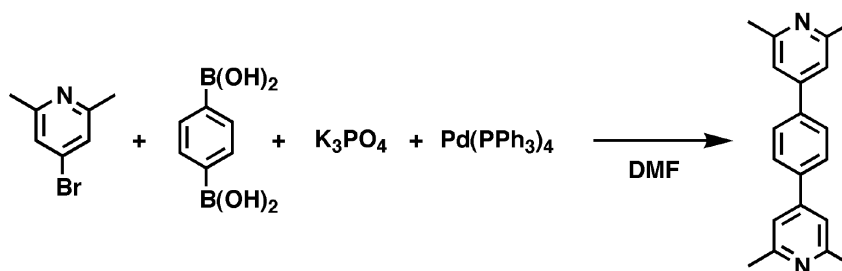


Typical procedure: A mixture of 4-bromo-2,6-lutidine 470 mg (2.50 mmol), $\text{NiBr}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ 560 mg (0.750 mmol), Zn powder 245 mg (3.80 mmol), and Et_4NI 640 mg (2.50 mmol) was refluxed in dry-THF solution (15 mL) for 18 h under argon atmosphere. The mixture was filtrated, and then the solvent was evaporated to obtain a crude residue. The residue was treated with 10% aqueous solution of ethylenediamine, and then extracted with CHCl_3 . An aqueous solution of HCl (1N) was added to the organic layer. After separation, the aqueous layer was treated with an aqueous solution of NaOH (1N). When the extraction (CHCl_3) was dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated, the residue was sublimated to obtain 2,2',6,6'-tetramethyl-4,4'-bipyridine (**3**) as a white solid (193 mg, 0.909 mmol) in 70.0% yield.

Physical data: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, D_2O , 27 °C): δ 7.17 (s, 4H), 2.60 (s, 12H).

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| Synthesis of 1,4-(2,2',6,6'-Tetramethyl-4,4'-bipyridyl)benzene Ligand (**7**).

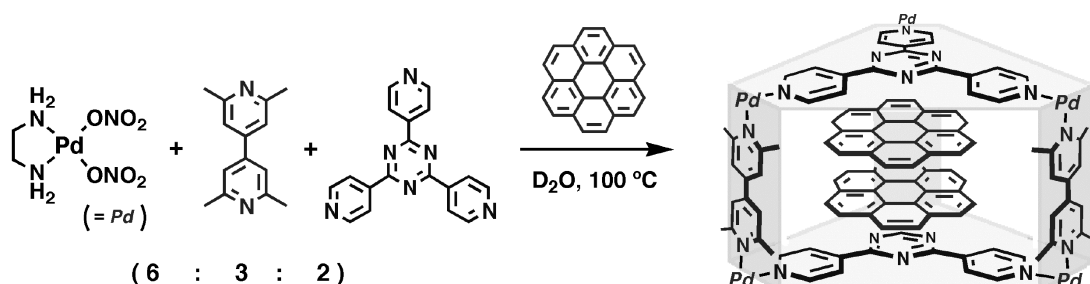


Typical procedure: A mixture of 4-bromo-2,6-lutidine 1.87 g (10.0 mmol), 1,4-phenylenebisboronic acid 0.480 g (2.90 mmol), K_3PO_4 5.49 g (25.8 mmol), and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ 0.170 g (0.140 mmol) was stirred in a DMF (ca. 45 mL) solution under argon atmosphere at 100 °C for 2 days. After filtration and evaporation, obtained brown solid was treated with HCl solution. The aqueous solution was washed by CHCl_3 . After separation, an aqueous solution of NaOH was added to the aqueous layer to obtain white precipitate. After the purification by sublimation and column chromatography (silica gel, AcOEt),

1,4-(2,2',6,6'-tetramethyl-4,4'-bipyridyl)benzene (**7**) 0.460 g (1.60 mmol) was obtained as white powder in 55.6% yield.

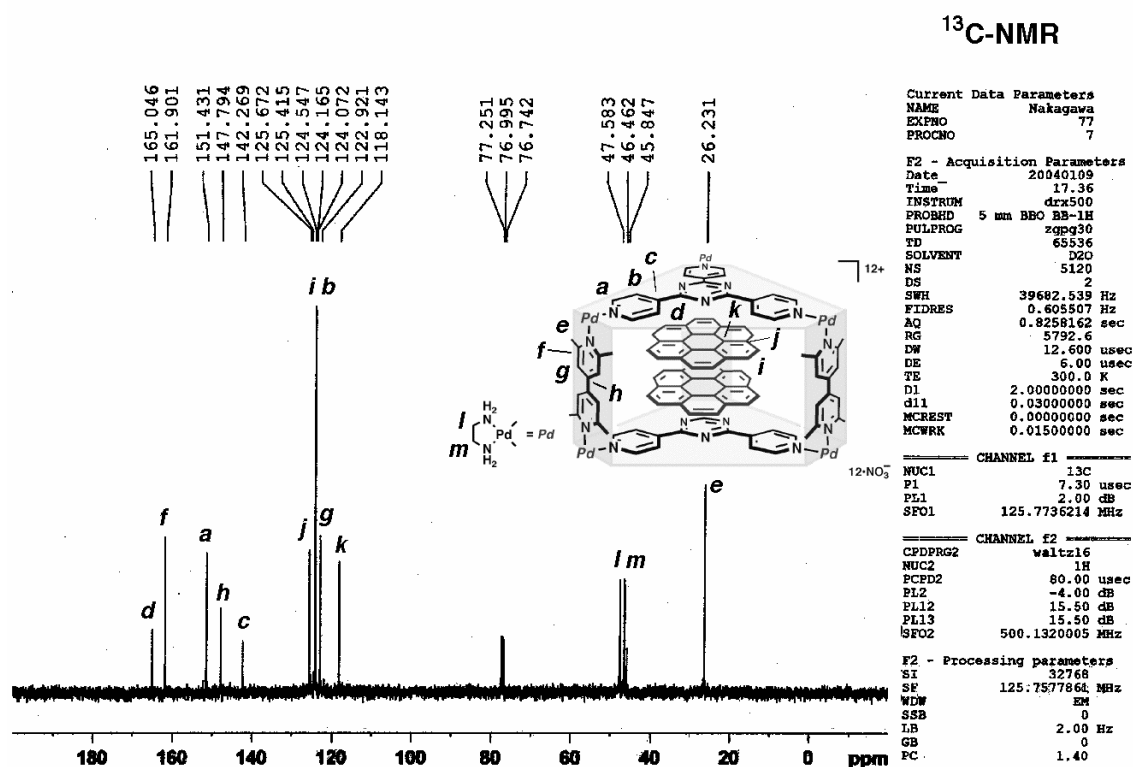
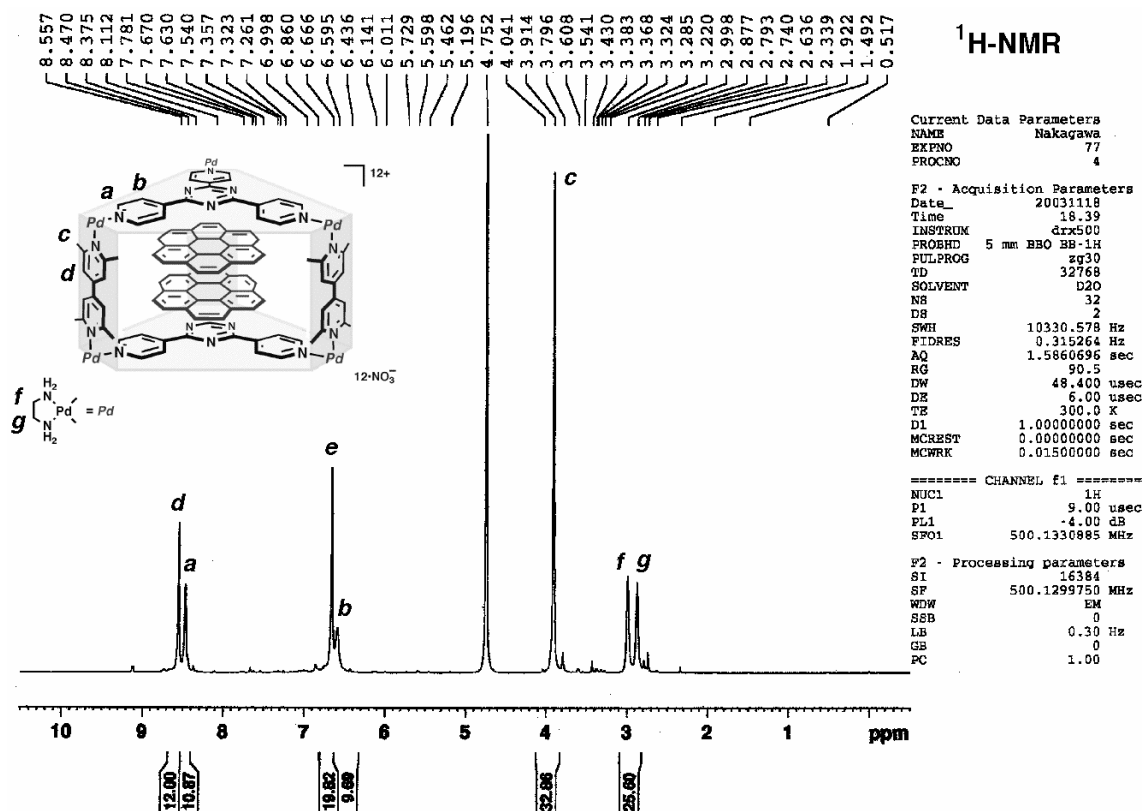
Physical data: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, D_2O , 27 °C): δ 7.72 (s, 4H), 7.22 (s, 4H), 2.61 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, D_2O , 27 °C): δ 158.4 (C_q), 148.2 (C_q), 139.1 (CH), 127.6 (C_q), 118.2 (CH), 24.6 (CH_3). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3035, 2958, 2923, 2855, 1728, 1664, 1605, 1562, 1519, 1433, 1392, 832. E.A. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2 \cdot 1/3\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 81.69; H, 6.97; N, 9.53. Found: C, 81.82; H, 6.94; N, 9.25. m.p. ~ 188 °C.

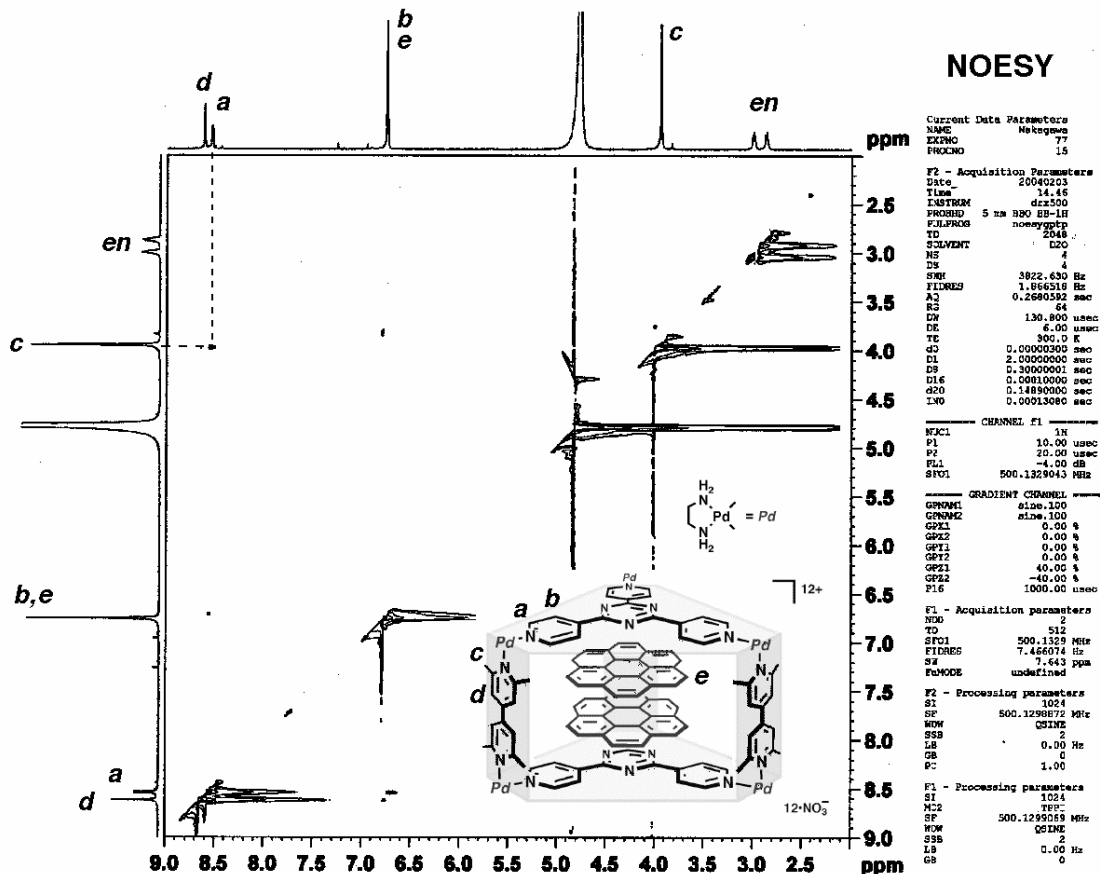
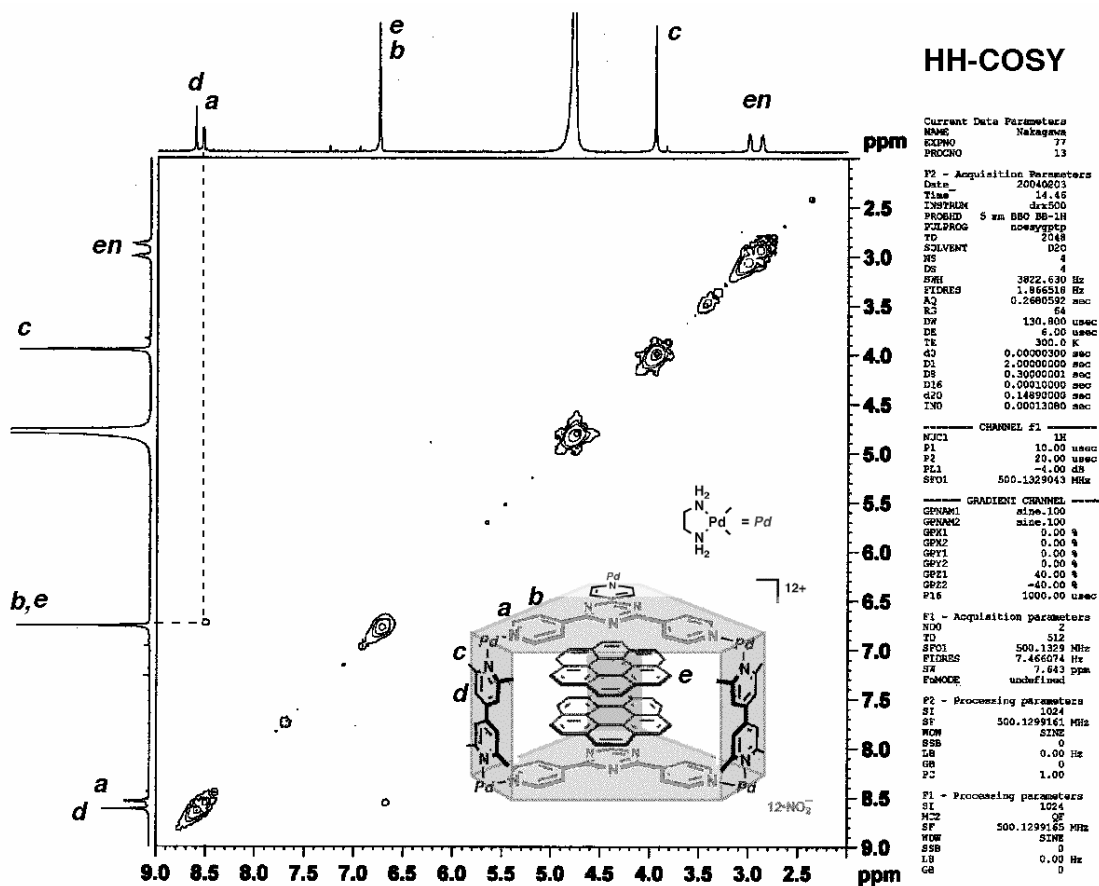
! Self-Assembly of $[\mathbf{1} \supset (\mathbf{5})_2]^{12+}$.

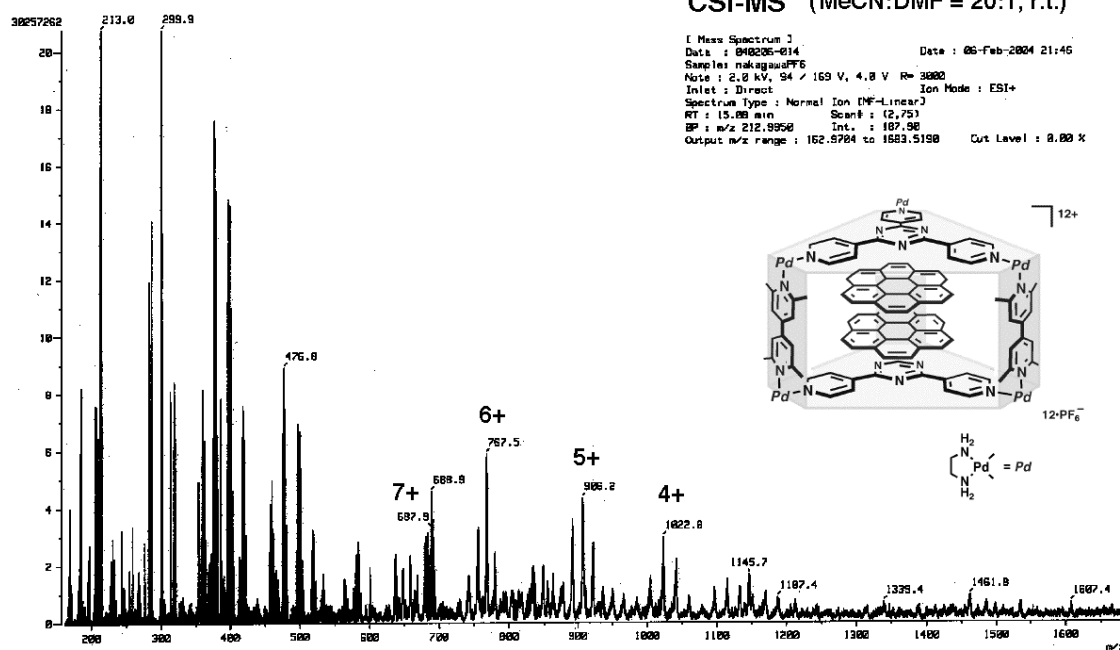


Typical procedure: 2,2',6,6'-tetramethyl-4,4'-bipyridine (**3**) 6.4 mg (30.0 μmol), 2,4,6-tris(4'-pyridyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**2**) 6.2 mg (20.0 μmol), and coronene (**5**) 18.0 mg (60.0 μmol) were added to an aqueous solution (1.0 mL) of (en) $\text{Pd}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ (**4**²⁺) 17.4 mg (60.0 μmol), and then, the suspended mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2 h. When obtained deep red solution was filtrated and the solution was evaporated and dried by vacuum freeze-drying equipment, $[\mathbf{1} \supset (\mathbf{5})_2]^{12+}$ (30.0 mg (8.33 μmol)) was obtained as a deep red solid in 83.3% yield. For CSI-MS measurement, $[\mathbf{1} \supset (\mathbf{5})_2]^{12+}$ was treated with an aqueous solution of KPF_6 .

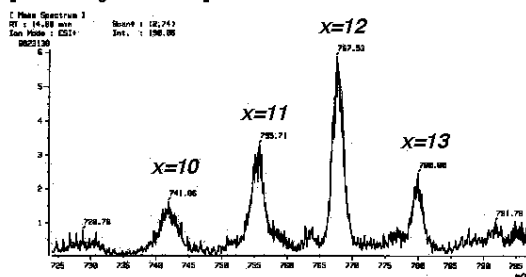
Physical data: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, D_2O , 27 °C): δ 8.56 (s, 12H), 8.47 (s, 12H), 6.67 (s, 24H), 6.60 (br, 12H), 3.91 (s, 36H), 3.00 (s, 12H), 2.88 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, D_2O , 27 °C): δ 165.0 (C_q), 161.9 (C_q), 151.4 (CH), 147.8 (C_q), 142.3 (C_q), 125.7 (C_q), 124.2 (CH \times 2), 122.9 (CH), 118.1 (C_q), 47.6 (CH_2), 46.5 (CH_2), 26.2 (CH_3). DOSY-NMR (cm^2/s): $D = -9.80$. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3429, 3211, 3058, 2924, 2854, 1605, 1519, 1381, 1137, 1057, 857, 806; m.p.: ~ 255 °C (decomposed); CSI-MS (PF_6^- counter, 7.0 mg, $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{DMF} = 20:1$): m/z 767.7 $[\text{M}+6\cdot\text{PF}_6^-+12\cdot\text{DMF}]^{6+}$, 906.2 $[\text{M}+7\cdot\text{PF}_6^-+9\cdot\text{DMF}]^{5+}$, 1023.3 $[\text{M}+8\cdot\text{PF}_6^-+\text{DMF}]^{4+}$; (NO_3^- counter, $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{DMF} = 20:1$): m/z 636.3 $[\text{M}+6\cdot\text{NO}_3^-+8\cdot\text{DMF}]^{6+}$, 732.1 $[\text{M}+7\cdot\text{NO}_3^-+5\cdot\text{DMF}]^{5+}$, 857.4 $[\text{M}+8\cdot\text{NO}_3^-+\text{DMF}]^{4+}$, 1140.2 $[\text{M}+9\cdot\text{NO}_3^-]^{3+}$. E.A. Calcd. For $\text{C}_{138}\text{H}_{144}\text{N}_{42}\text{O}_{36}\text{Pd}_6 \cdot (\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3)_3 \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_{28}$: C, 41.21; H, 5.13; N, 13.73. Found: C, 41.32; H, 5.23; N, 13.65.





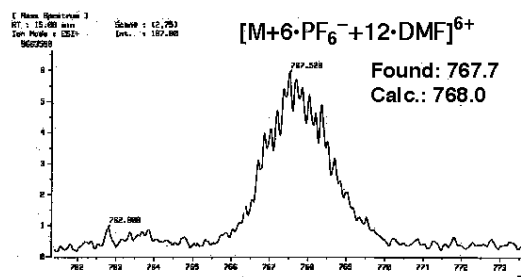


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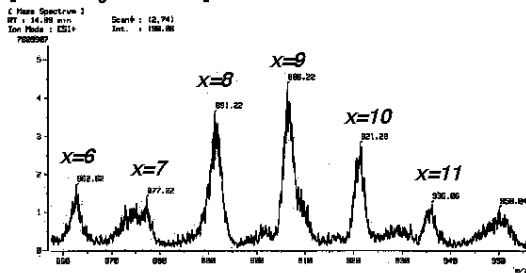


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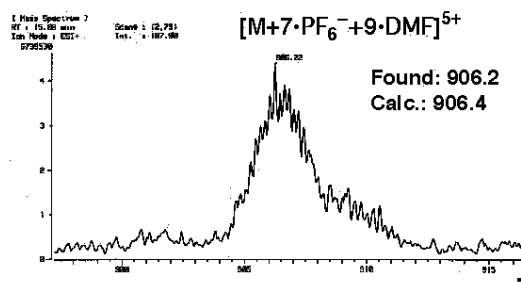


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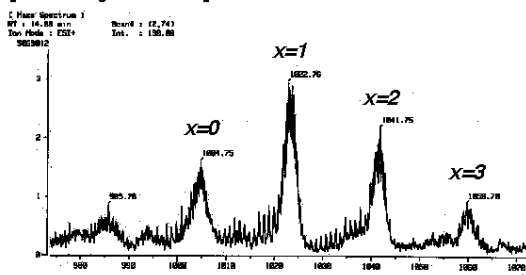


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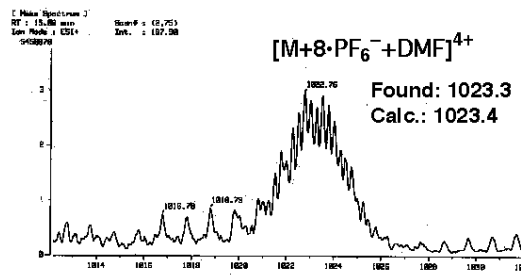


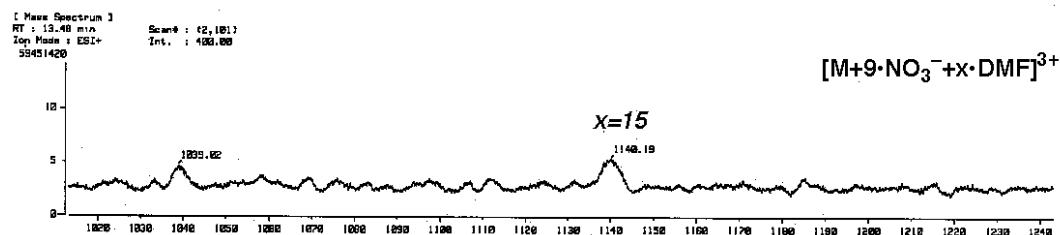
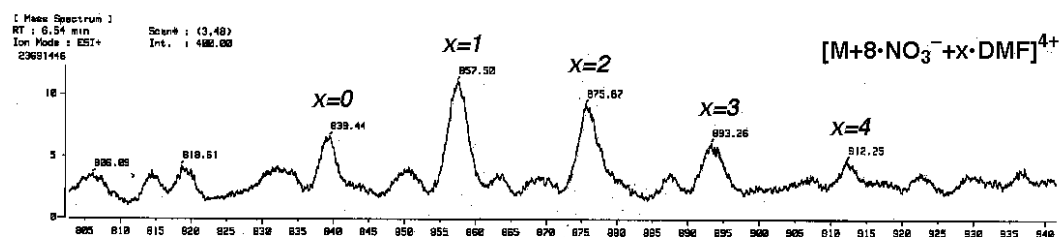
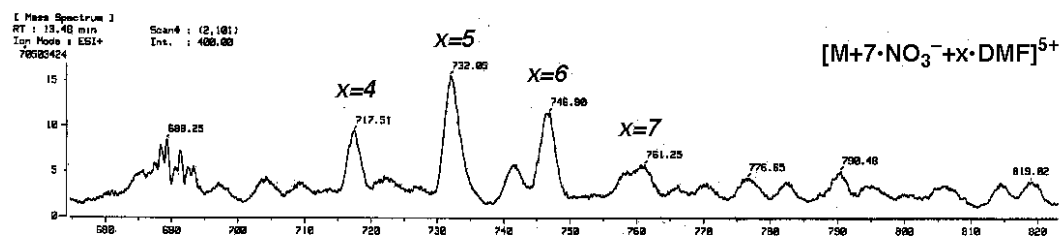
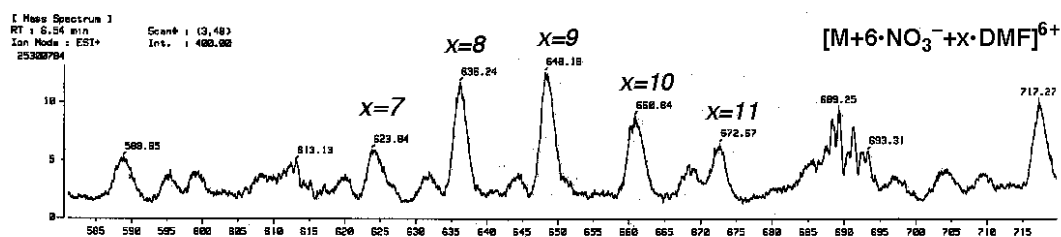
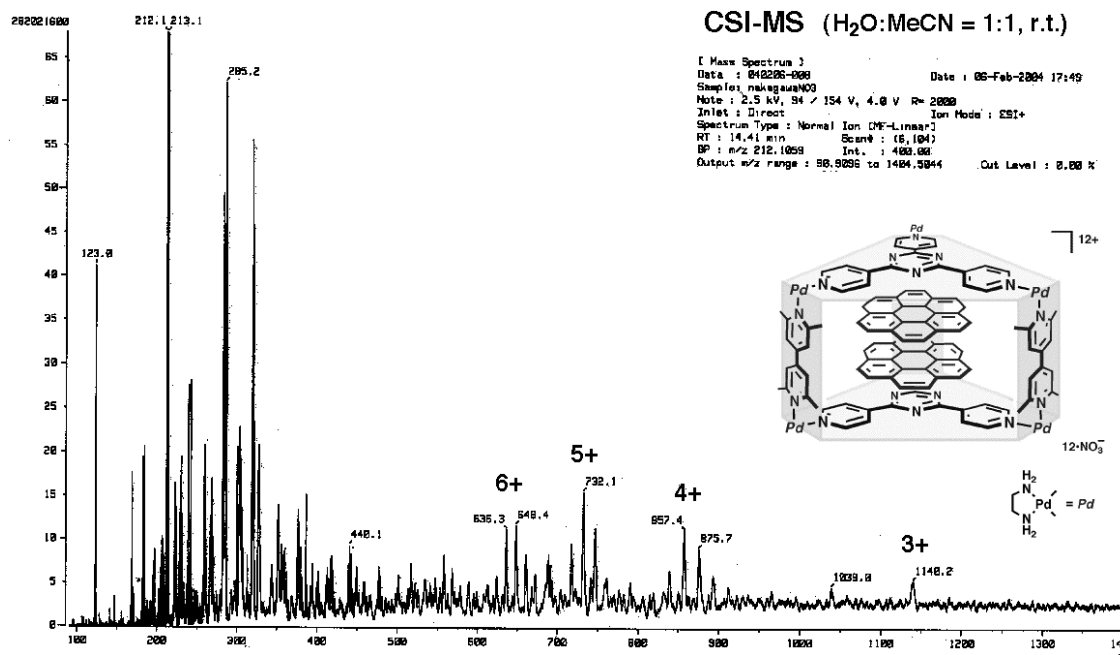
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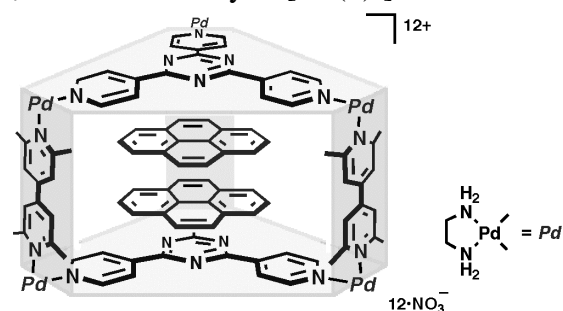
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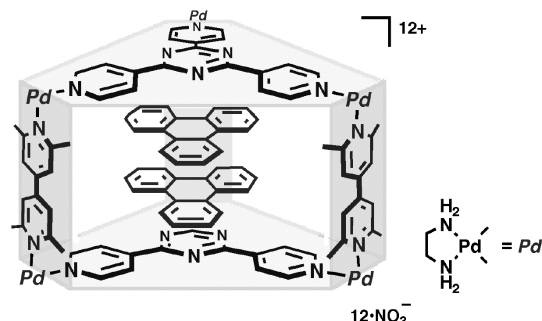


Self-Assembly of $[1\supset(6)_2]^{12+}$.



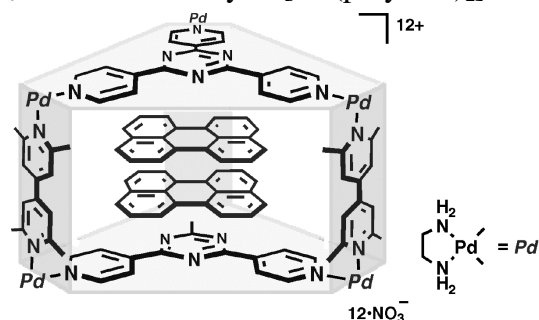
Physical data: ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, D_2O , 27 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 8.57 (s, 12H), 8.01 (s, 12H), 7.26 (s, 12H), 6.47 (s, 12H), 4.81 (s, 12H), 3.67 (s, 36H), 3.00-2.98 (m, 24H); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, D_2O , 27 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 166.9 (C_q), 1601.3 (C_q), 151.7 (CH), 147.5 (C_q), 143.2 (C_q), 126.9 (C_q), 126.9 (C_q), 122.6 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 47.6 (CH_2), 46.6 (CH_2), 26.0 (CH_3); IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3407, 3067, 1520, 1375, 1059, 951, 804, 674; m.p.: ~ 250 $^\circ\text{C}$ (decomposed); Elemental Analysis Calcd for $\text{C}_{126}\text{H}_{144}\text{N}_{42}\text{O}_{36}\text{Pd}_6\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{17.3}$: C, 40.11; H, 4.77; N, 15.59. Found: C, 39.71; H, 5.01; N, 15.99.

Self-Assembly of $[1\supset(\text{triphenylene})_2]^{12+}$.



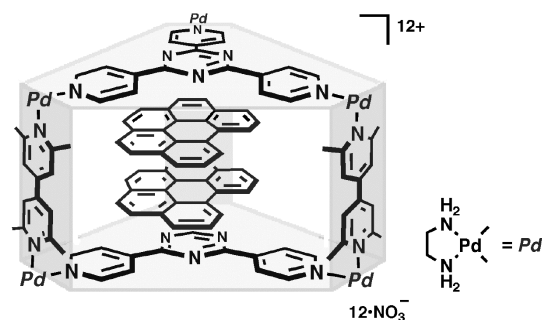
Physical data: ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, D_2O , 27 $^\circ\text{C}$, TMS as external standard): δ 8.57 (s, 12H), 8.01 (s, 12H), 7.26 (s, 12H), 6.47 (s, 12H), 4.81 (s, 12H), 3.67 (s, 36H), 3.00-2.98 (m, 24H); ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, D_2O , 27 $^\circ\text{C}$, TMS as external standard): δ 166.9 (C_q), 1601.3 (C_q), 151.7 (CH), 147.5 (C_q), 143.2 (C_q), 126.9 (C_q), 126.9 (C_q), 122.6 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 47.6 (CH_2), 46.6 (CH_2), 26.0 (CH_3); IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3407, 3067, 1520, 1375, 1059, 951, 804, 674; m.p.: ~ 244 $^\circ\text{C}$ (decomposed); Elemental Analysis Calcd. for $\text{C}_{126}\text{H}_{144}\text{N}_{42}\text{O}_{36}\text{Pd}_6\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{12}$: C, 41.15; H, 4.60; N, 16.00. Found: C, 41.20; H, 4.70; N, 16.24.

Self-Assembly of $[1\supset(\text{perylene})_2]^{12+}$.



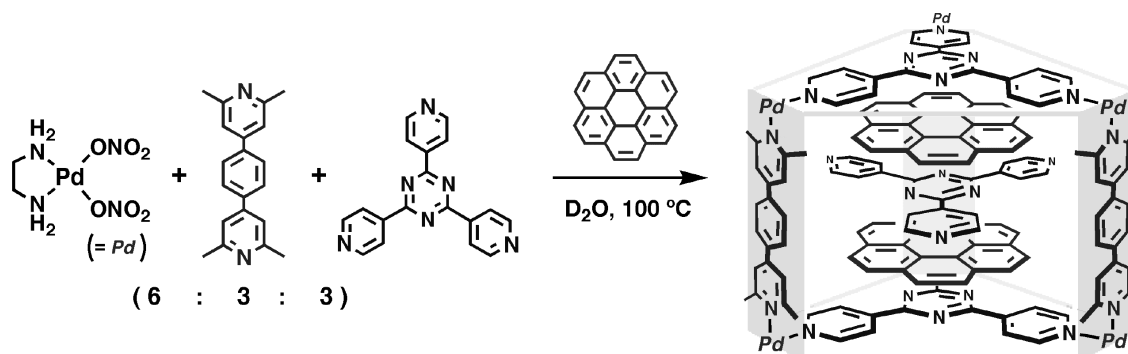
Physical data: ^1H NMR (500.13 MHz, D_2O , 27 $^\circ\text{C}$, TMS as external standard): δ 8.69 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 12H), 8.03 (s, 12H), 7.73 (s, 12H), 5.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 8H), 5.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 8H), 5.53 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 8H), 3.72 (s, 36H), 2.99 (s, 12H), 2.94 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (125.77 MHz, D_2O , 27 $^\circ\text{C}$, TMS as external standard): δ 167.5 (C_q), 161.4 (C_q), 151.8 (CH), 148.4 (C_q), 144.1 (C_q), 132.7, 128.2, 126.4, 126.2, 124.7, 122.9, 118.5, 47.6 (CH_2), 46.5 (CH_2), 26.0 (CH_3). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3431, 3183, 3071, 2944, 2887, 1605, 1519, 1383, 1129, 1057, 857, 807, 772.

Self-Assembly of $[1\supset(\text{benzo}[g,h,i]\text{perylene})_2]^{12+}$.



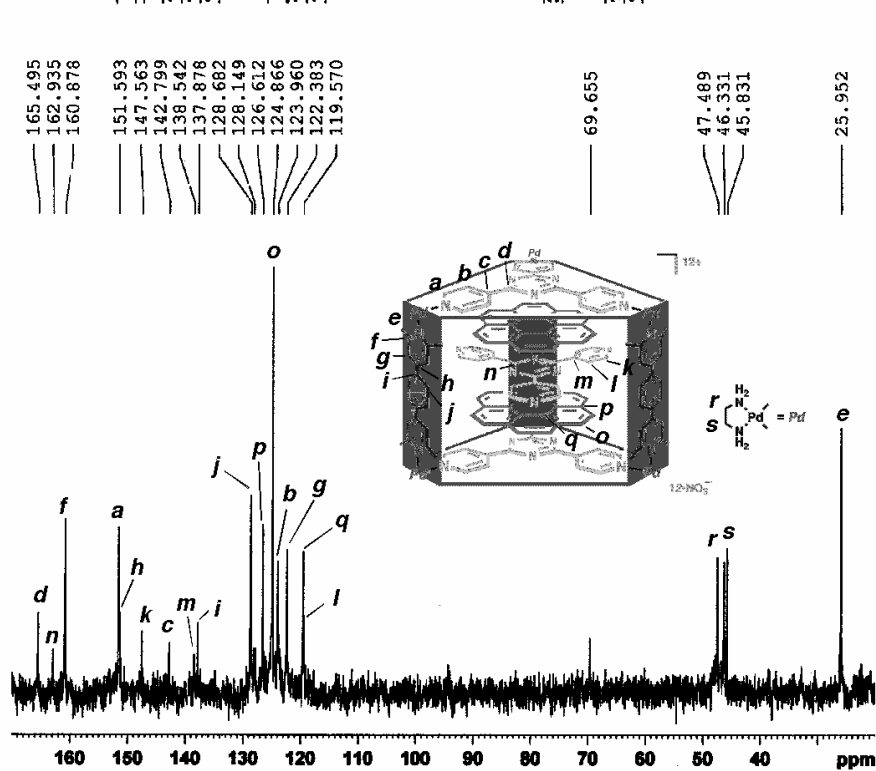
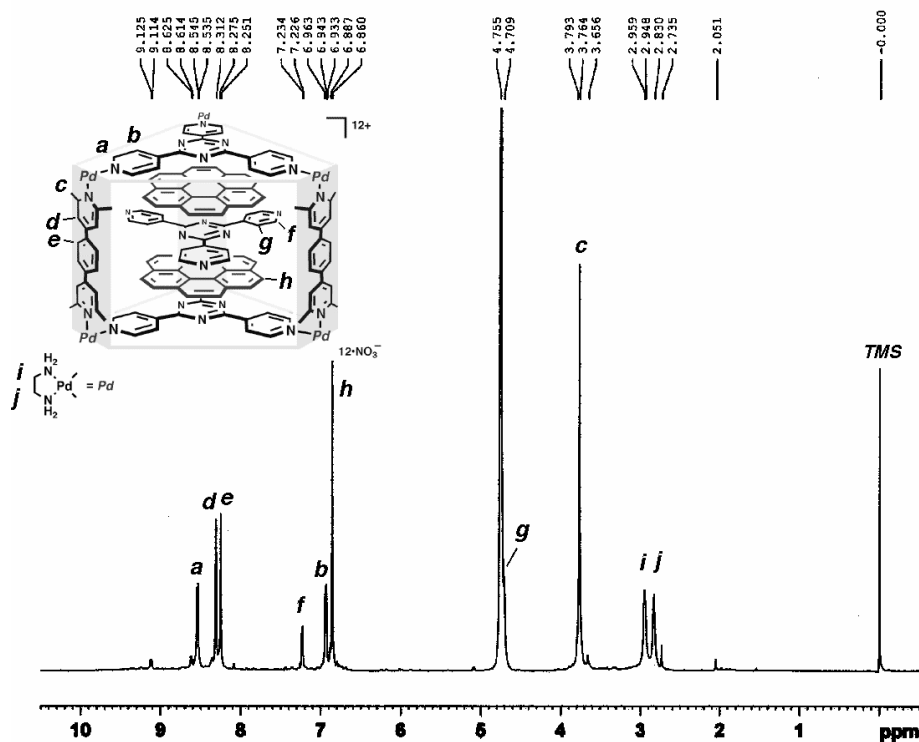
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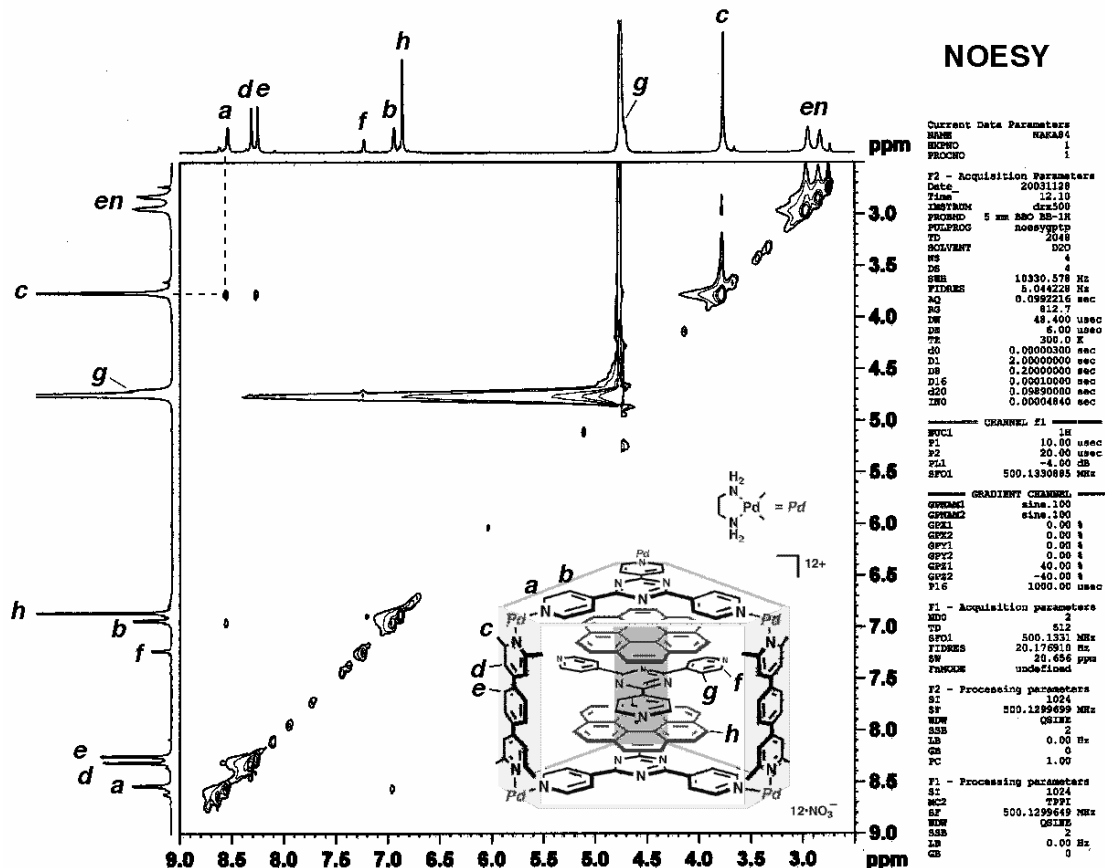
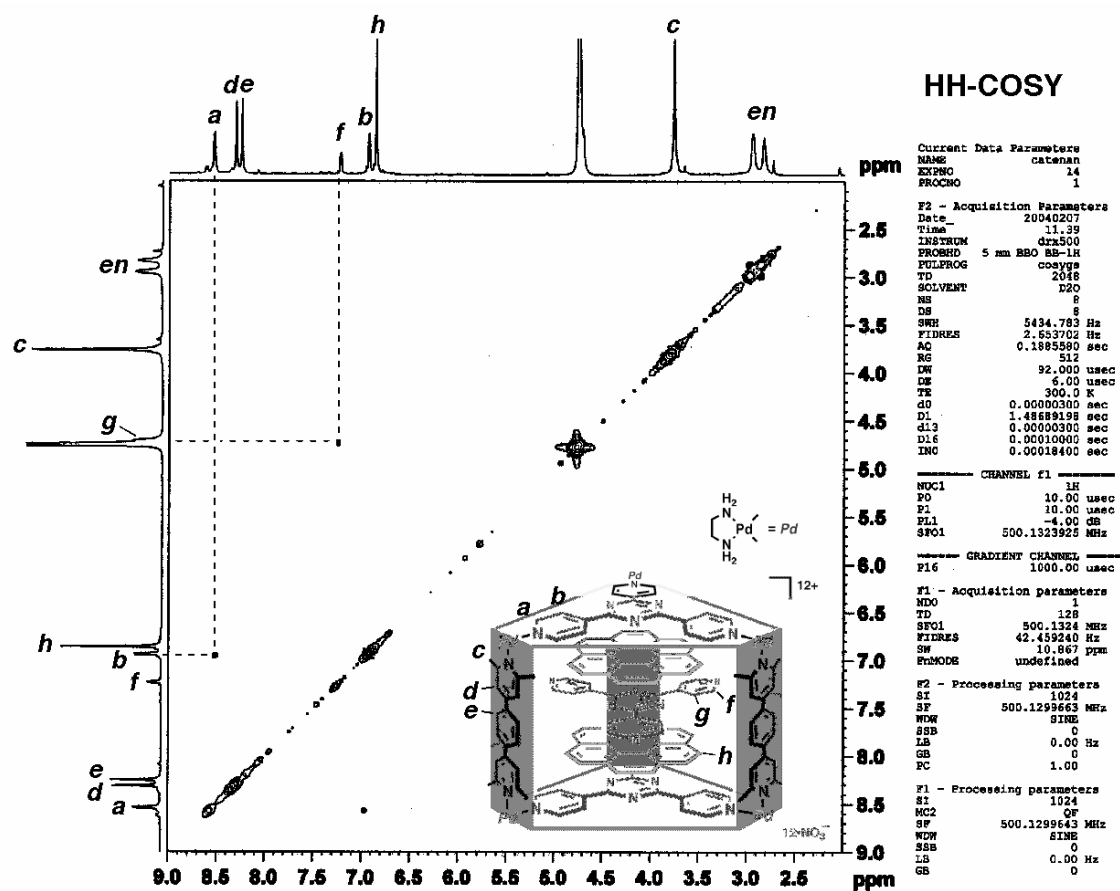
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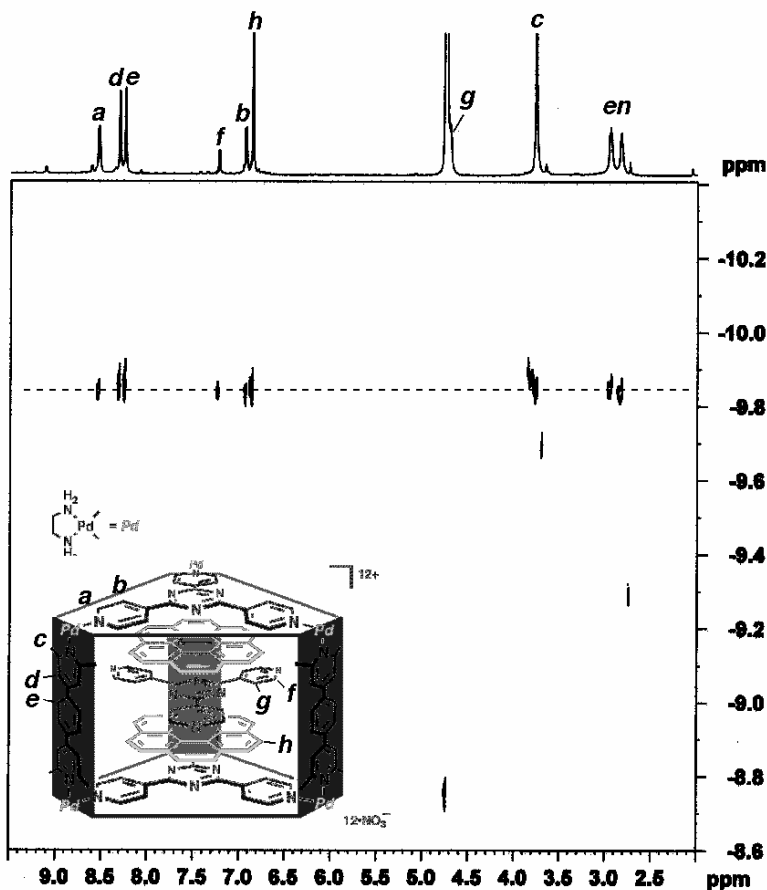
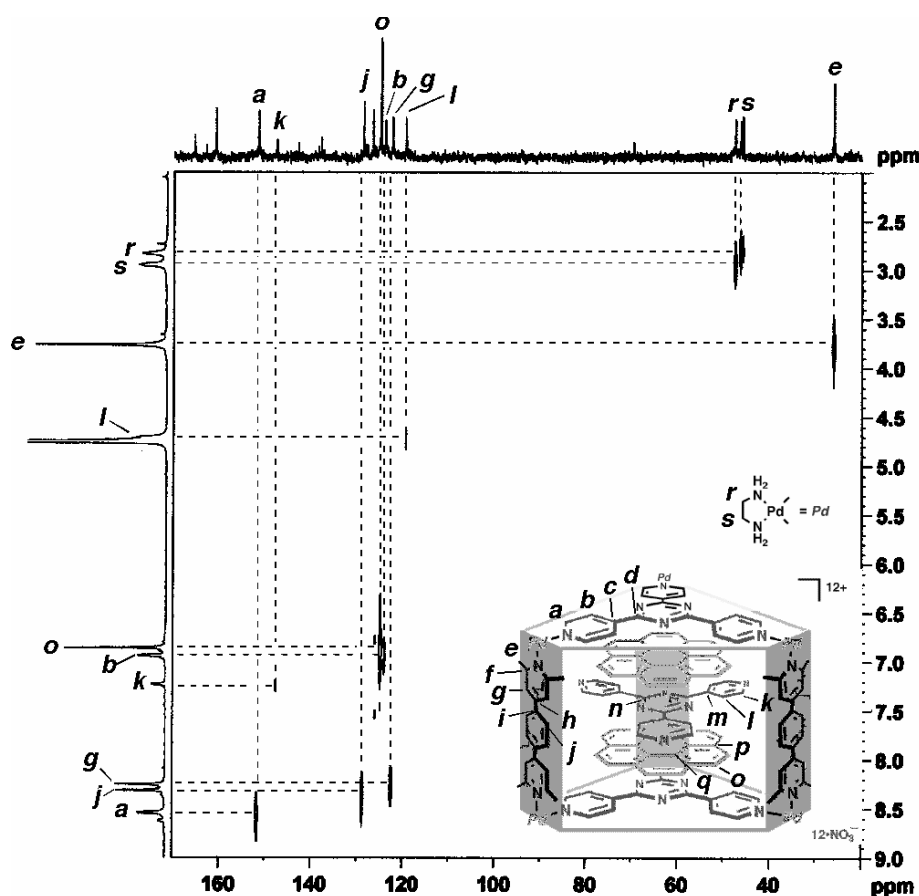


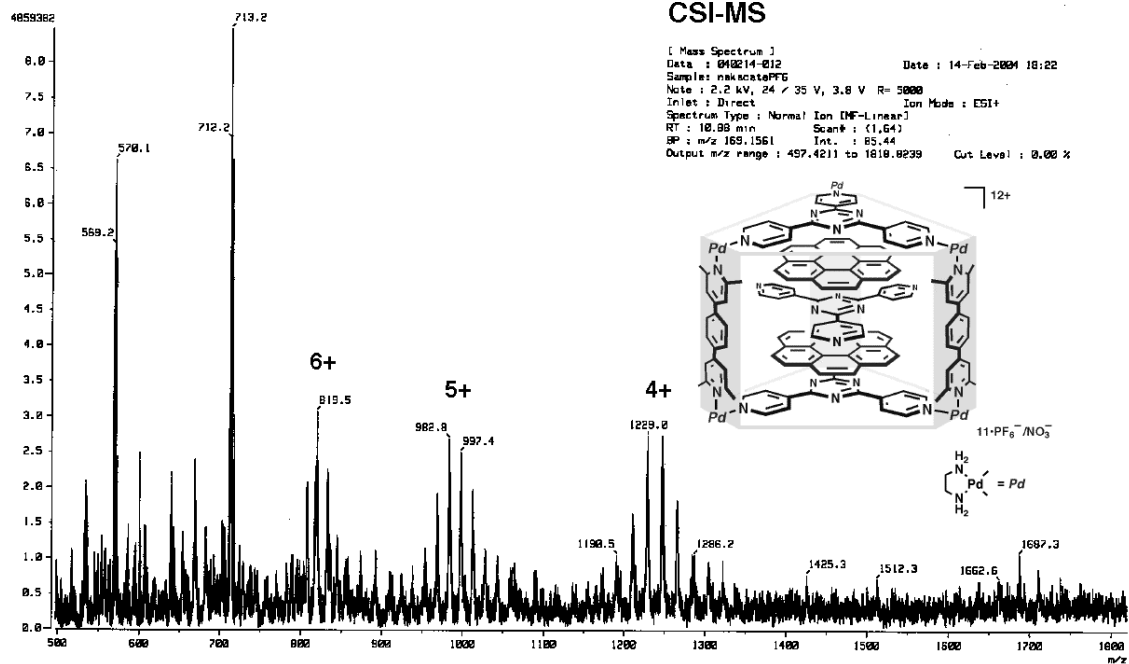
Typical procedure: A suspended mixture of (en)Pd(NO₃)₂ (**4**²⁺) 17.4mg (60.0 μmol), 1,4-bis(2',2'',6',6''-tetramethyl-4,4'-bipyridyl)benzene (**7**) 8.6mg (30.0 μmol), 2,4,6-tris(4'-pyridyl)-1,3,5-triazine (**2**) 9.1 mg (20.0 μmol), and coronene (**5**) 18.0 mg (60.0 μmol) was stirred in an aqueous solution (1.0 mL) at 100 °C for 2 h to give orange solution. After filtration, the solution was evaporated and dried by vacuum freeze-drying equipment to obtain $[8\supset(5\cdot2\cdot5)]^{12+}$ (11.3 mg, 2.75 μmol) as an orange solid in 27.5% yield. For CSI-MS measurement, $[8\supset(5\cdot2\cdot5)]^{12+}$ was treated with an aqueous solution of KPF₆ to obtain the orange solid.

Physical data: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, D₂O, 27 °C, TMS as external standard): δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 12H), 8.31 (s, 12H), 8.25 (s, 12H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 6H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 12H), 6.87 (s, 24H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 6H), 3.76 (s, 36H), 2.95 (s, 12H), 2.83 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (125.77 MHz, D₂O, 27 °C, TMS as external standard): δ 165.5 (C_q), 162.9 (C_q), 160.9 (C_q), 151.6 (CH), 151.5 (C_q), 147.6 (CH), 142.8 (C_q), 138.5 (C_q), 137.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 126.6 (C_q), 124.9 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 122.4 (CH), 119.6 (C_q), 119.4 (CH), 47.5 (CH₂), 45.8 (CH₂), 26.0 (CH₃). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2922, 2851, 1618 1519, 1383, 1356, 1057, 863, 833, 805, 644. m.p.: ~240 °C (decomposed). CSI-MS (8.0 mg, CH₃CN:DMF = 20:1): 807.5 [M+6•(PF₆⁻)+9•DMF]⁶⁺, 998.2 [M+7•(PF₆⁻)+9•DMF]⁵⁺, 1247.5 [M+8•(PF₆⁻)+7•DMF]⁴⁺.

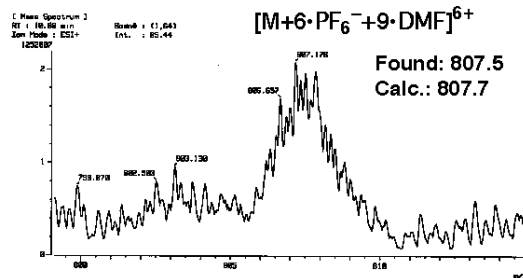
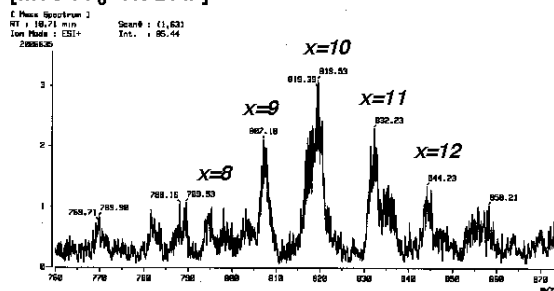




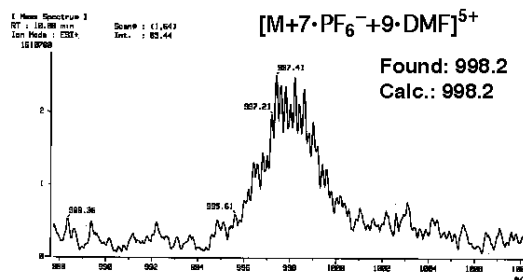
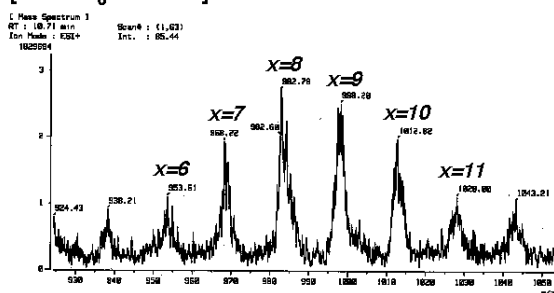




[M+6·PF₆⁻+x·DMF]⁶⁺



[M+7·PF₆⁻+x·DMF]⁵⁺



[M+8·PF₆⁻+x·DMF]⁴⁺

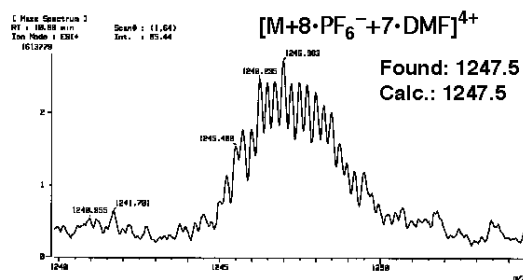
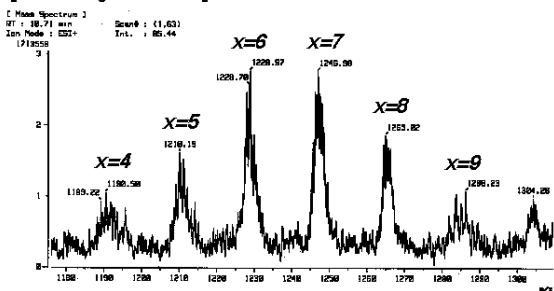


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for $[\mathbf{1}\supset(\mathbf{6})_2]^{12+}$.

Identification code	$[\mathbf{1}\supset(\mathbf{6})_2]^{12+}$	
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Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	C222(1)	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 20.4596(14)$ Å	$a = 90^\circ$
	$b = 35.453(3)$ Å	$b = 90^\circ$
	$c = 53.544(6)$ Å	$g = 90^\circ$
Volume	$38839(6)$ Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.129 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.557 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	13392	
Crystal size	0.48 x 0.04 x 0.04 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.48 to 25.51°	
Index ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 24, -43 ≤ k ≤ 43, -47 ≤ l ≤ 50	
Reflections collected	56652	
Independent reflections	25550 [R(int) = 0.1703]	
Completeness to theta = 25.51°	70.3 %	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9781 and 0.7758	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	25550 / 1167 / 1376	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.122	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1579, wR2 = 0.3822	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2260, wR2 = 0.4168	
Absolute structure parameter	0.13(8)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.621 and -0.549 e.Å ⁻³	

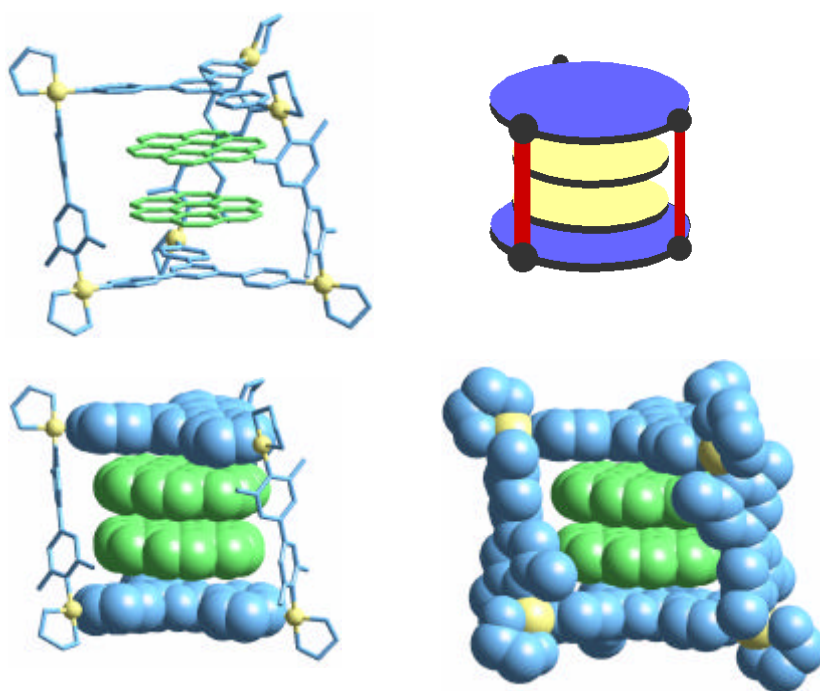


Figure S1. An Optimized Structure (MM2) of $[1\supset(5)_2]^{12+}$.

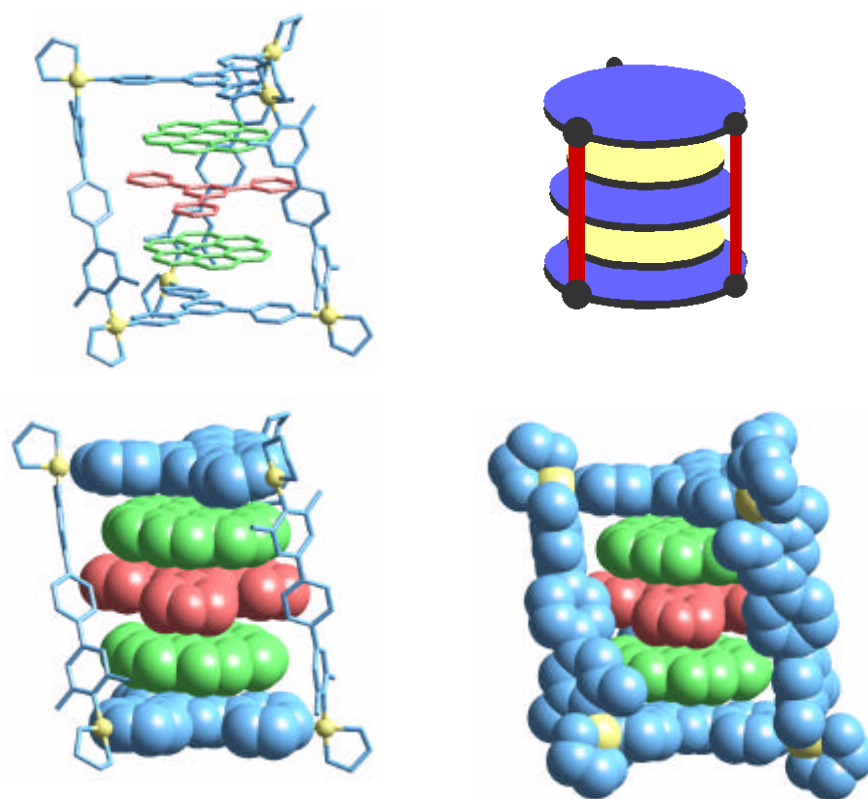


Figure S2. An Optimized Structure (MM2) of $[8\supset(5\bullet 2\bullet 5)]^{12+}$.