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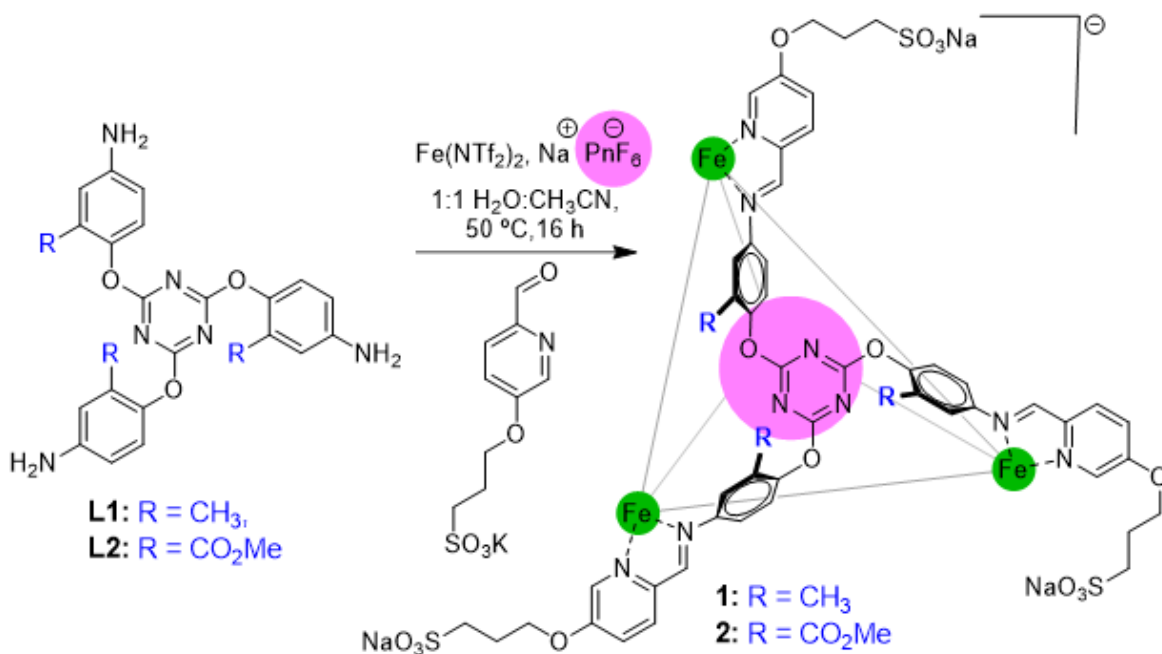


Figure S-1. Reaction scheme of self-assembled cages **1** and **2**. Related to Figure 1.

Cage Characterization

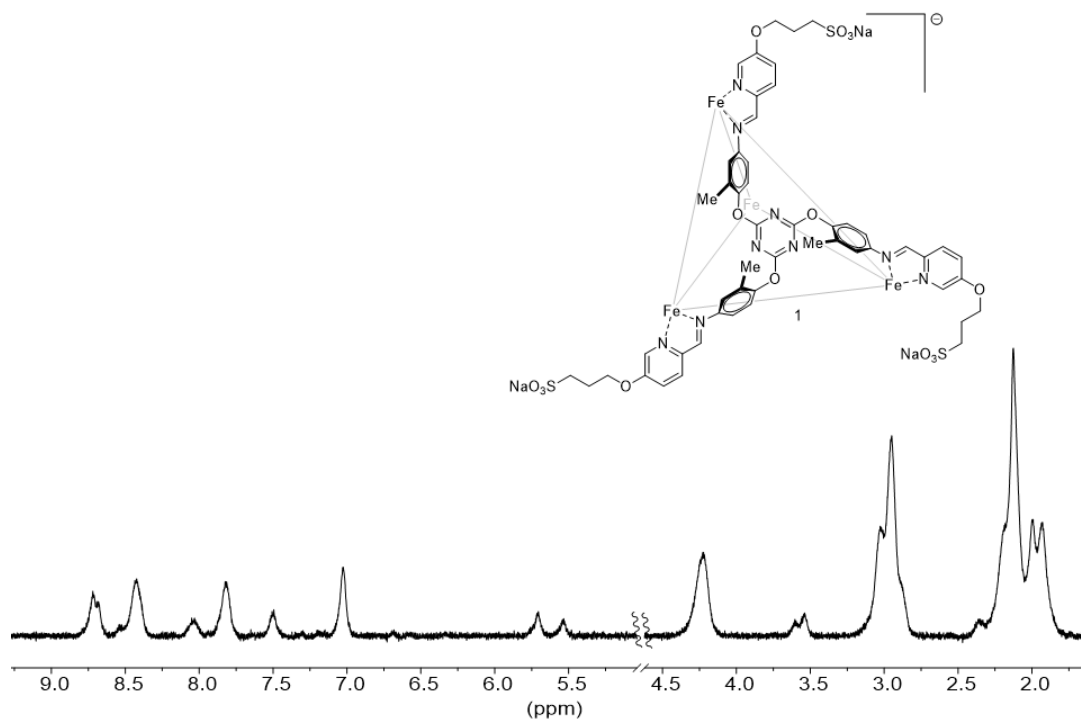


Figure S-2. ^1H NMR spectrum of cage **1** (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage **1**.

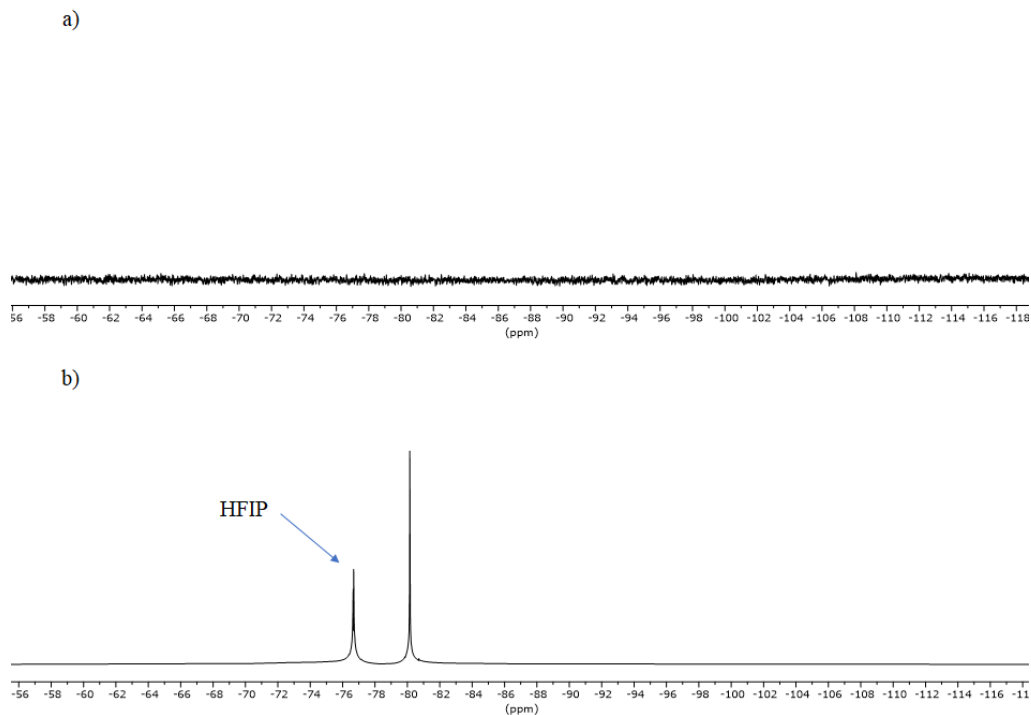


Figure S-3. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) cage **1** and b) NaNTf_2 with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage **1**.

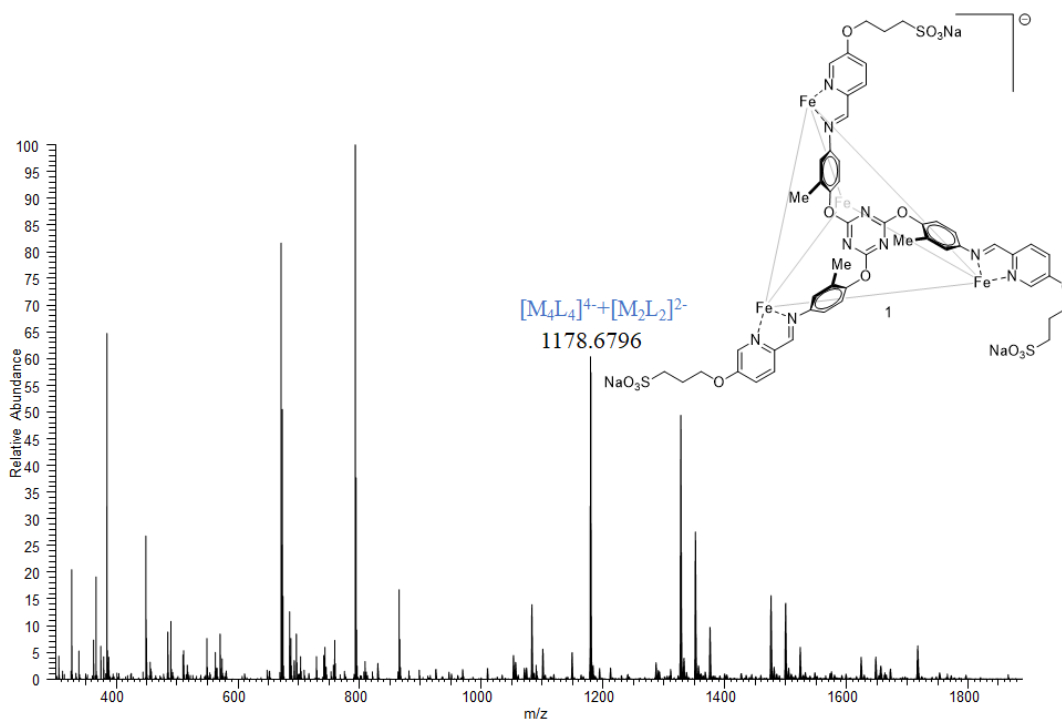


Figure S-4. ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1**. The flow rate, sheath gas flow rate, aux gas flow rate, spray voltage, capillary temperature, and the S-lens RF level were set to be 3 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$, 5 arb, 10 arb, 2.8 kV, 215 C, and 40% respectively. Full mass spectra were acquired with a resolution of $r = 30,000$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1**.

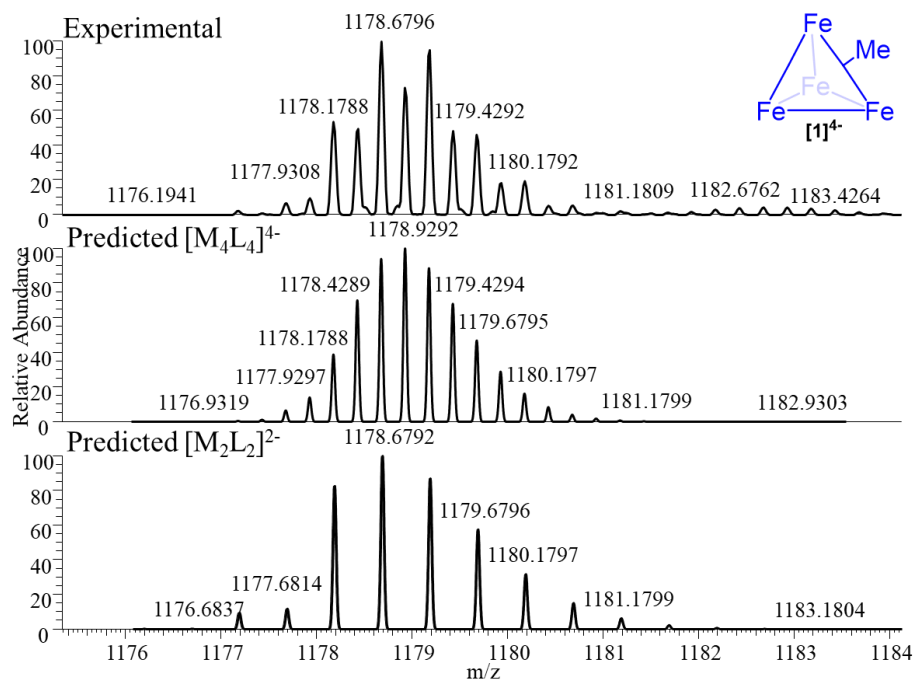


Figure S-5. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[1]^{4-}$ + $[Fe_2L_2]^{2-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1**.

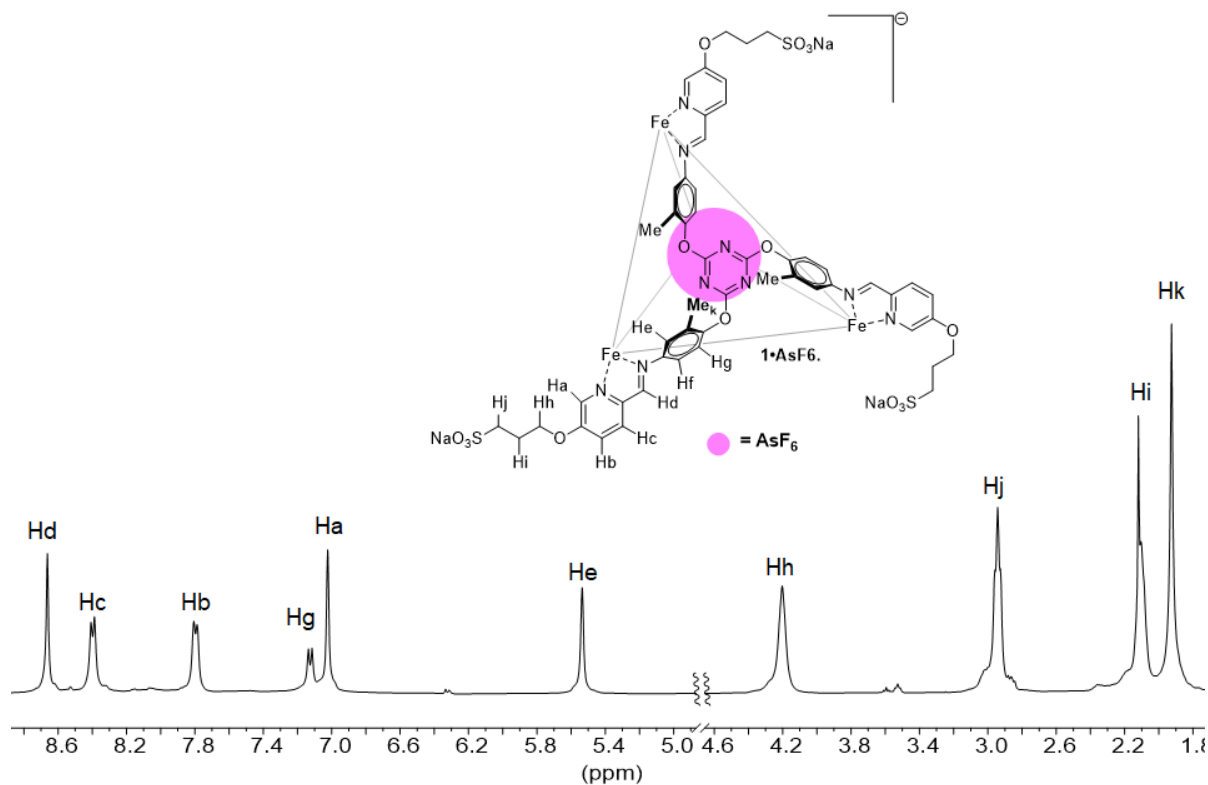


Figure S-6. ^1H NMR spectrum of cage **1**• AsF_6 . The peak for H_f is under the HDO peak (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage **1**• AsF_6 .

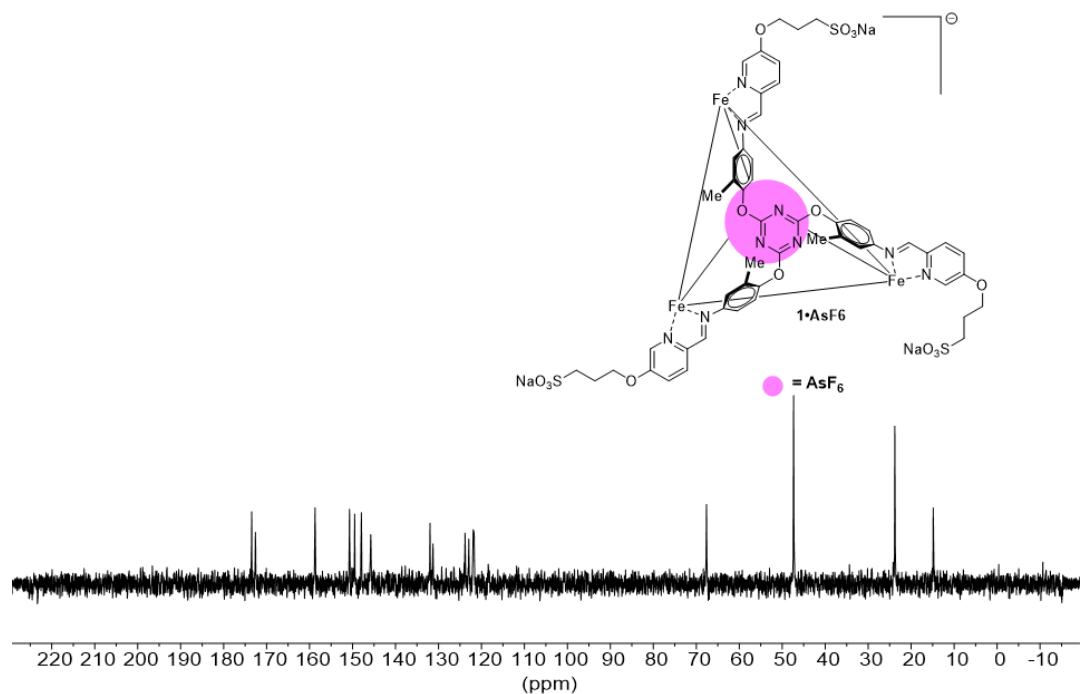


Figure S-7. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of cage $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$ (D_2O , 101 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$.

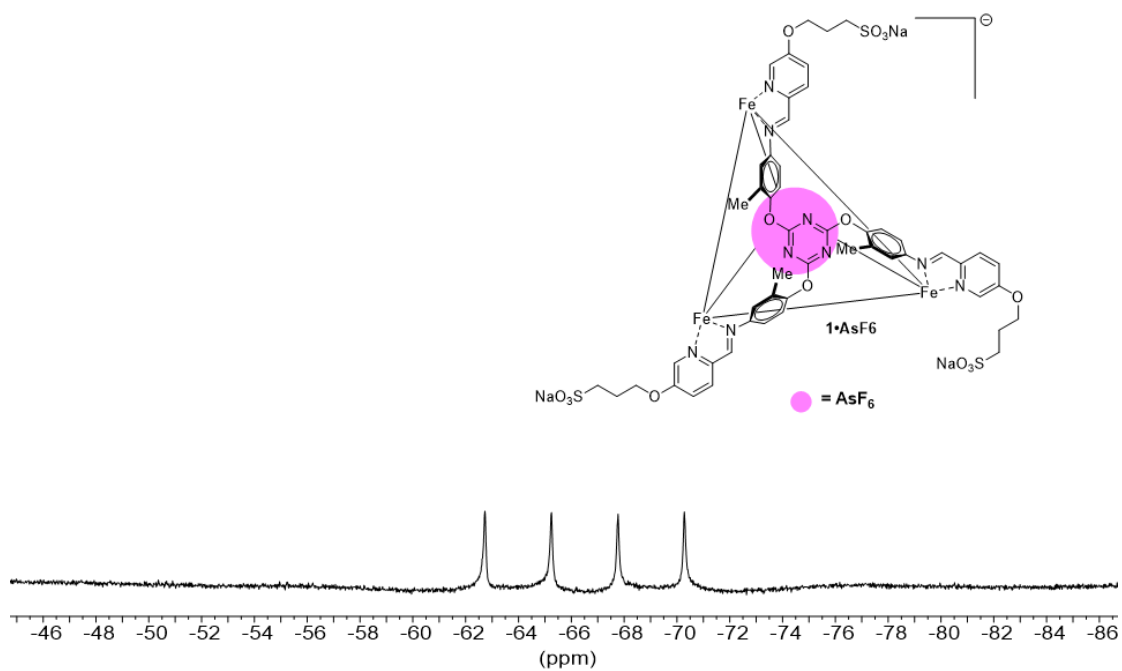


Figure S-8. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of cage $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$ (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$.

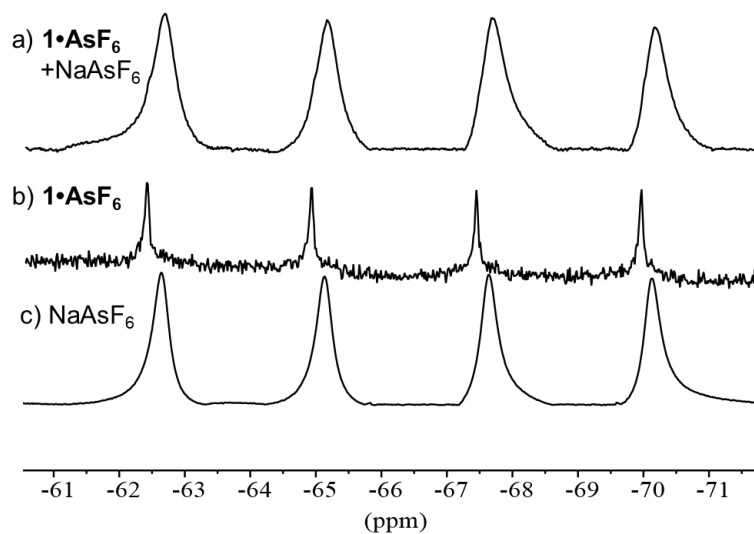


Figure S-9. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$ with added NaAsF_6 ; b) $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$; and c) NaAsF_6 (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$.

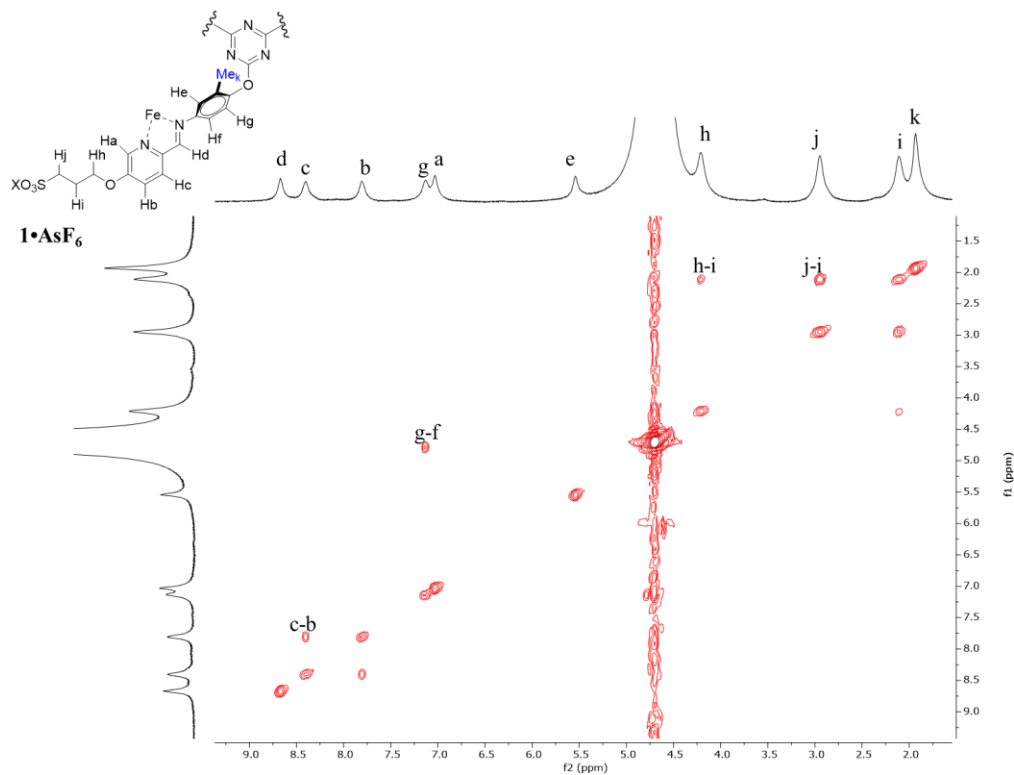


Figure S-10. gCOSY NMR spectrum of cage $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$. The peak for H_i is under the HDO peak (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$.

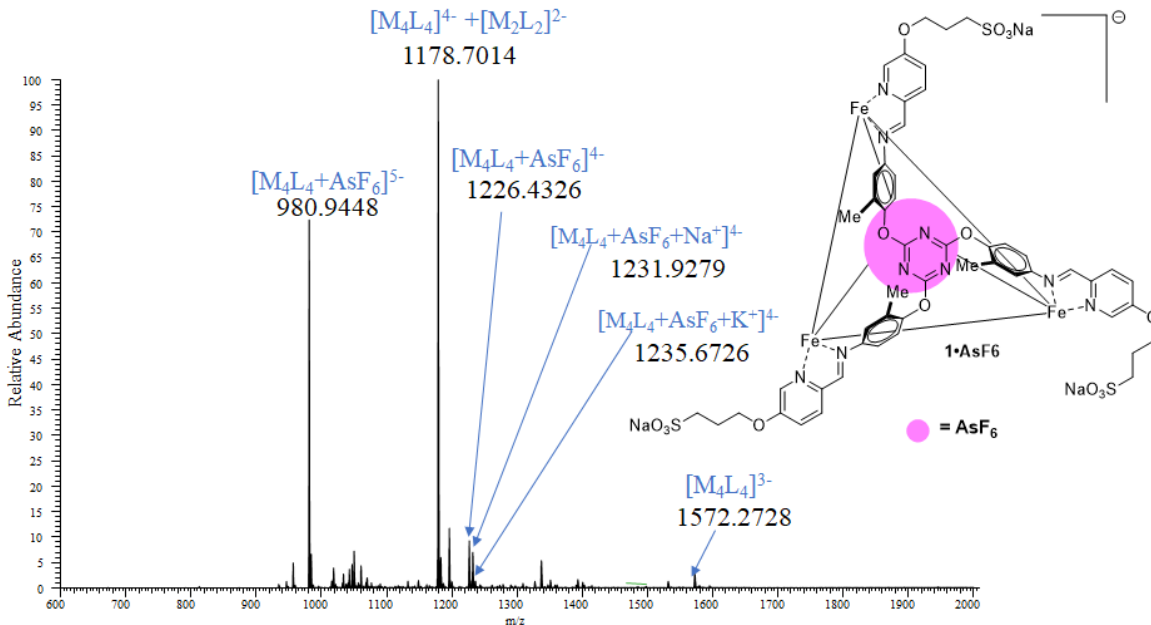


Figure S-11. ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•AsF₆**. The flow rate, sheath gas flow rate, aux gas flow rate, spray voltage, capillary temperature, and the S-lens RF level were set to be 5 ul/min, 10 arb, 12 arb, 2.8 kV, 200 C, and 40% respectively. Full mass spectra were acquired with a resolution of $r = 60,000$. Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•AsF₆**.

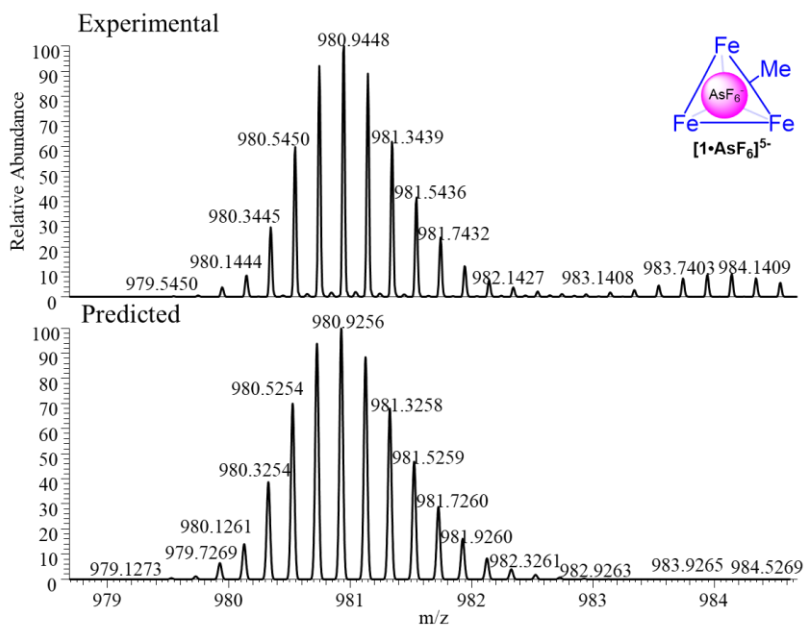


Figure S-12. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1•AsF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region **[1•AsF₆]⁵⁻**. Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•AsF₆**.

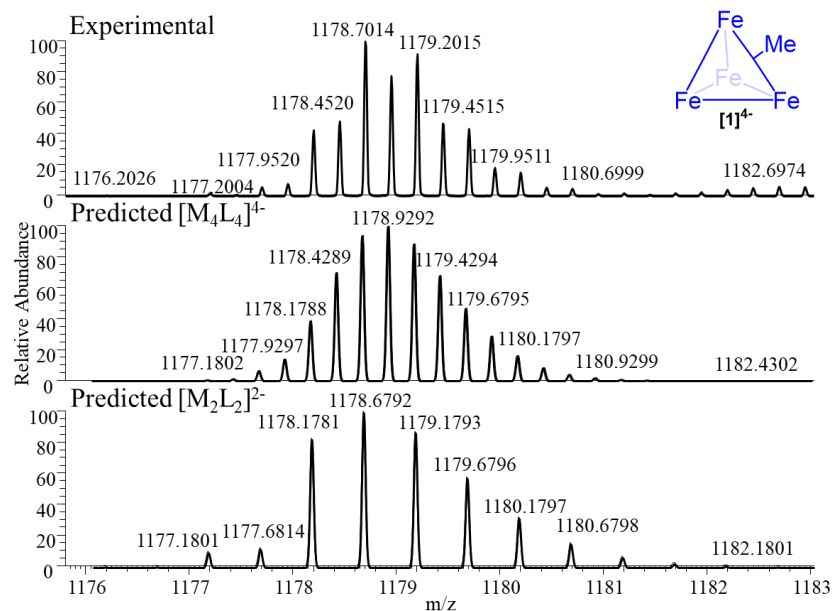


Figure S-13. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1•AsF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[1]^{4+} + [Fe_2L_2]^{2-}$. Related to Figure 2 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•AsF₆**.

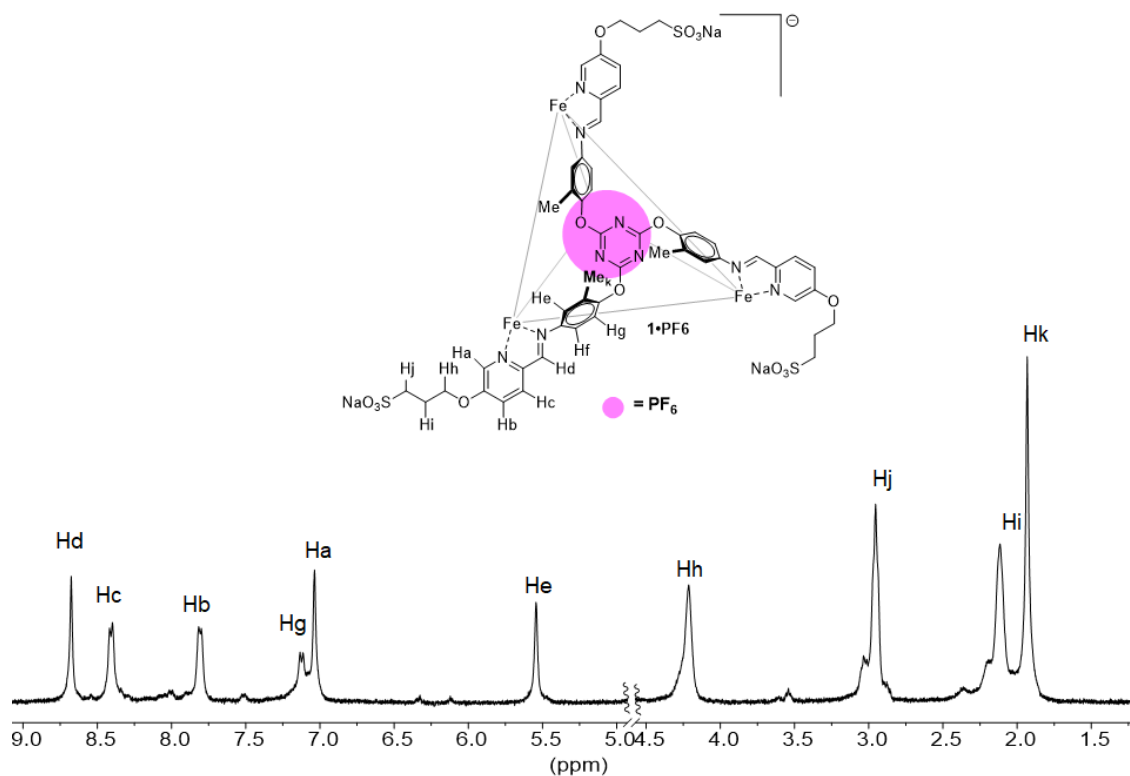


Figure S-14. ¹H NMR spectrum of cage **1•PF₆**. The peak for H_f is under the HDO peak (D₂O, 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage **1•PF₆**.

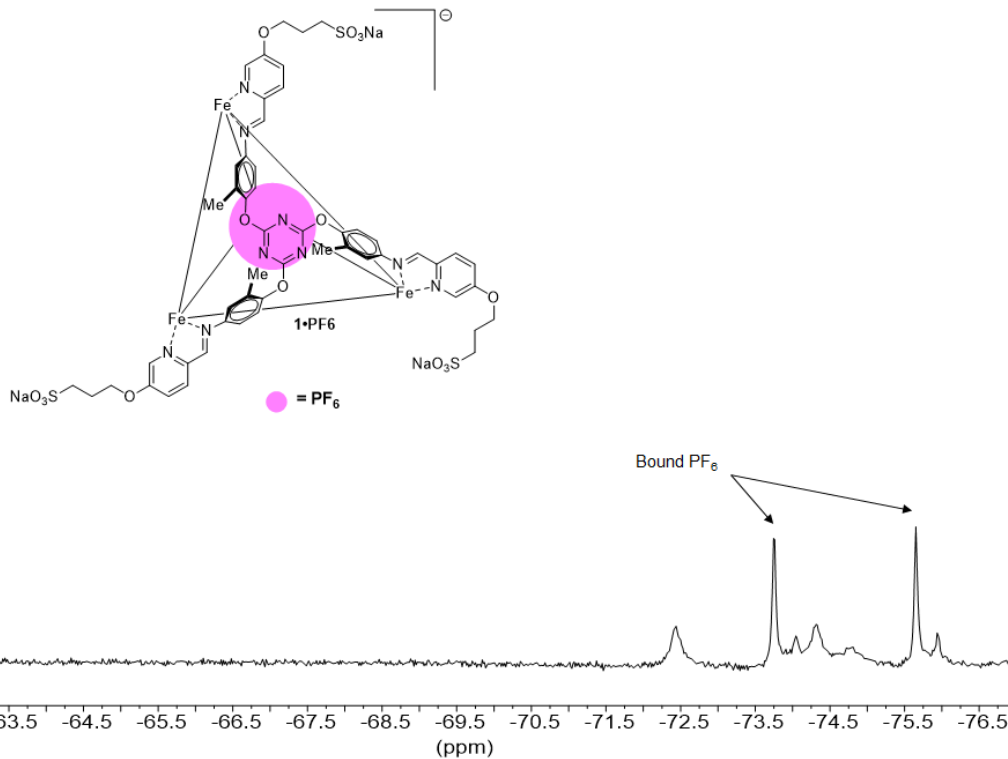


Figure S-15. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of cage $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$ (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$.

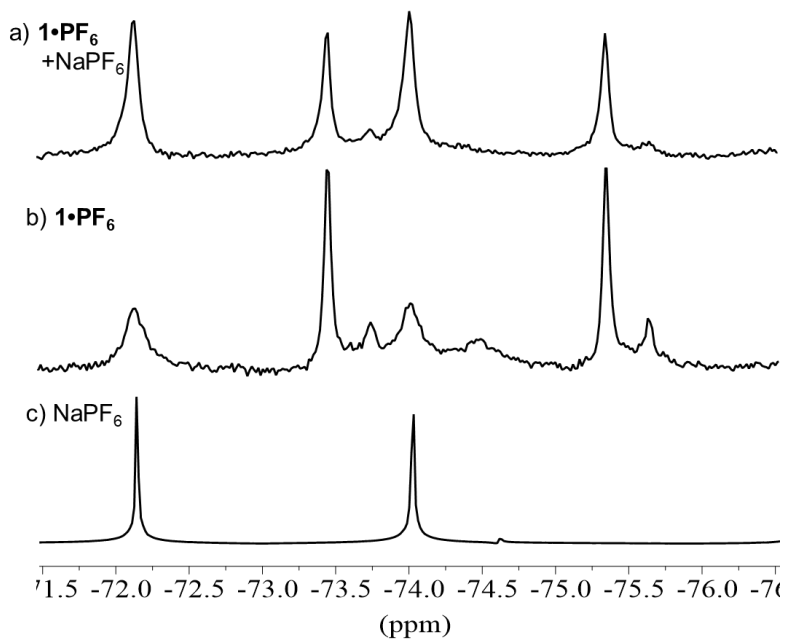


Figure S-16. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$ with added NaPF_6 ; b) $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$; and c) NaPF_6 (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 3 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$.

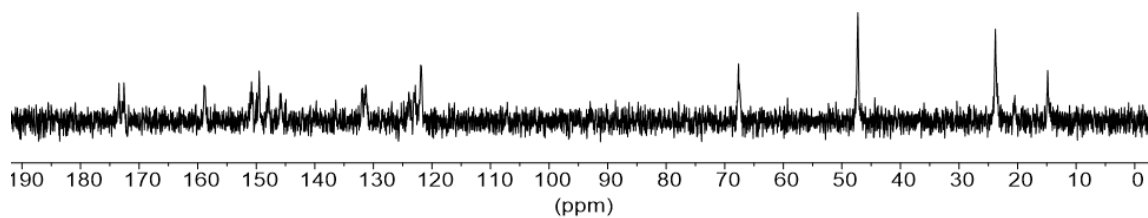
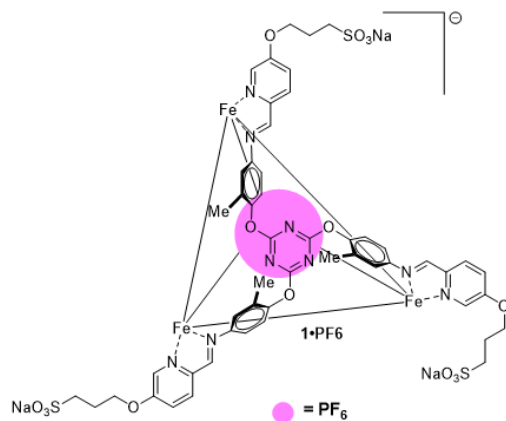


Figure S-17. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of cage **1**•PF₆ (D₂O, 101 MHz, 298K). The low solubility of the complex precluded a high signal to noise ratio in any reasonable amount of time. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage **1**•PF₆.

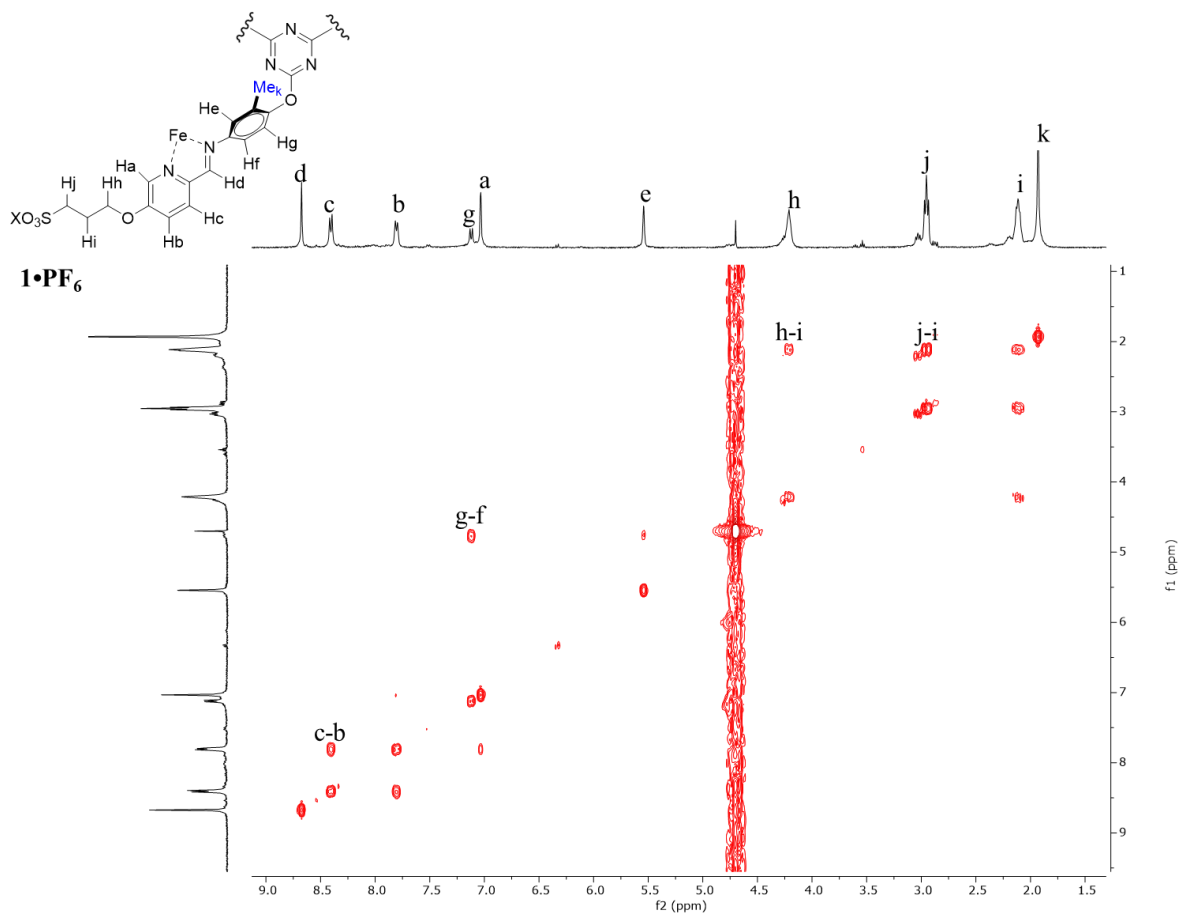


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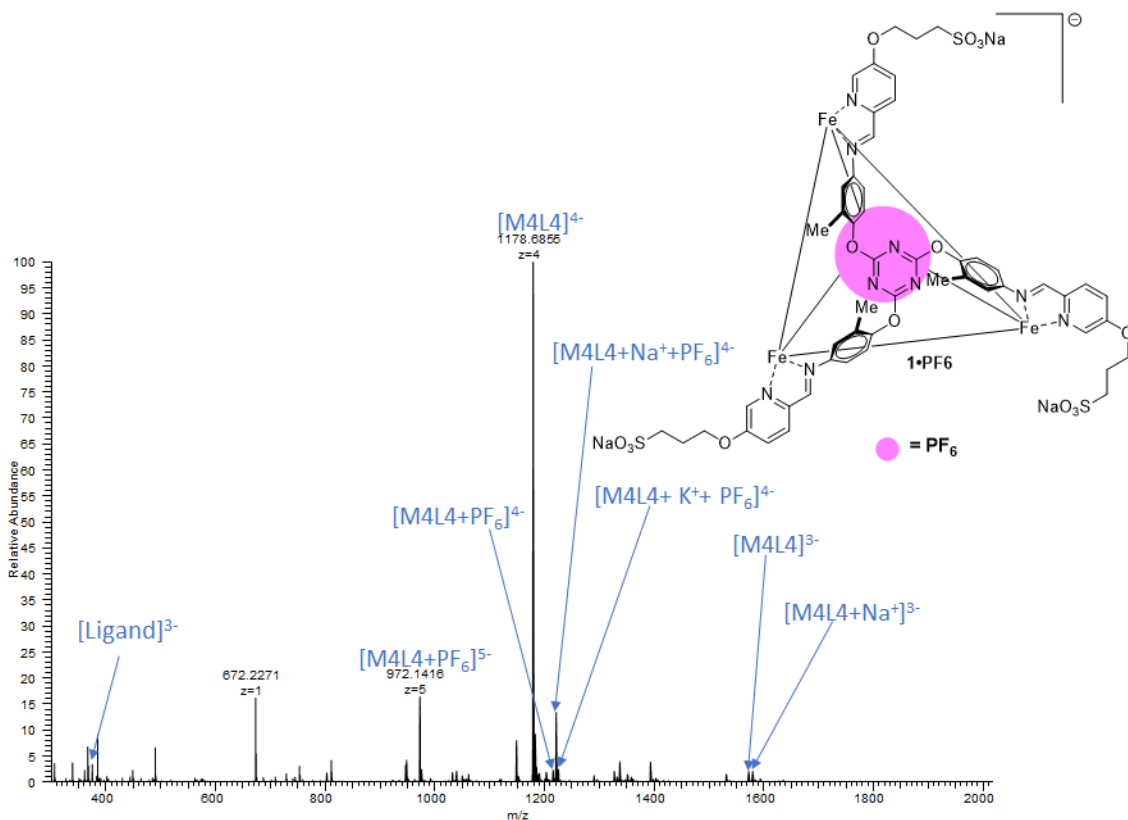


Figure S-19. ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•PF₆**. The flow rate, sheath gas flow rate, aux gas flow rate, spray voltage, capillary temperature, and the S-lens RF level were set to be 3 μ l/min, 5 arb, 10 arb, 3.5 kV, 200 C, and 40% respectively. Full mass spectra were acquired with a resolution of $r = 30,000$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•PF₆**.

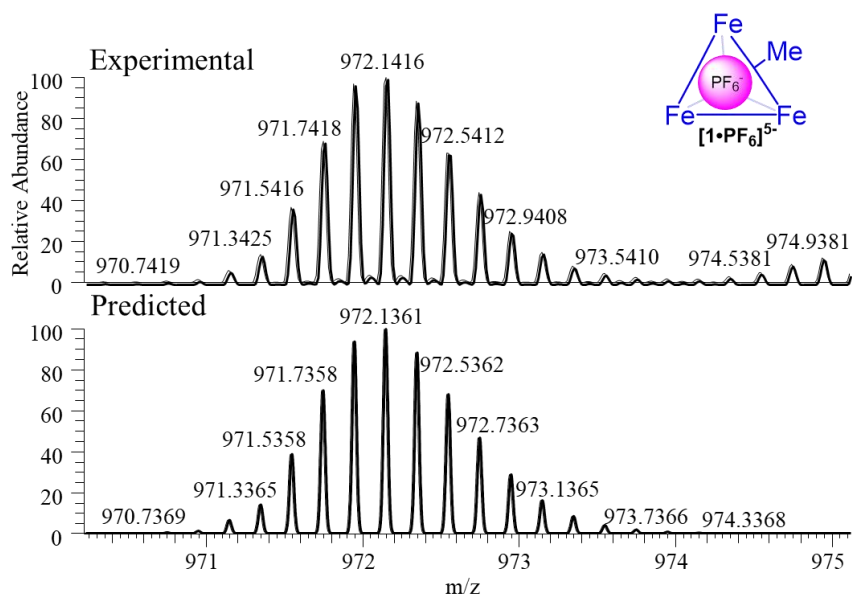


Figure S-20. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1•PF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[1\cdot\text{PF}_6]^{5-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•PF₆**.

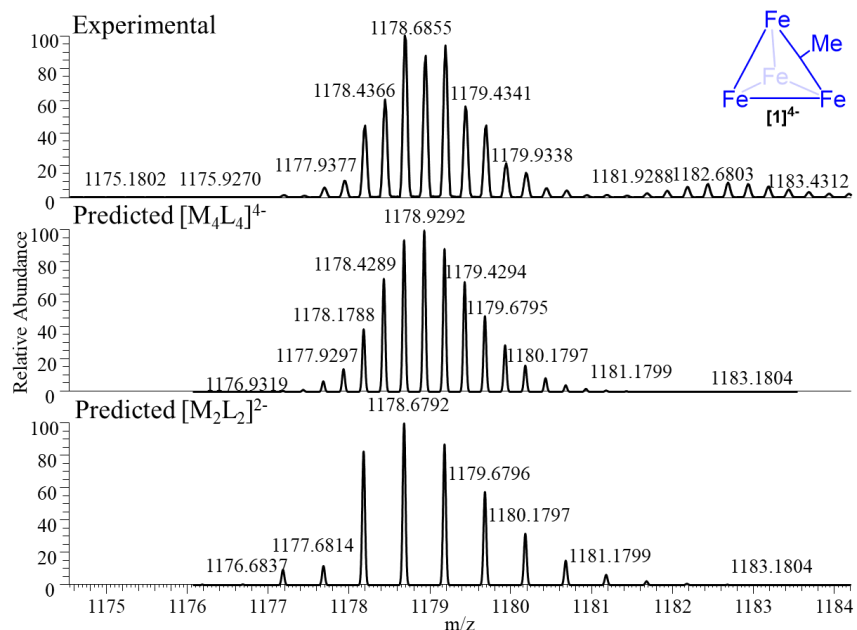


Figure S-21. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1•PF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[1]^{4+} + [Fe_2L_2]^{2-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•PF₆**.

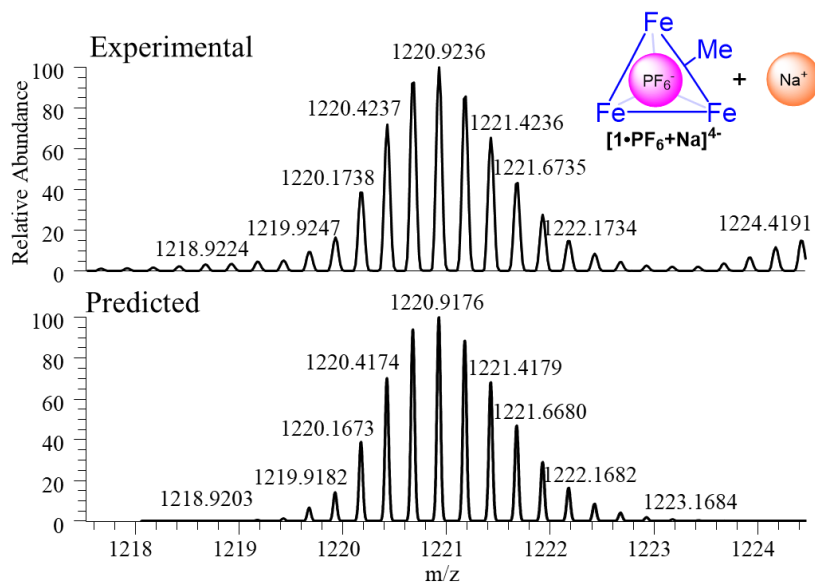


Figure S-22. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1•PF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[1\bullet PF_6 + Na^+]^{4+}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•PF₆**.

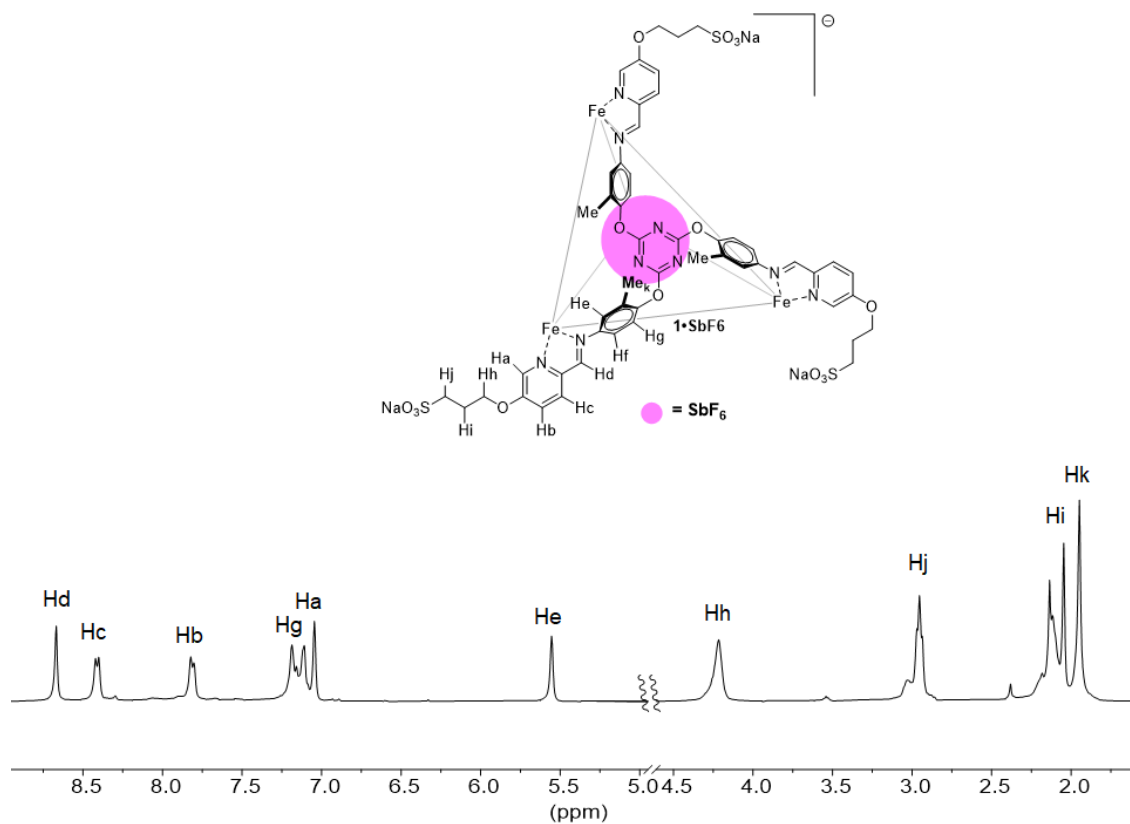


Figure S-23. ¹H NMR spectrum of cage **1**•SbF₆. The peak for H_f is under the HDO peak (D₂O, 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage **1**•SbF₆.

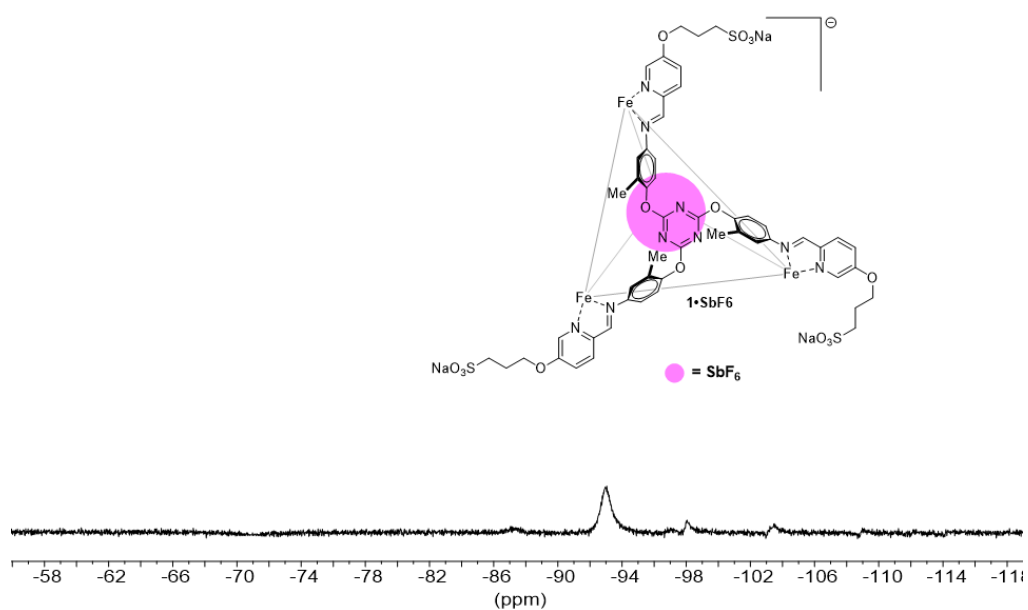


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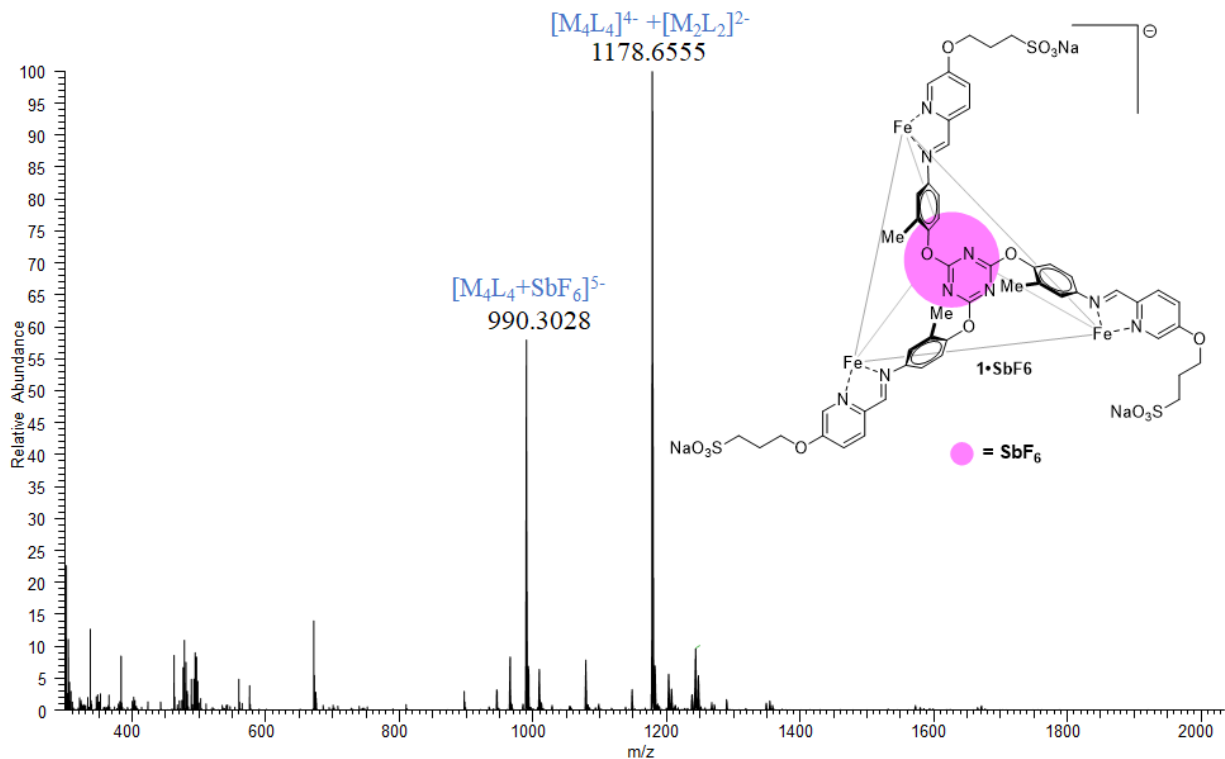


Figure S-25. ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•SbF₆**. The flow rate, sheath gas flow rate, aux gas flow rate, spray voltage, capillary temperature, and the S-lens RF level were set to be 5 ul/min, 5 arb, 10 arb, 4 kV, 200 C, and 20% respectively. Full mass spectra were acquired with a resolution of $r = 15,000$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•SbF₆**.

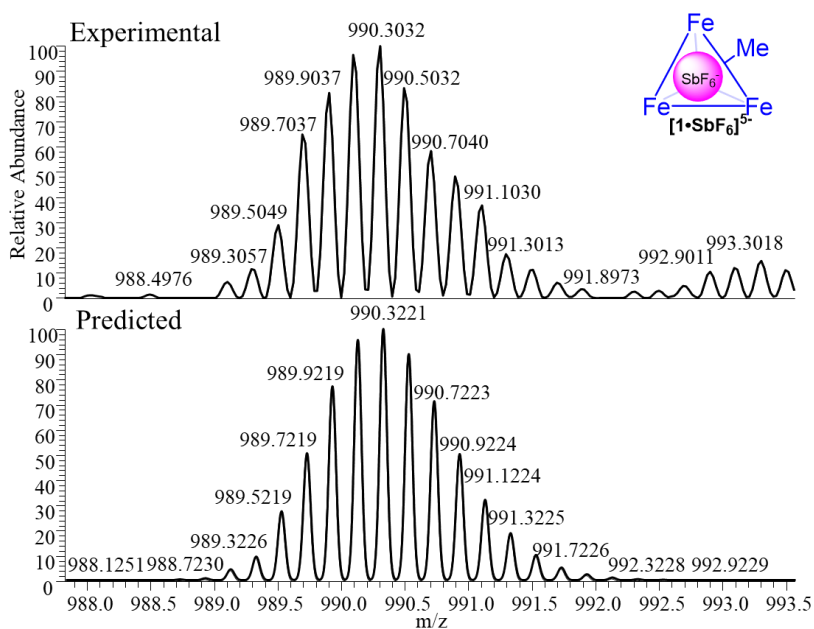


Figure S-26. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1•SbF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[1\cdot\text{SbF}_6]^{5-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•SbF₆**.

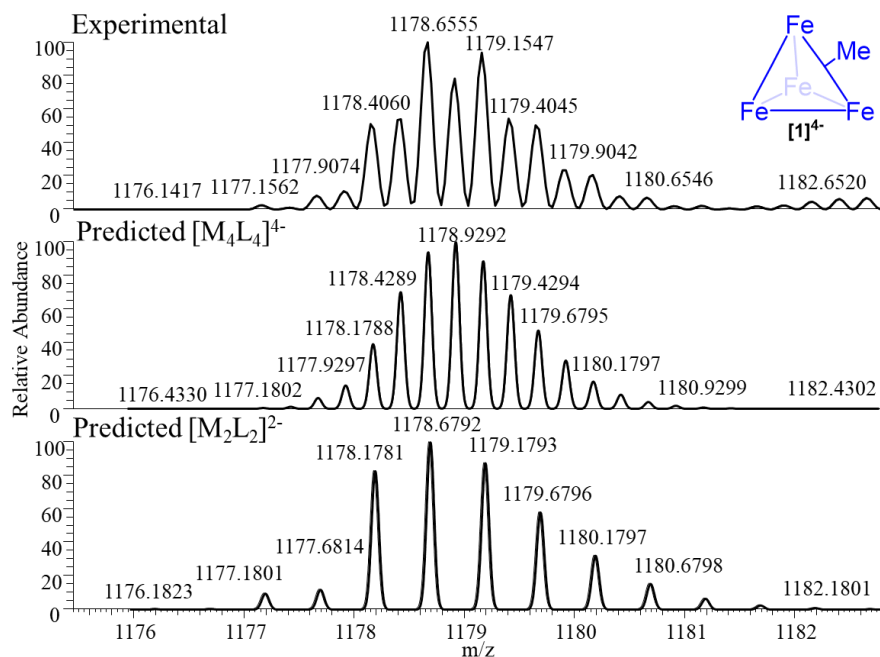


Figure S-27. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1•SbF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope regions [1]⁴⁺+ [Fe₂L₂]²⁻. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1•SbF₆**.

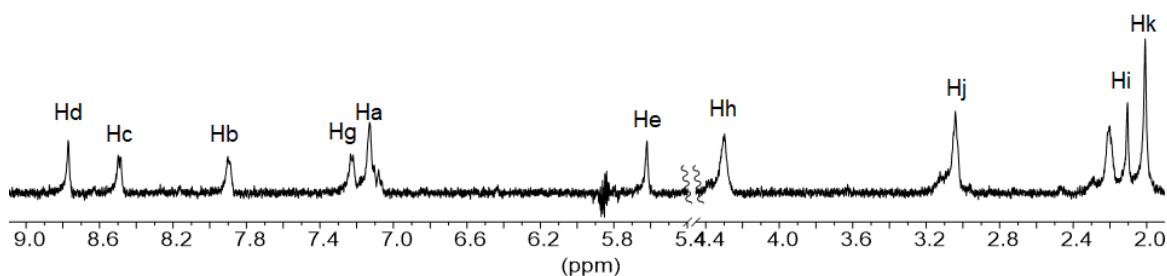
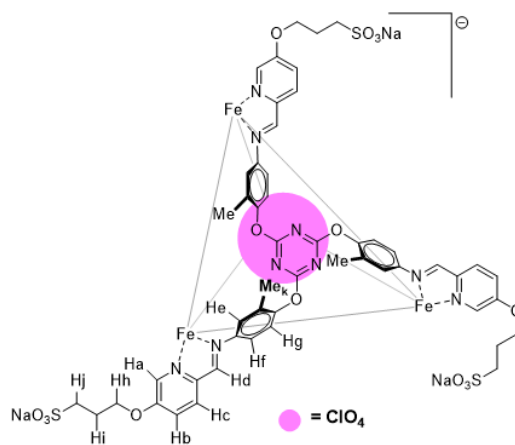


Figure S-28. ¹H NMR spectrum of cage **1•ClO₄**. The peak for H_f is under the HDO peak (D₂O, 600 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, synthesis of cage **1•ClO₄**.

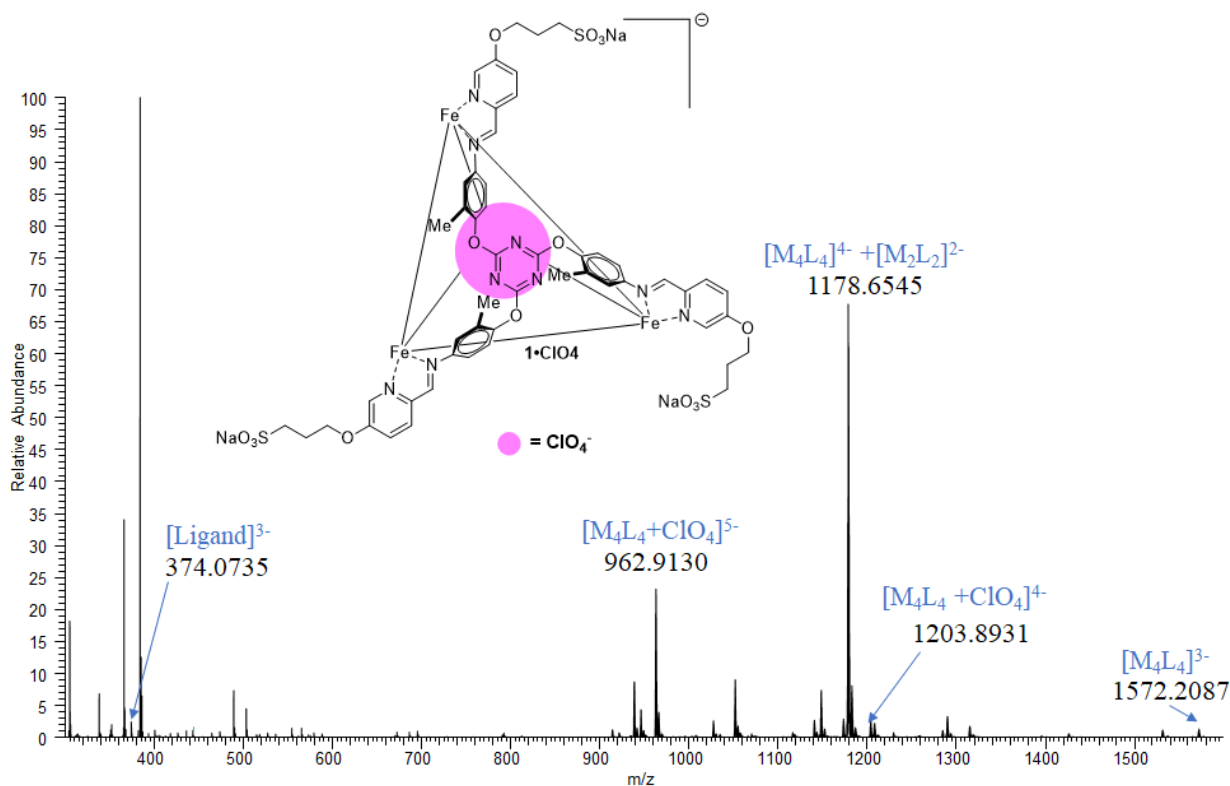


Figure S-29. ESI-MS spectrum of cage $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4$. The flow rate, sheath gas flow rate, aux gas flow rate, spray voltage, capillary temperature, and the S-lens RF level were set to be 5 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$, 5 arb, 10 arb, 3.5 kV, 200 C, and 20% respectively. Full mass spectra were acquired with a resolution of $r = 15,000$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4$.

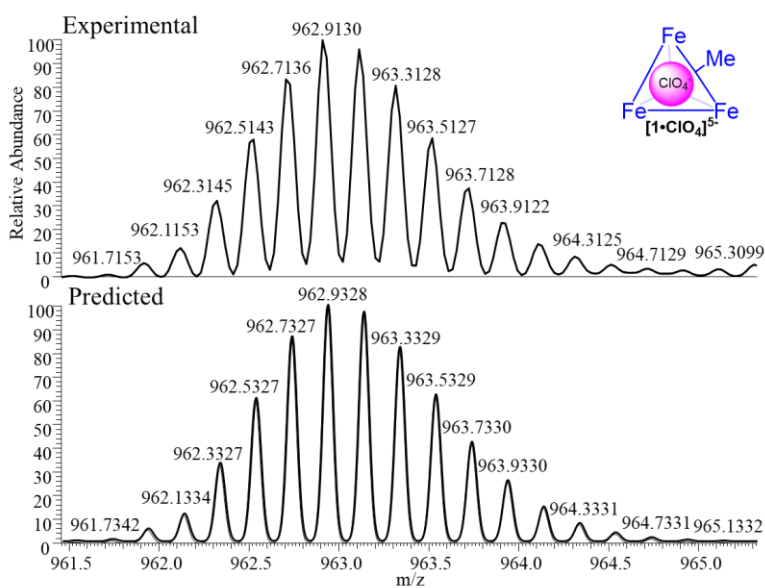


Figure S-30. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4$, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[\text{M}_4\text{L}_4 + \text{ClO}_4]^{5-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage $1 \cdot \text{ClO}_4$.

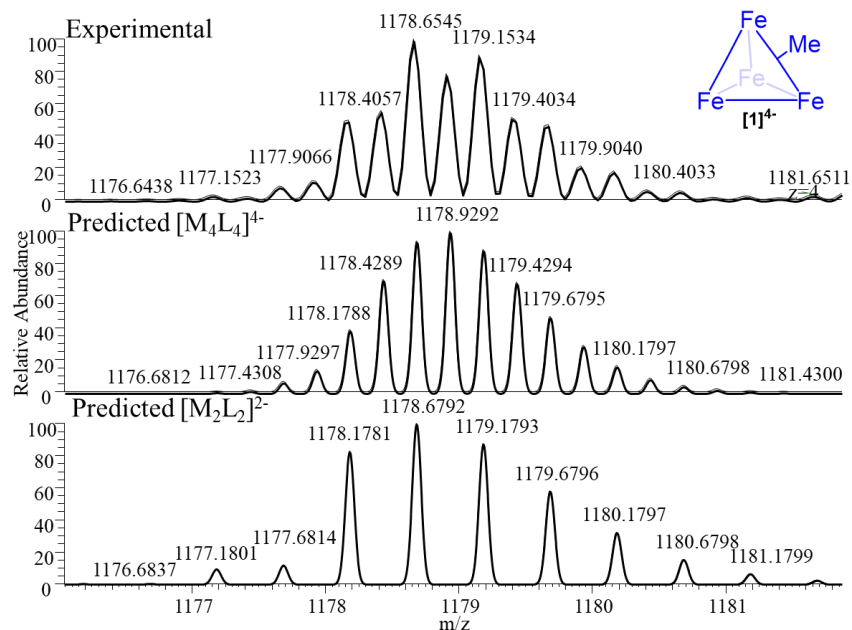


Figure S-31. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1**·ClO₄, showing obtained and simulated isotope region [1]⁴⁺ + [Fe₂L₂]²⁻. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1**·ClO₄.

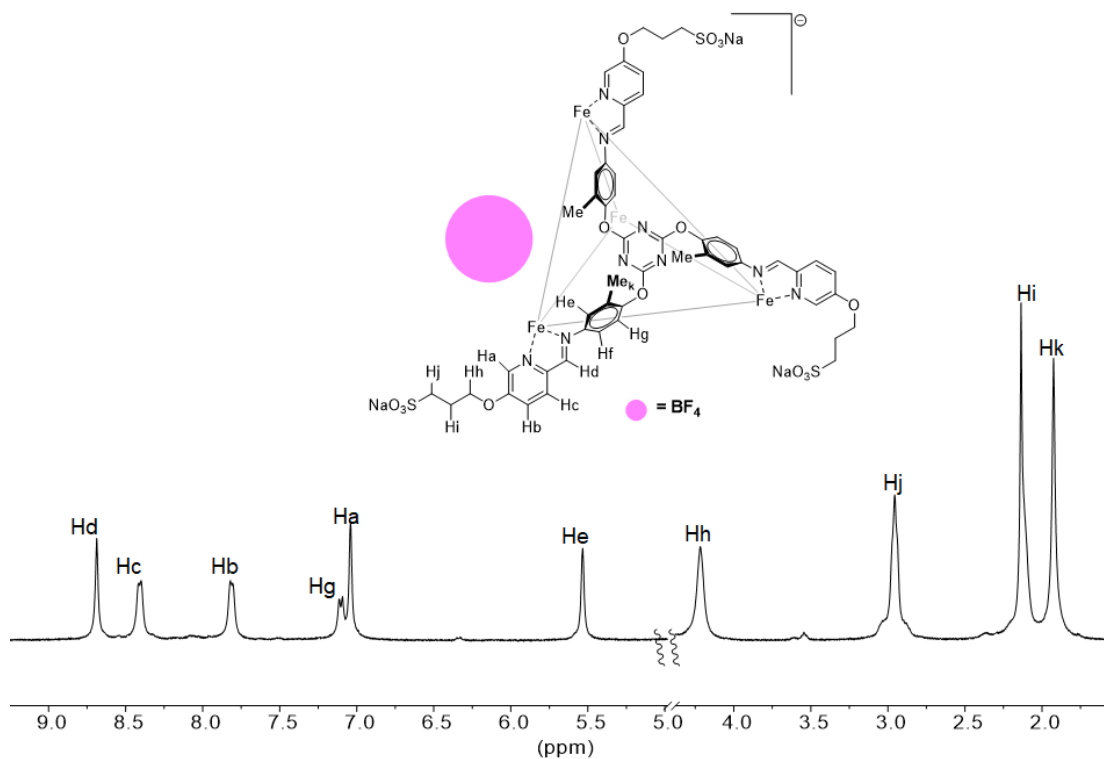


Figure S-32. ¹H NMR spectrum of cage **1**, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄. The peak for H_f is under the HDO peak (D₂O, 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, Synthesis of **1**, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄.

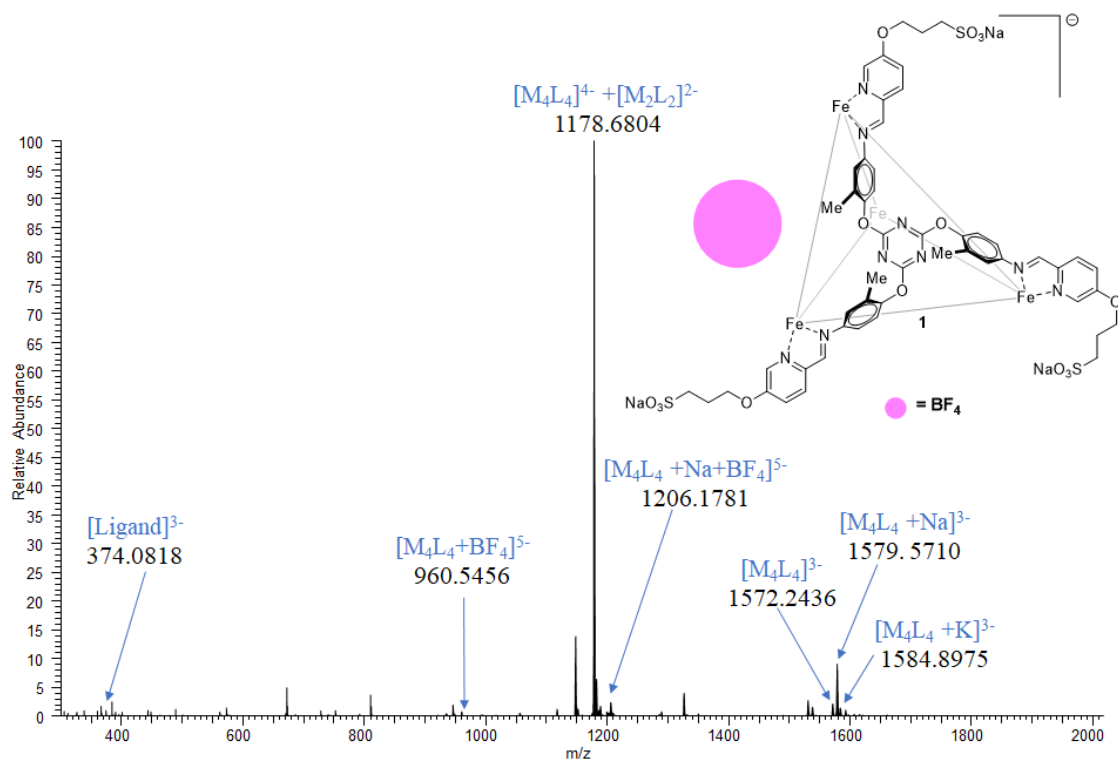


Figure S-33. ESI-MS spectrum of cage 1, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄. The flow rate, sheath gas flow rate, aux gas flow rate, spray voltage, capillary temperature, and the S-lens RF level were set to be 3 ul/min, 5 arb, 10 arb, 3.2 kV, 200 C, and 40% respectively. Full mass spectra were acquired with a resolution of $r = 30,000$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage 1, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄.

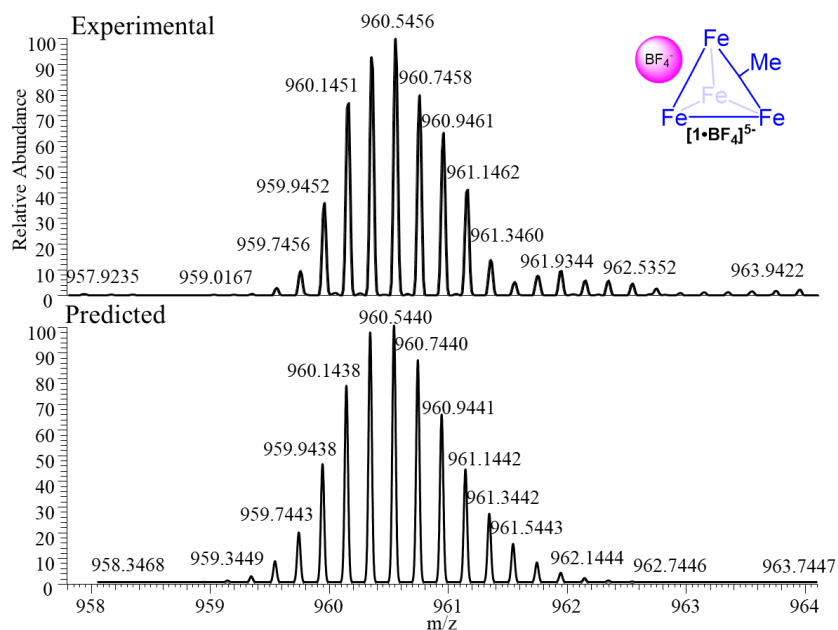


Figure S-34. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of 1, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄, showing obtained and simulated isotope region [1 + BF₄]⁵⁻. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage 1, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄.

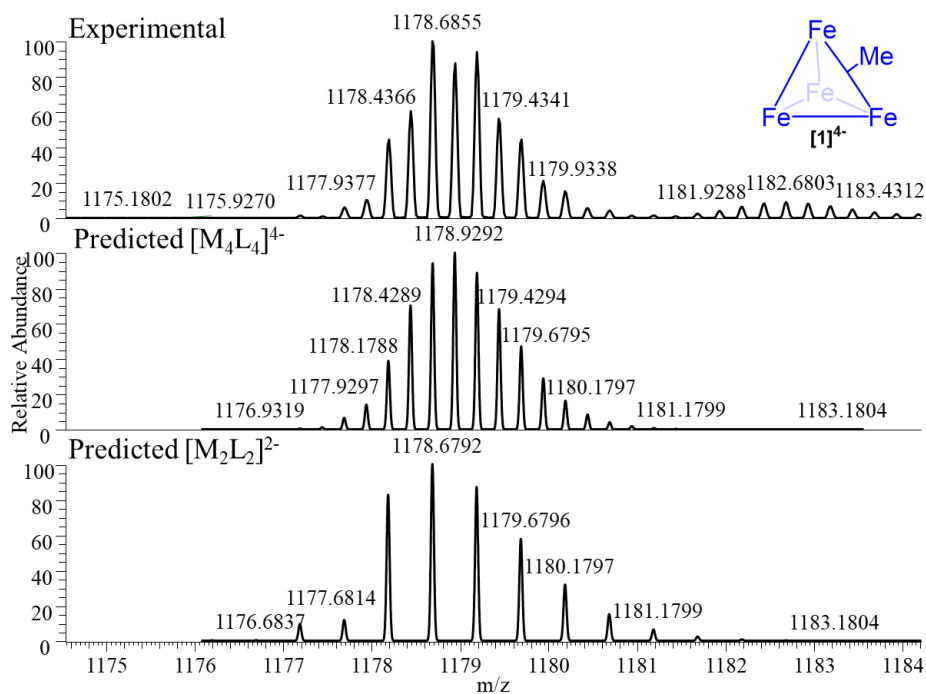


Figure S-35. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **1**, made with $\text{Fe}(\text{NTf}_2)_2$ and NaBF_4 , showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[\mathbf{1}]^{4-} + [\text{Fe}_2\text{L}_2]^{2-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **1**, made with $\text{Fe}(\text{NTf}_2)_2$ and NaBF_4 .

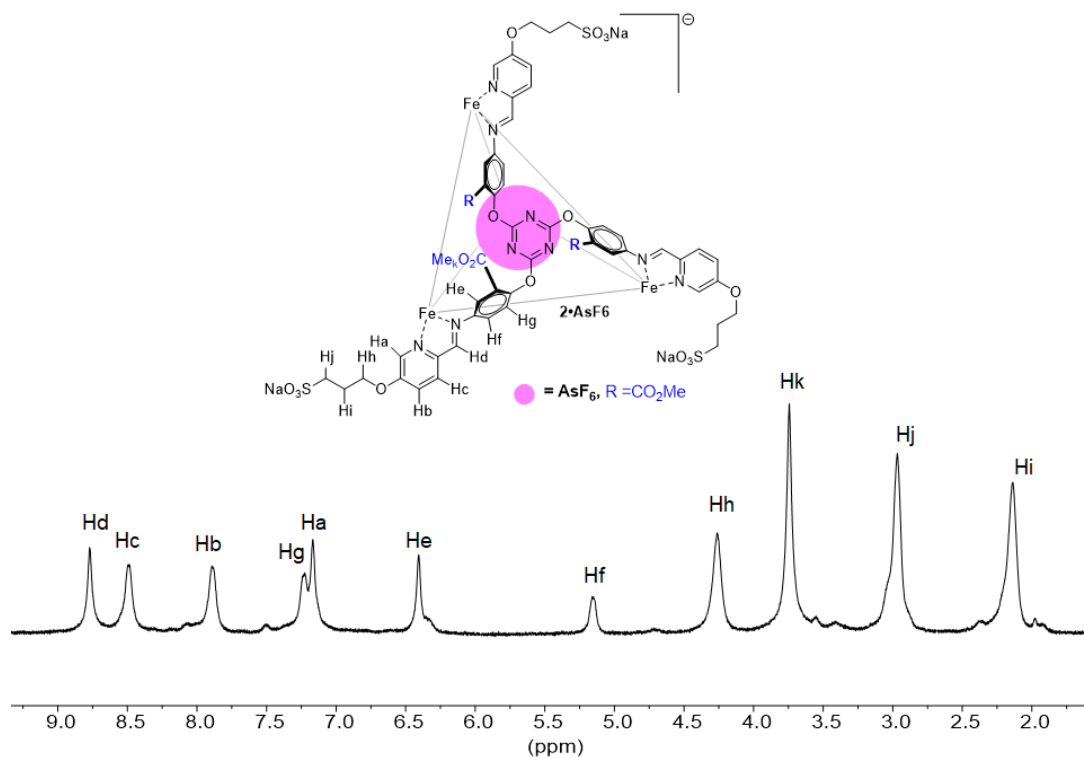


Figure S-36. ^1H NMR spectrum of cage $2 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$ (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, Synthesis of cage $2 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$.

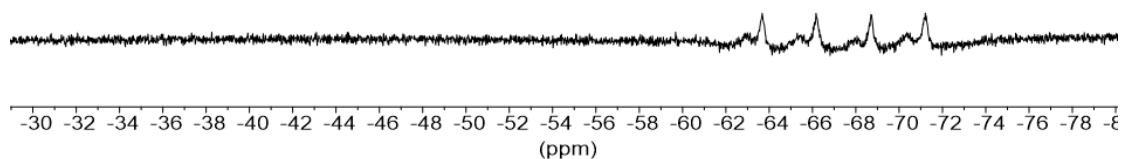
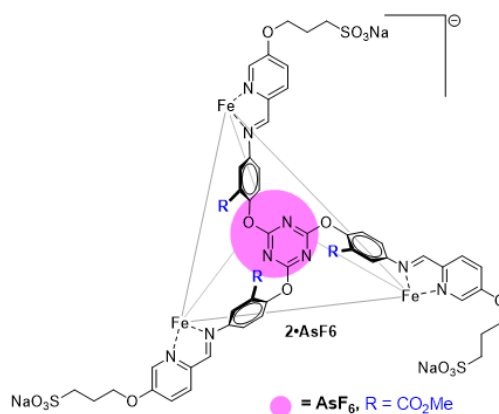


Figure S-37. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of cage $2 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$ (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, Synthesis of cage $2 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$.

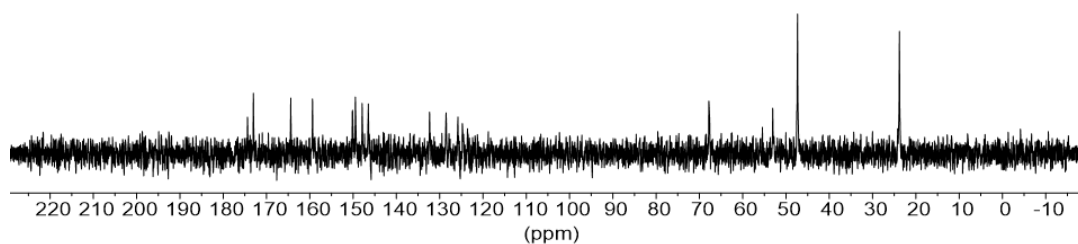
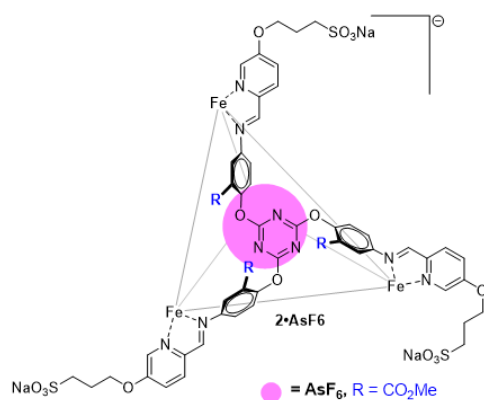


Figure S-38. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of cage $2 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$ (D_2O , 101 MHz, 298K). The low solubility of the complex precluded a high signal to noise ratio in any reasonable amount of time. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, Synthesis of cage $2 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$.

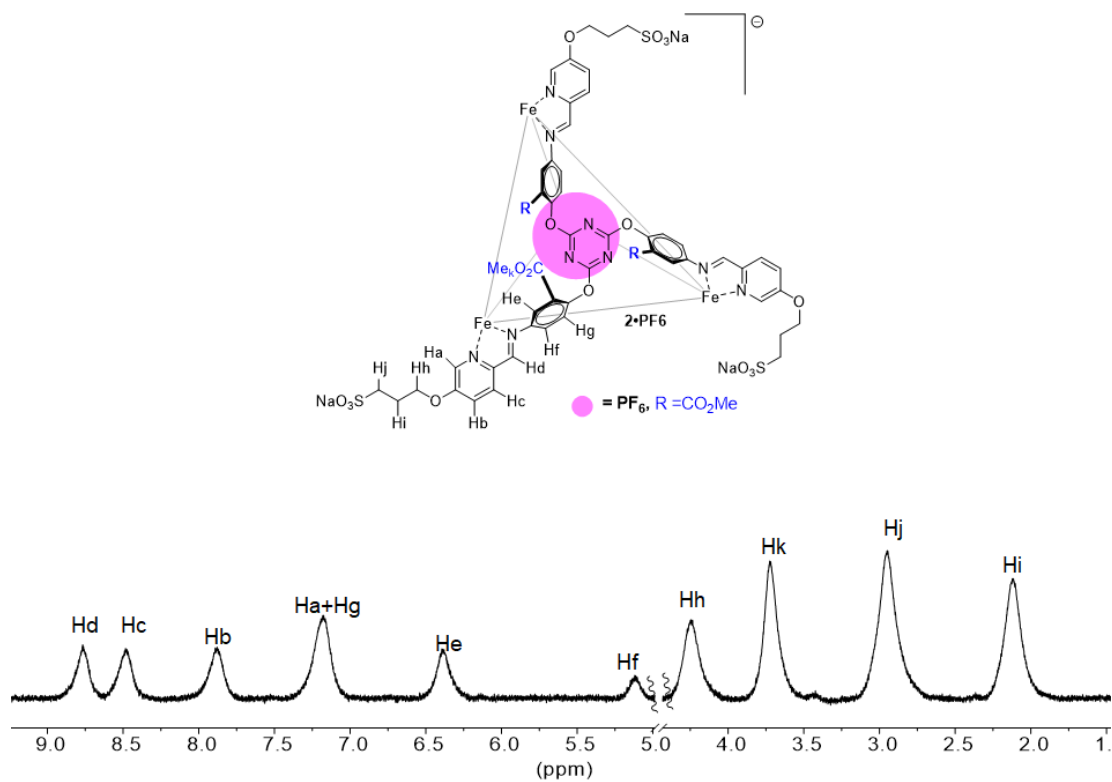


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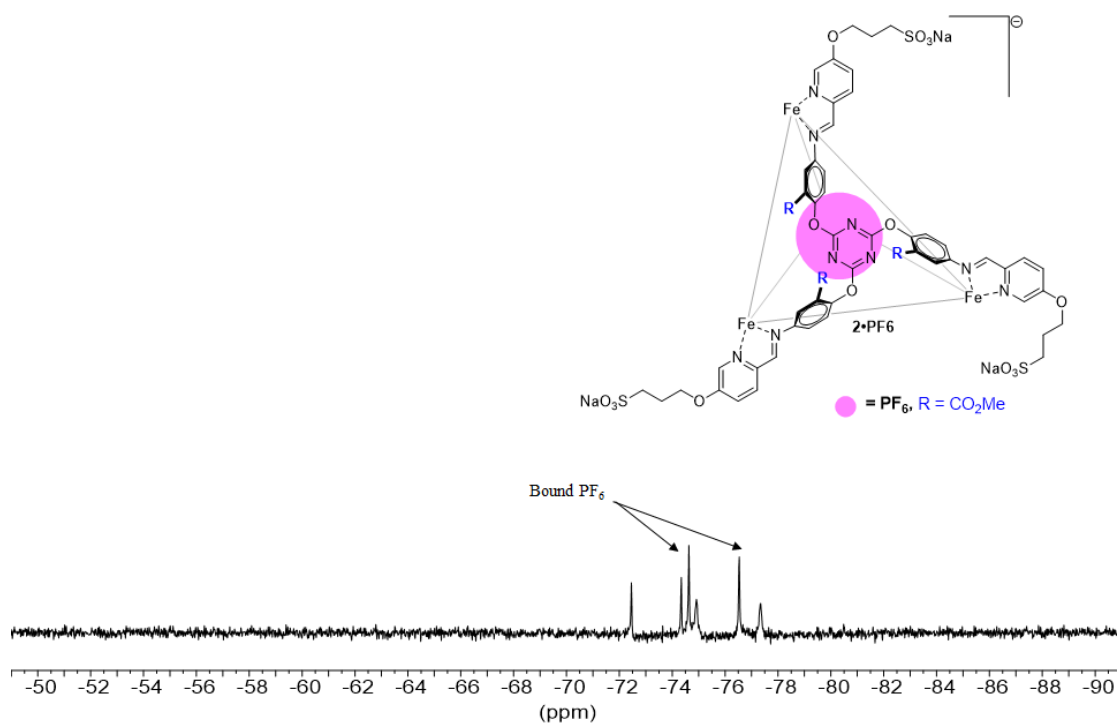


Figure S-40. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of cage $2 \cdot \text{PF}_6$ (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, Synthesis of cage $2 \cdot \text{PF}_6$.

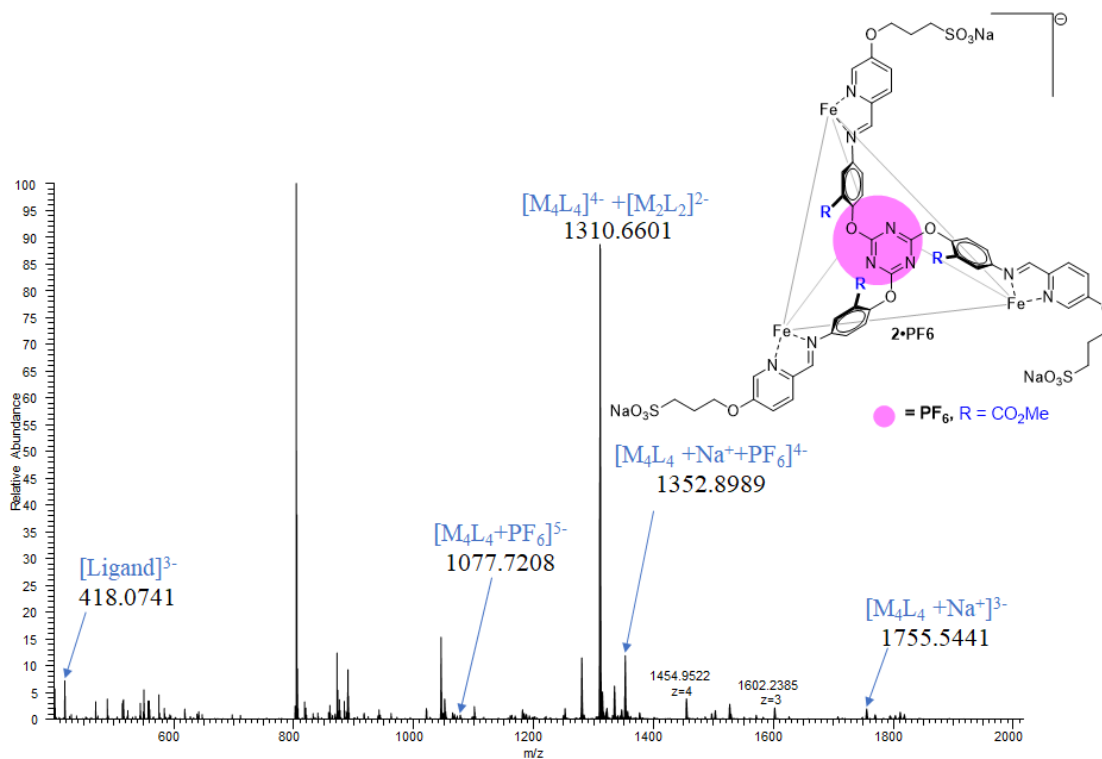


Figure S-41. ESI-MS spectrum of cage **2•PF₆**. The flow rate, sheath gas flow rate, aux gas flow rate, spray voltage, capillary temperature, and the S-lens RF level were set to be 3 μ l/min, 5 arb, 10 arb, 3.5 kV, 200 C, and 50% respectively. Full mass spectra were acquired with a resolution of $r = 30,000$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **2•PF₆**.

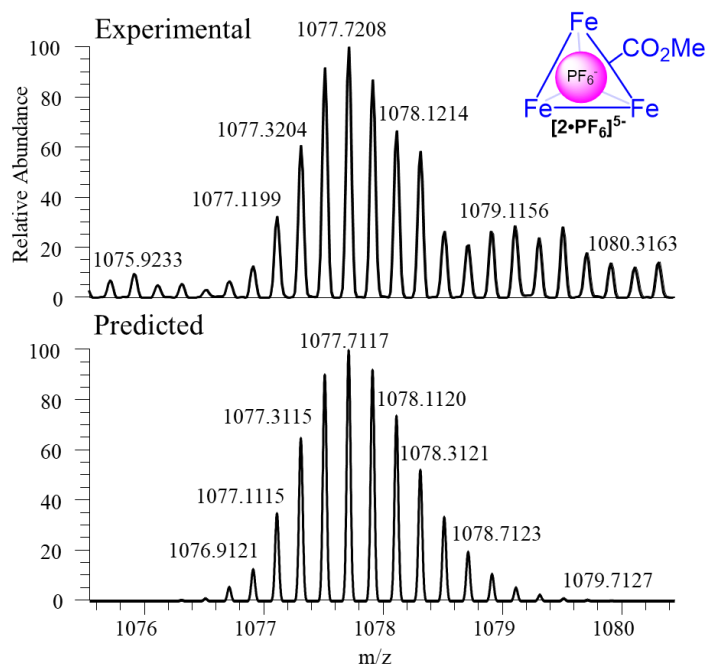


Figure S-42. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **2•PF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[2\bullet PF_6]^{5-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **2•PF₆**.

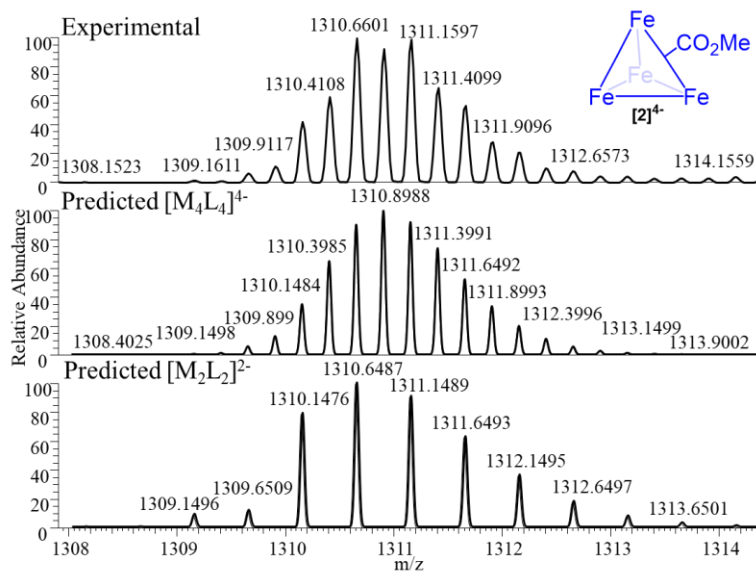


Figure S-43. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **2•PF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[2]^{4+} + [Fe_2L_2]^{2-}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **2•PF₆**.

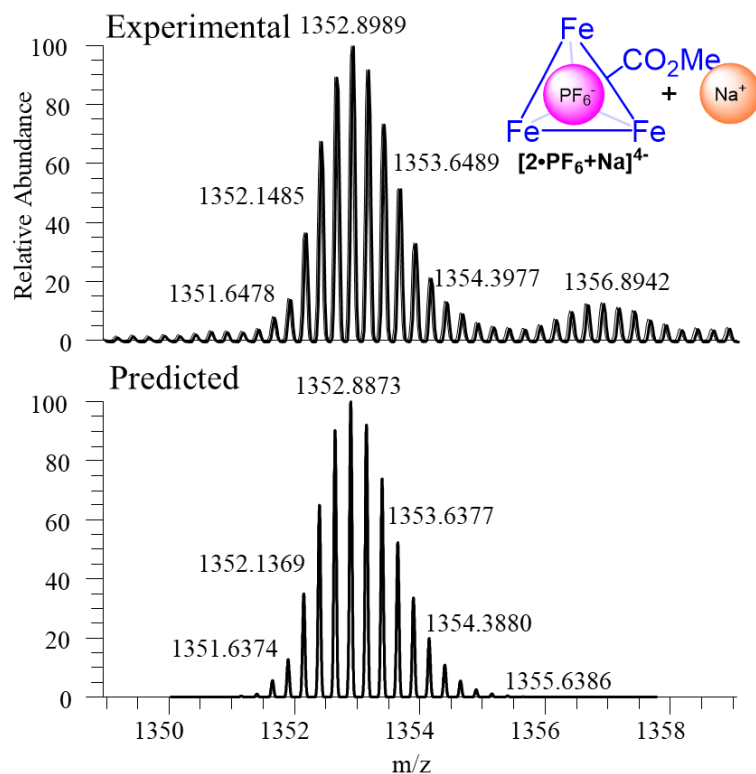


Figure S-44. Expansion of the ESI-MS spectrum of **2•PF₆**, showing obtained and simulated isotope region $[2•PF_6+Na]^{4+}$. Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, ESI-MS spectrum of cage **2•PF₆**.

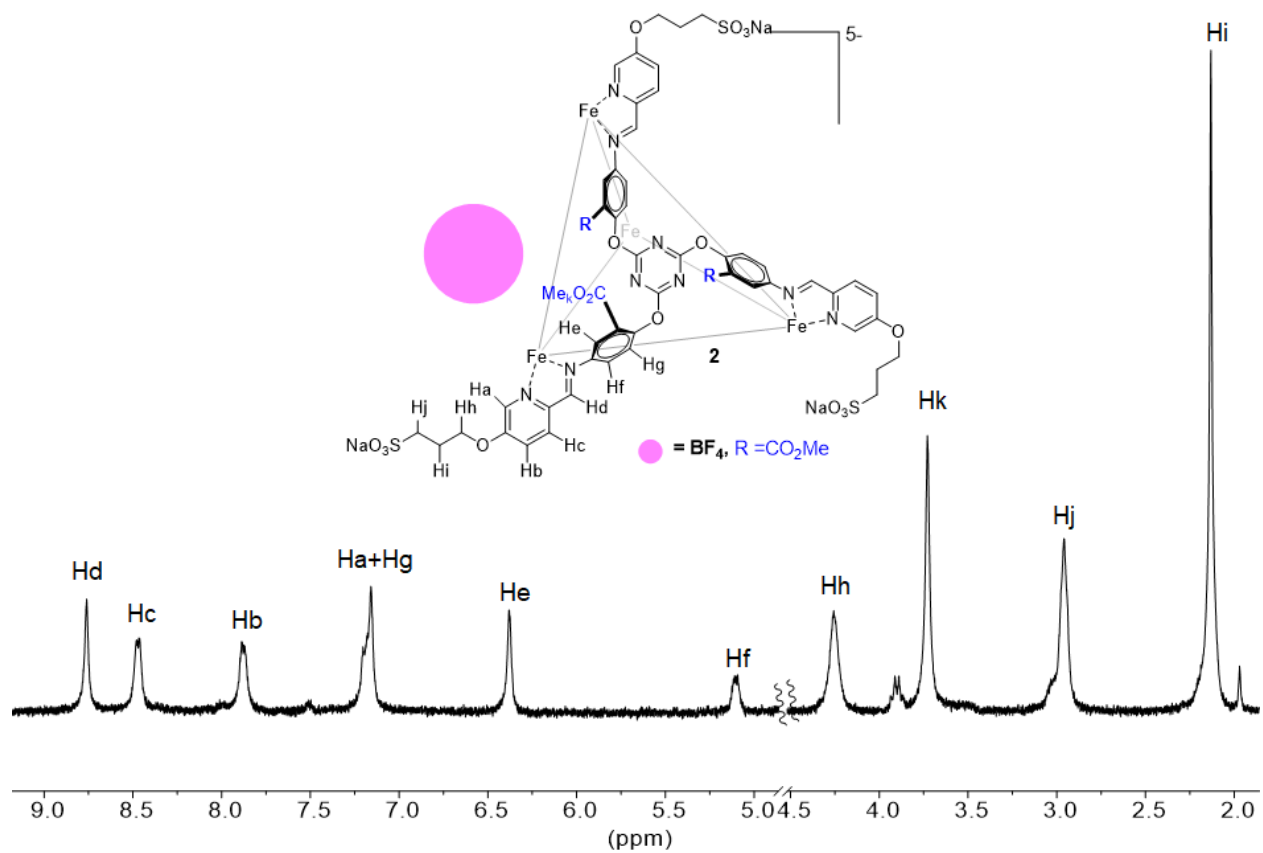


Figure S-45. ¹H NMR spectrum of cage **2**, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄ (D₂O, 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1 and STAR methods, Synthesis of **2**, made with Fe(NTf₂)₂ and NaBF₄.

Anion Recognition: Binding in Unoccupied Cages

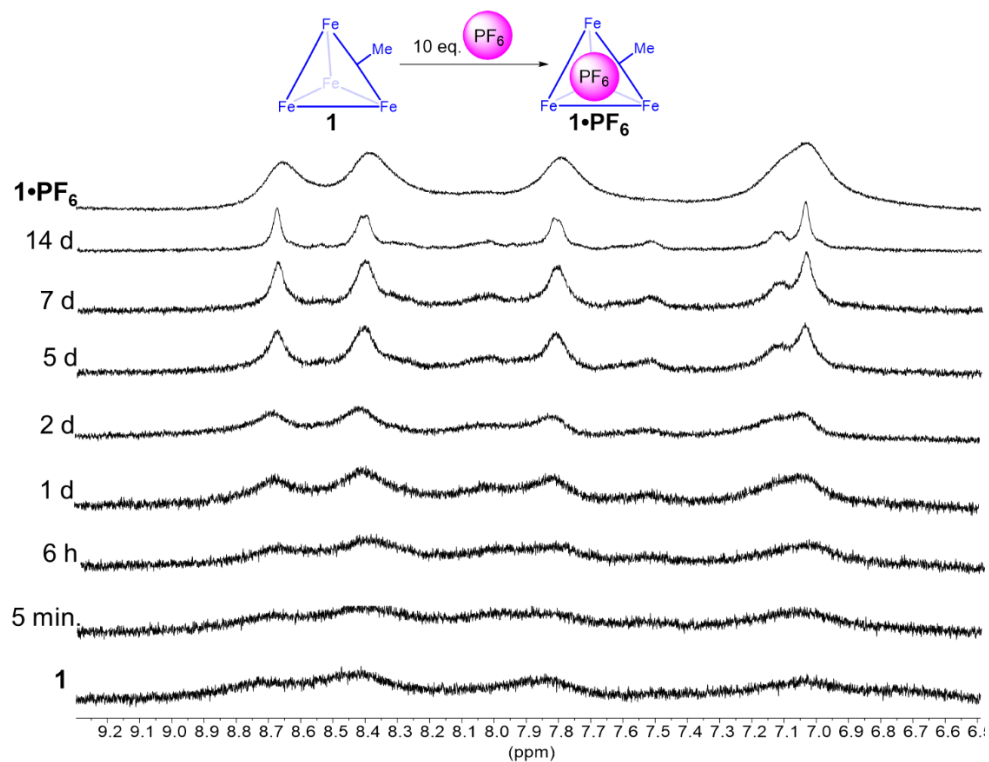


Figure S-46. ^1H NMR spectra of **1** with 10 equivalents of NaPF_6 added, over 14 days (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 5.

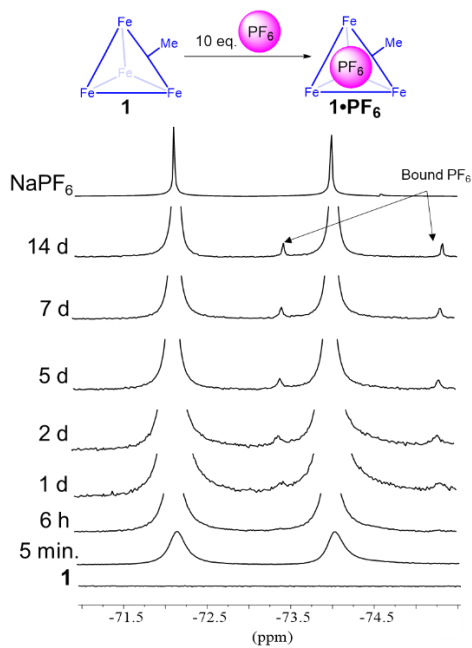
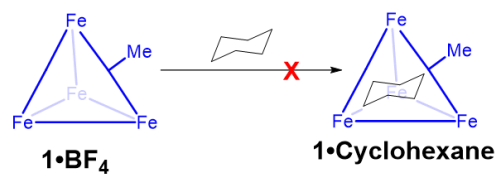
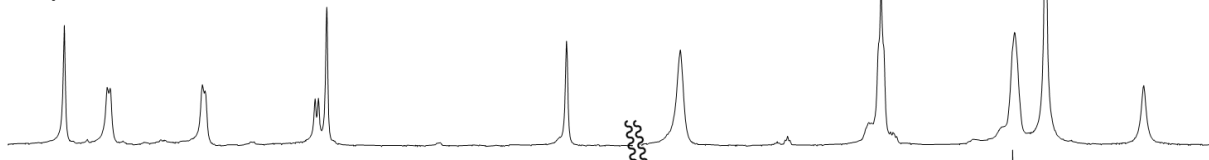


Figure S-47. ^{19}F NMR spectra of **1** with 10 equivalents of NaPF_6 added, over 14 d (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 5.



a) $\text{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4$
+Cyclohexane



b) $\text{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4$

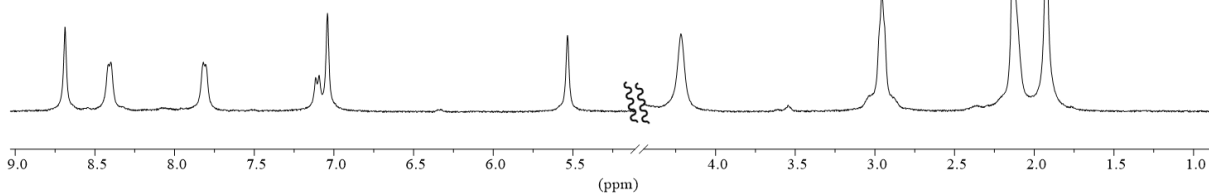


Figure S-48. ^1H NMR spectrum of a) **1**, made with $\text{Fe}(\text{NTf}_2)_2$ and NaBF_4 with 10 equivalents of cyclohexane added and b) $\text{1}\cdot\text{BF}_4$ (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 7.

Anion Recognition: Anion Exchange Experiments in Occupied Cages

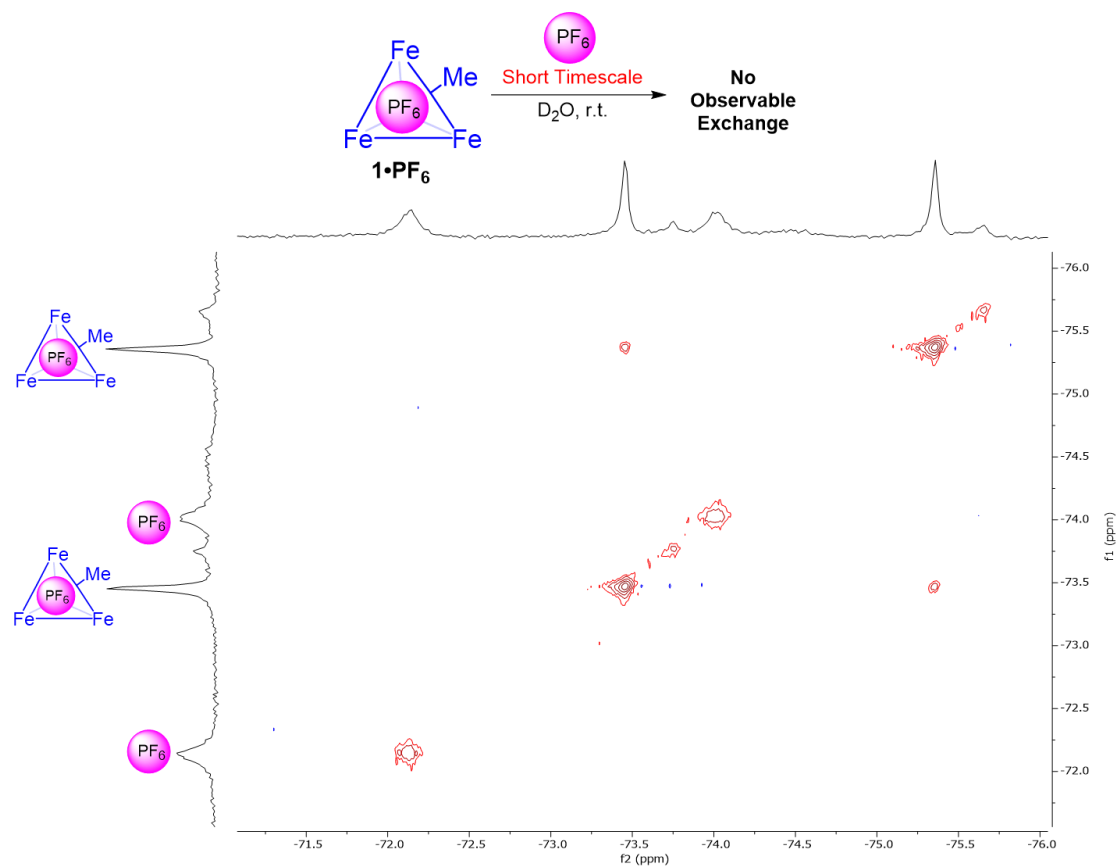


Figure S-49. ^{19}F - ^{19}F EXSY NMR spectrum of $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$ (2 mM, D_2O , 376 MHz, 300 ms mixing time, 298K). Related to Figure 4.

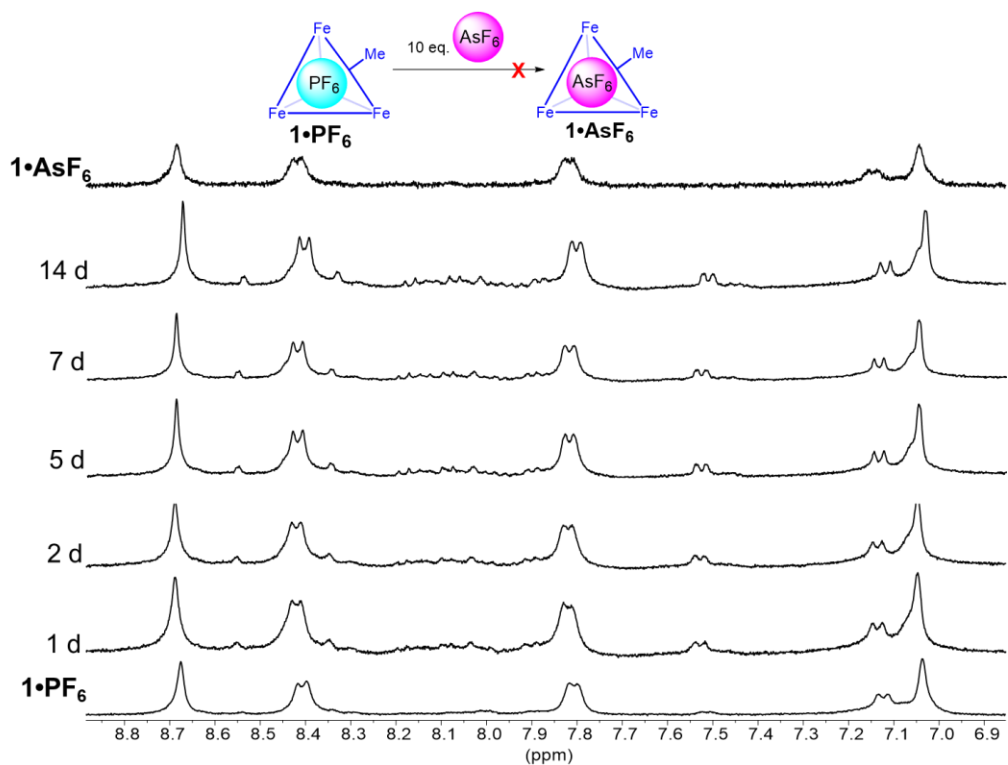


Figure S-50. ^1H NMR spectra of $1\cdot\text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaAsF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 4.

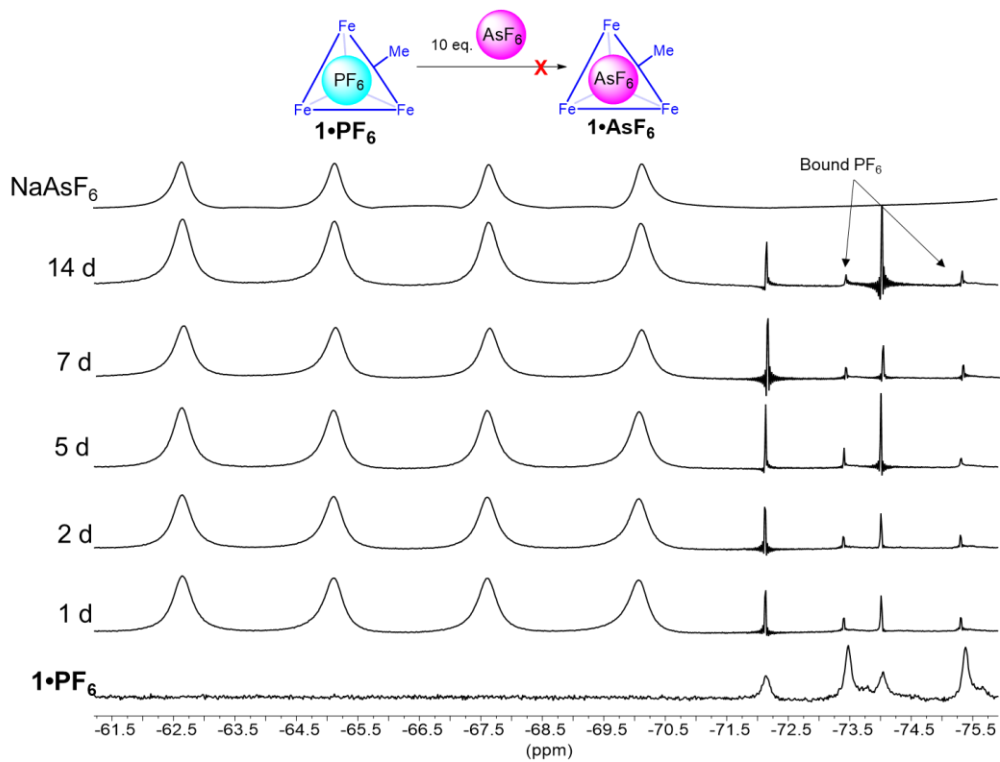


Figure S-51. ^{19}F NMR spectra of $1\cdot\text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaAsF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 4.

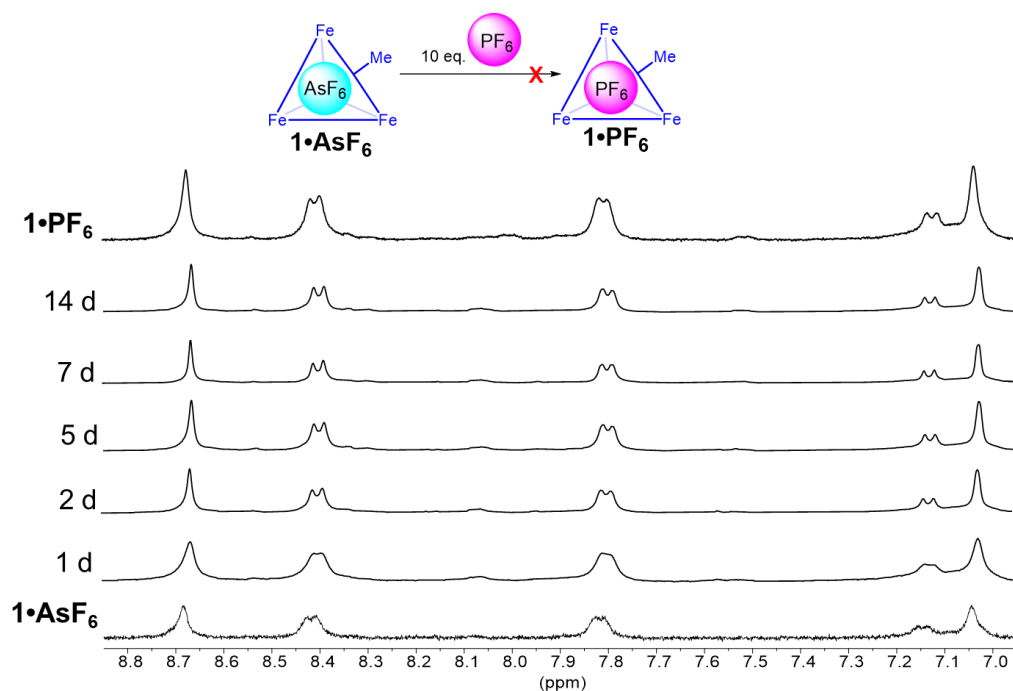


Figure S-52. ^1H NMR spectra of $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaPF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 4.

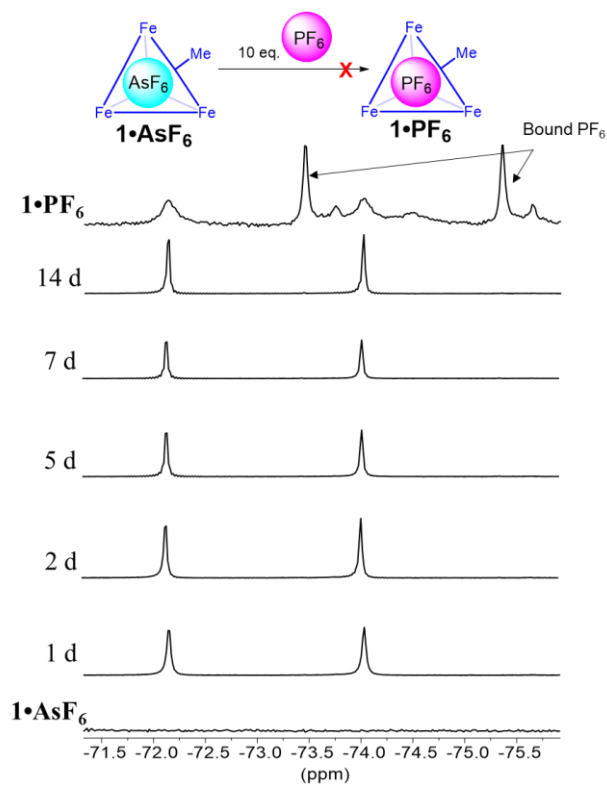


Figure S-53. ^{19}F NMR spectra of $1\cdot\text{AsF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaPF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 4.

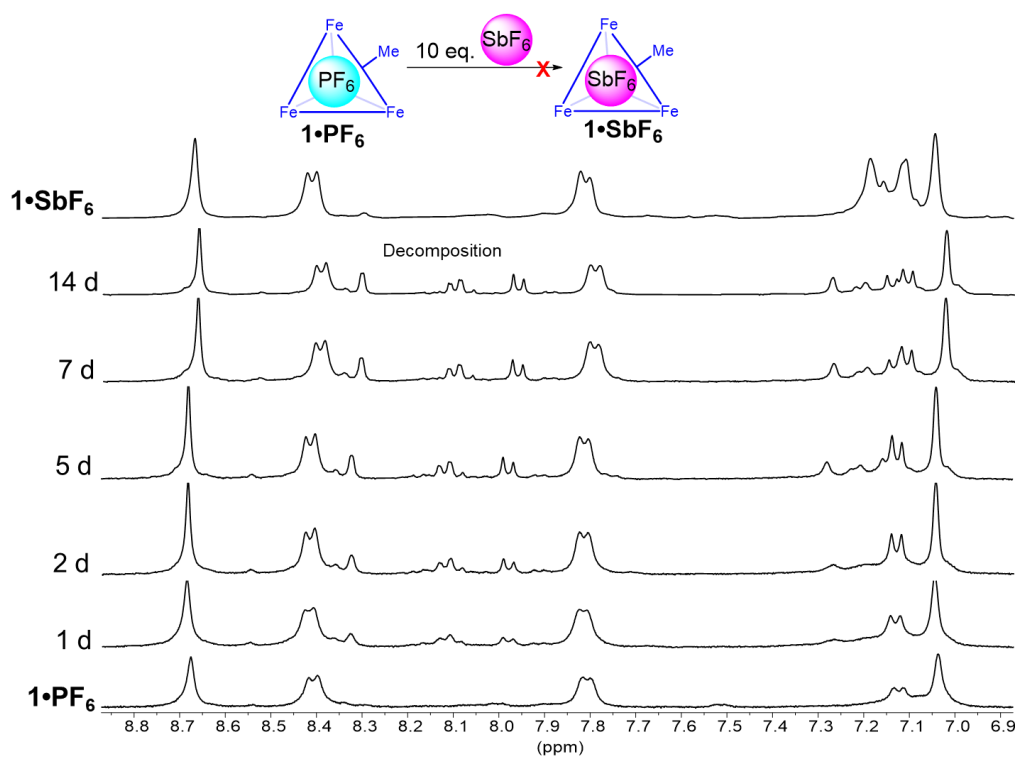


Figure S-54. ^1H NMR spectra of $1\cdot\text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaSbF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298 K). Related to Figure 7.

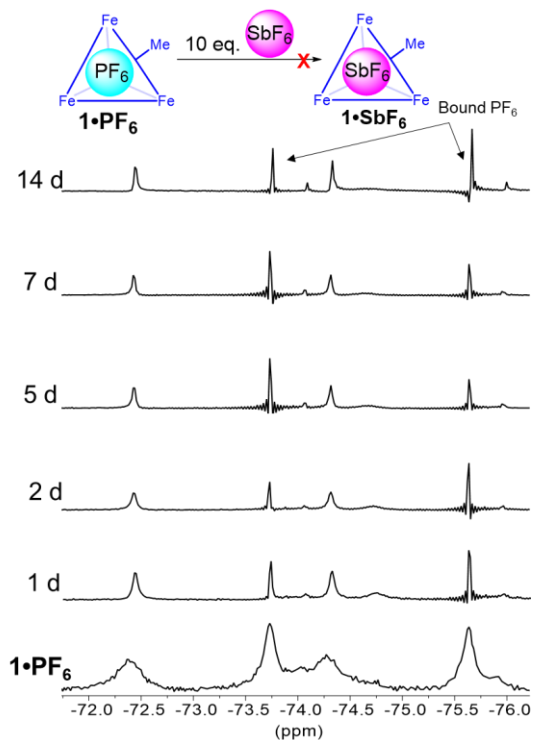


Figure S-55. ^{19}F NMR spectra of $1\cdot\text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaSbF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 7.

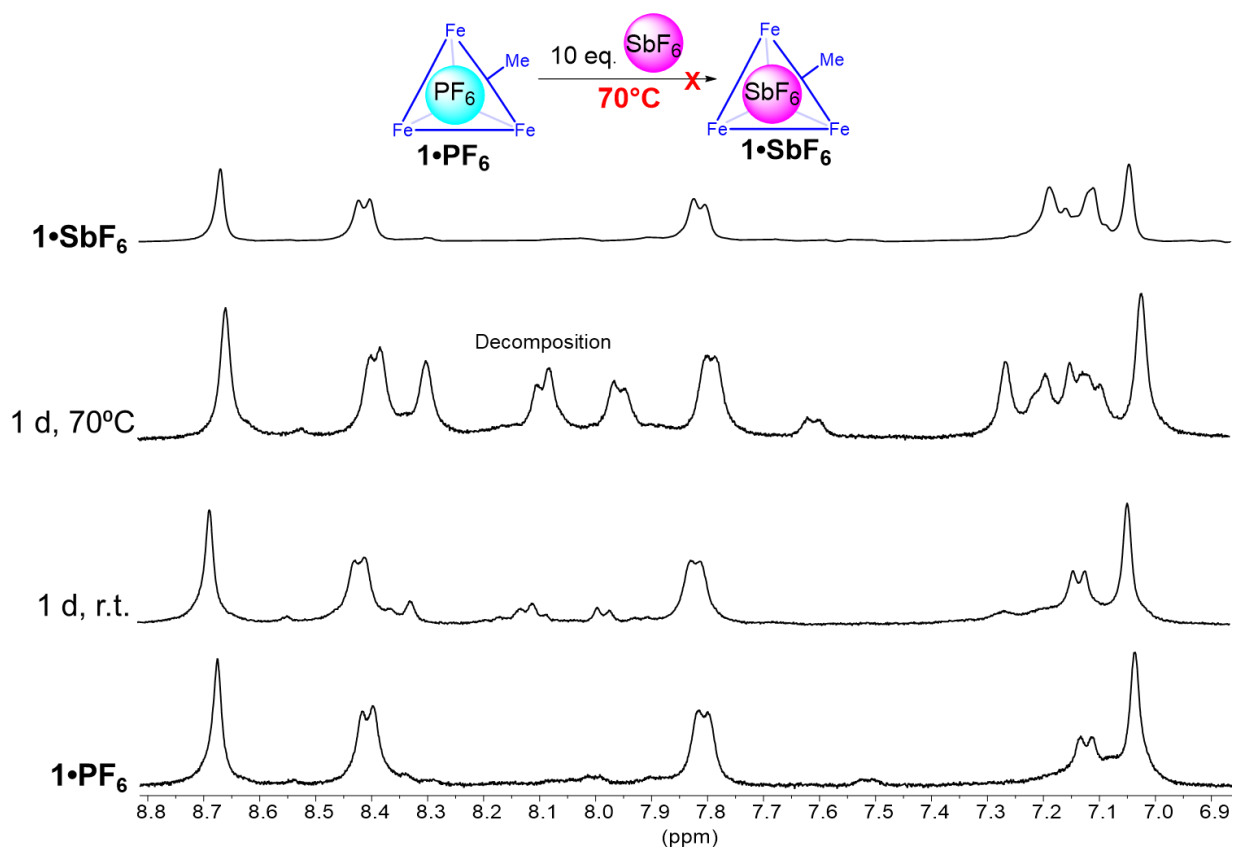


Figure S-56. ^1H NMR spectra of $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaSbF_6 , over 1 day at 70°C (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K/343K). Related to Figure 7.

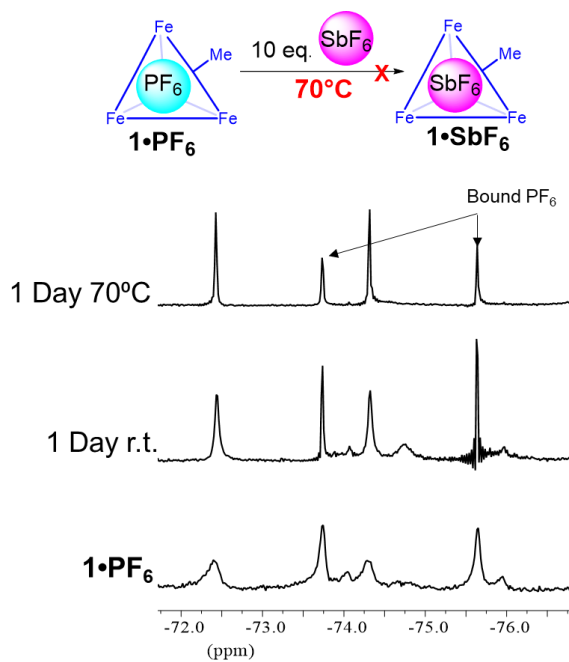


Figure S-57. ^{19}F NMR spectra of $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaSbF_6 , over 1 day at 70°C (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K/343K). Related to Figure 7.

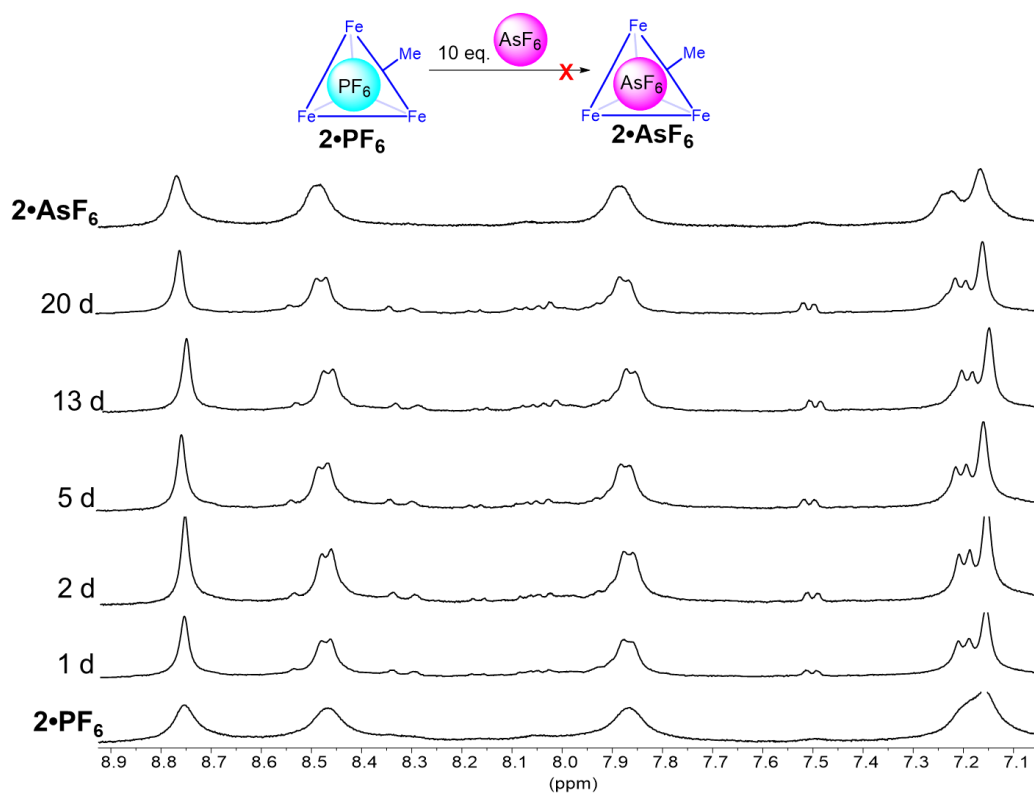


Figure S-58. ^1H NMR spectra of $2\cdot\text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaAsF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 7.

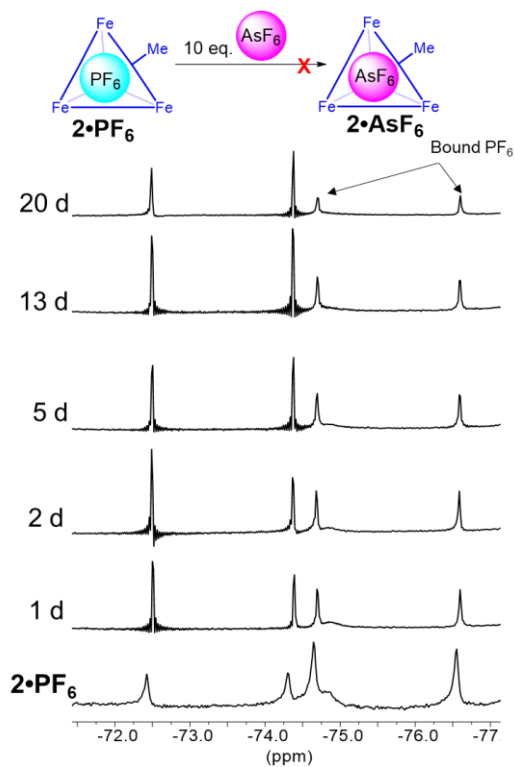


Figure S-59. ^{19}F NMR spectra of $2\cdot\text{PF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaAsF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 7.

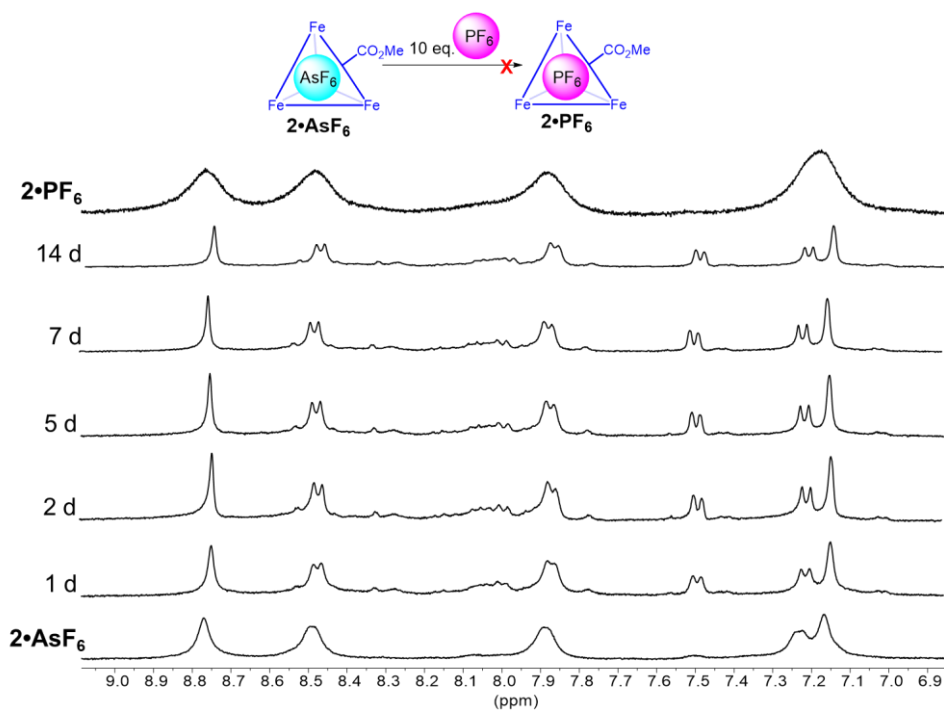


Figure S-60. ^1H NMR spectra of $2\bullet\text{AsF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaPF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 7.

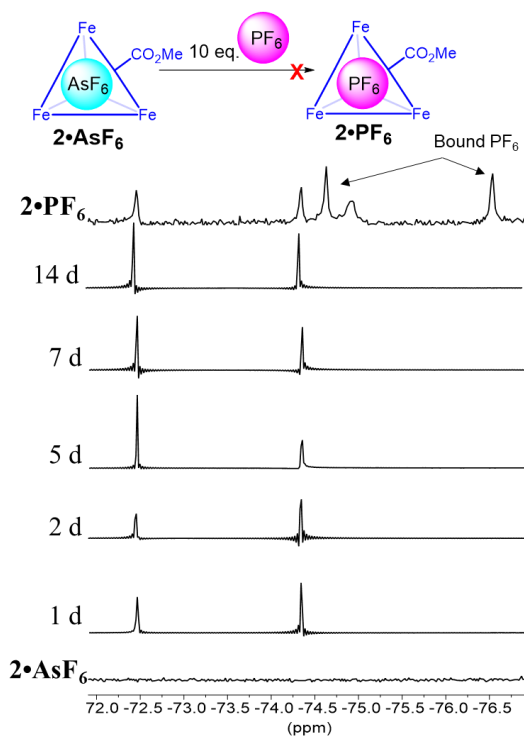


Figure S-61. ^{19}F NMR spectra of $2\bullet\text{AsF}_6$ with 10 equivalents of NaPF_6 , over 14 days (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 7.

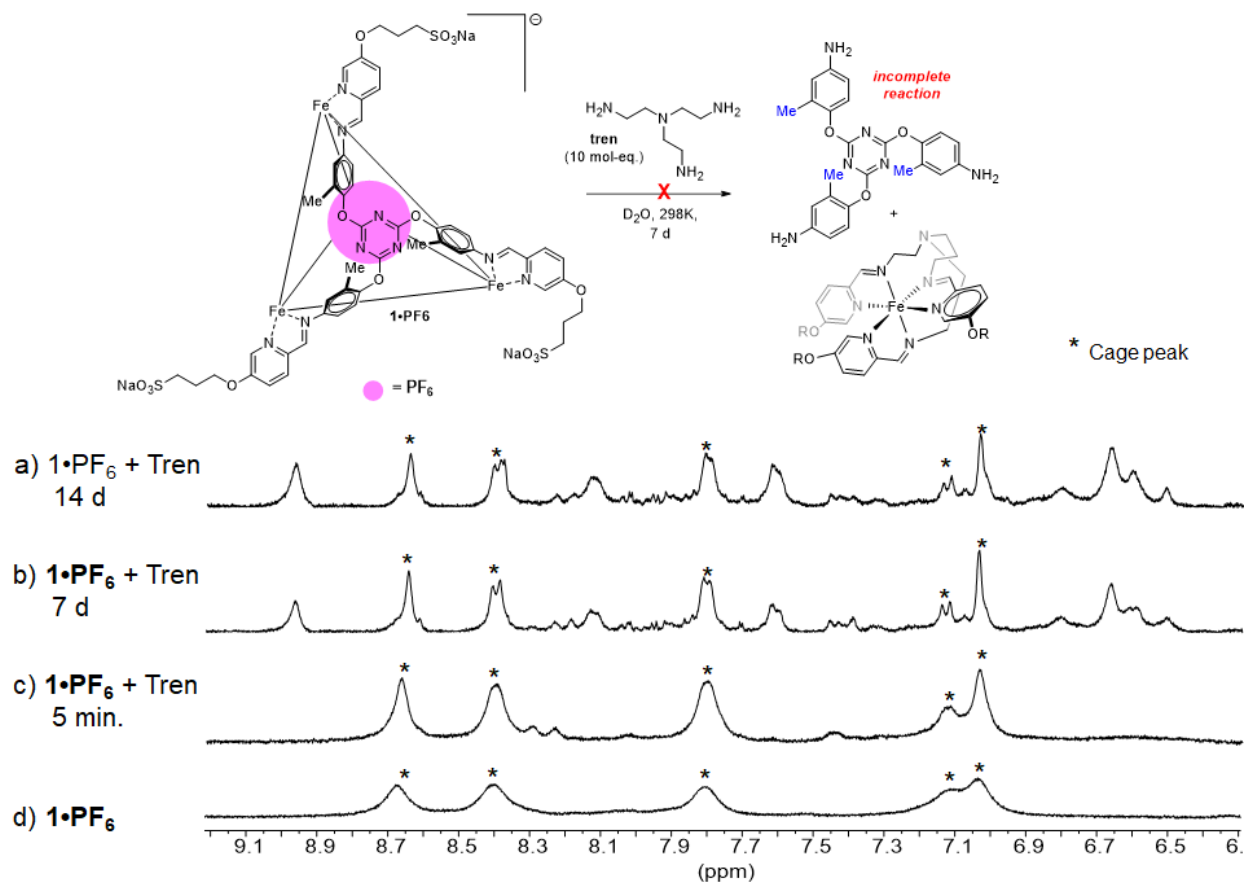


Figure S-62. ^1H NMR spectrum of d) $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$; and $1 \cdot \text{PF}_6$ with tris(2-aminoethyl)amine after c) 5 minutes; b) 1 week; and a) 2 weeks (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 6.

Synthesis: Alternate Methods of Cage Assembly

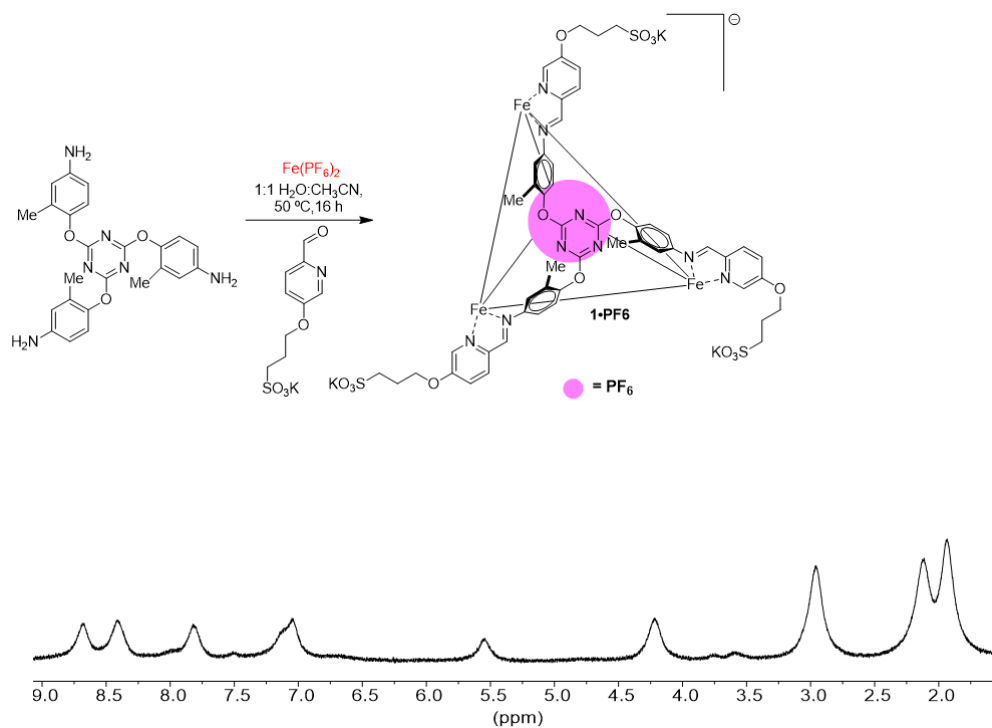


Figure S-63. ¹H NMR spectrum of cage **1**•PF₆, made with Fe(PF₆)₂ (D₂O, 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

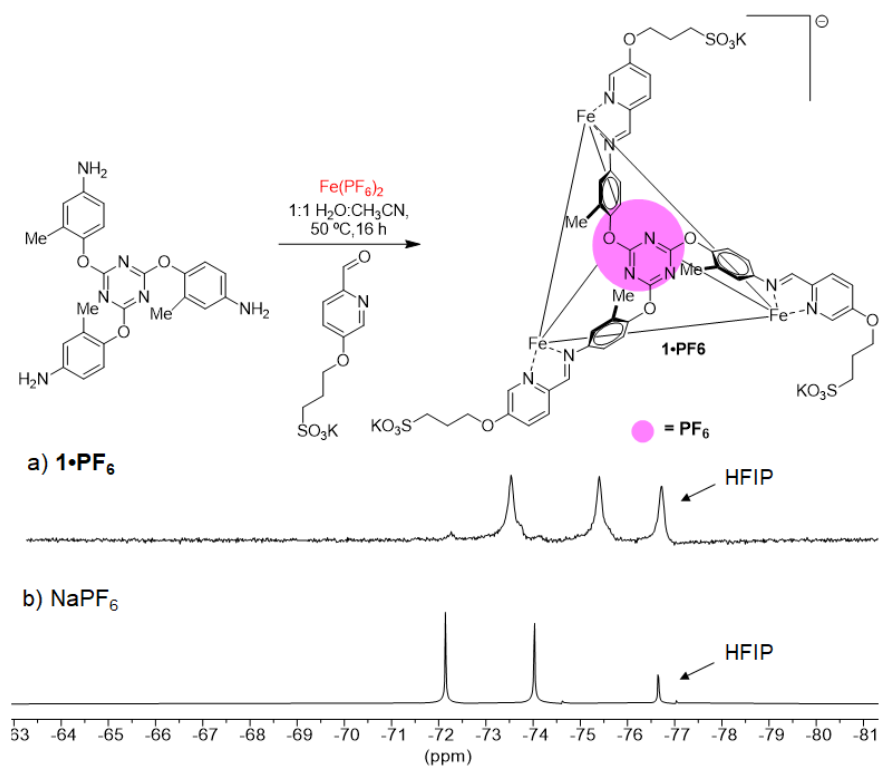


Figure S-64. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of a) **1**•PF₆ made with Fe(PF₆)₂ and b) NaPF₆ with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D₂O, 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

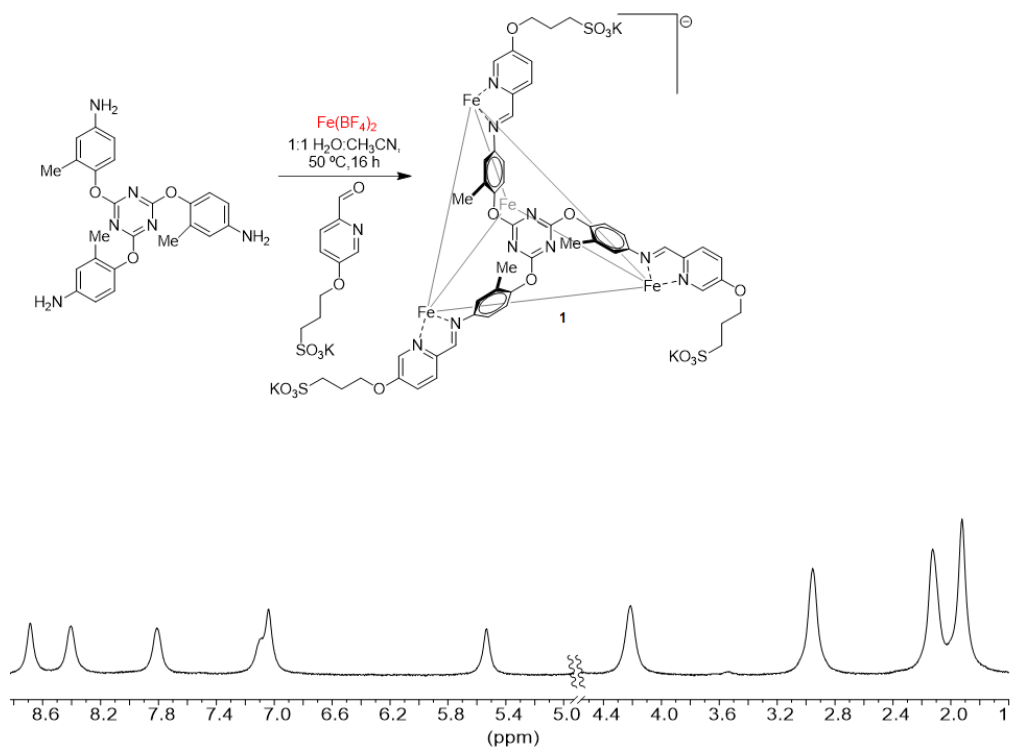


Figure S-65. ^1H NMR spectrum of cage **1**, made with $\text{Fe}(\text{BF}_4)_2$ (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

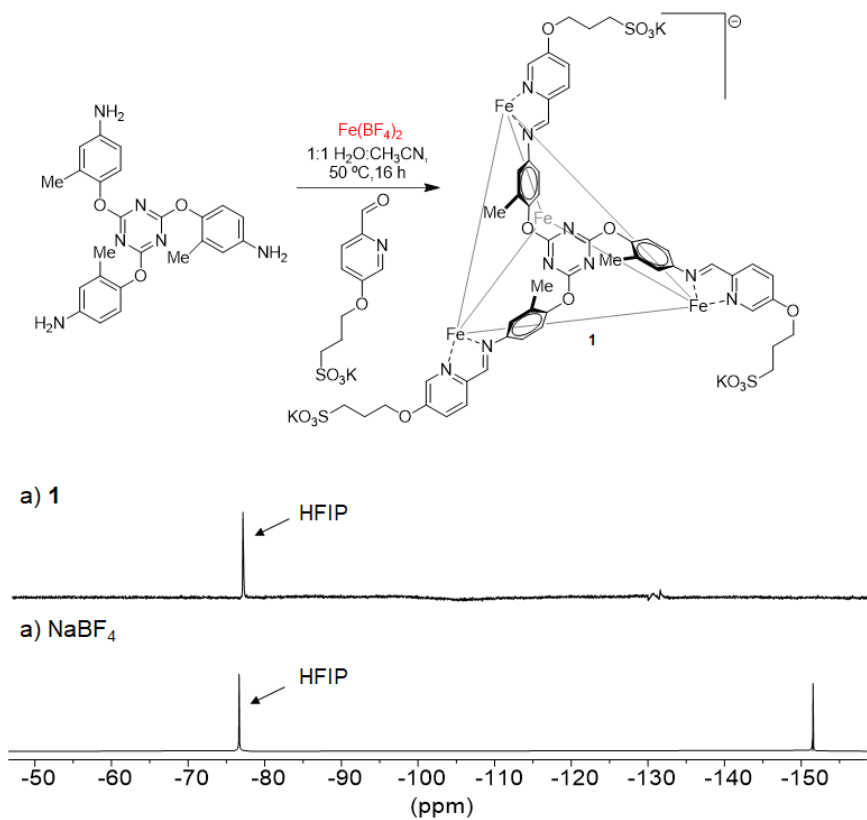


Figure S-66. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) **1** made with $\text{Fe}(\text{BF}_4)_2$ and b) NaBF_4 with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

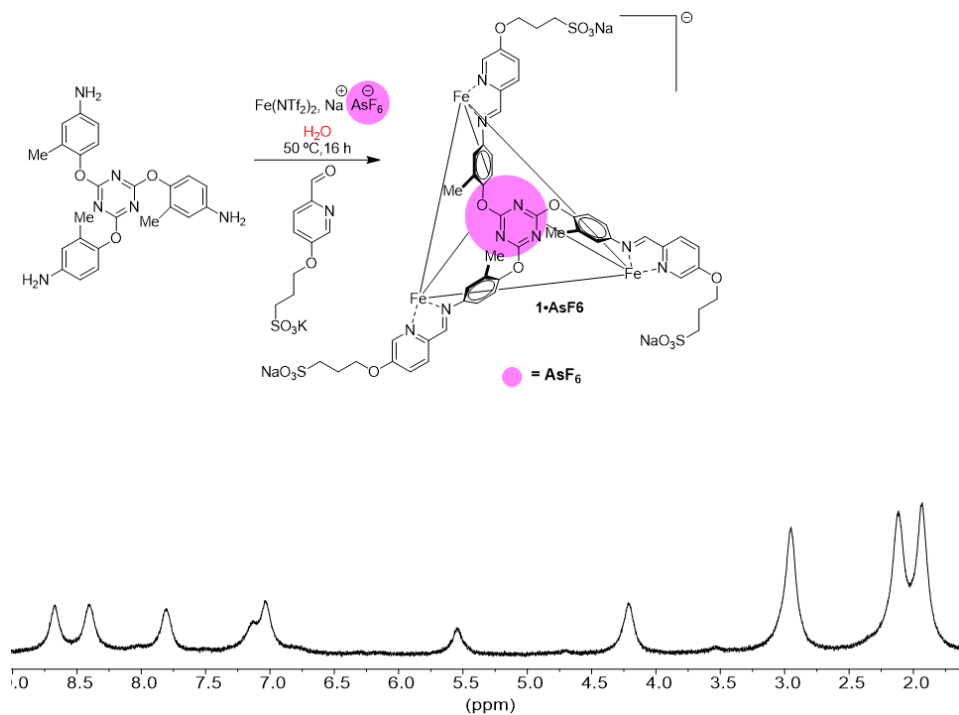


Figure S-67. ^1H NMR spectrum of cage $1 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$, made from pure water (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

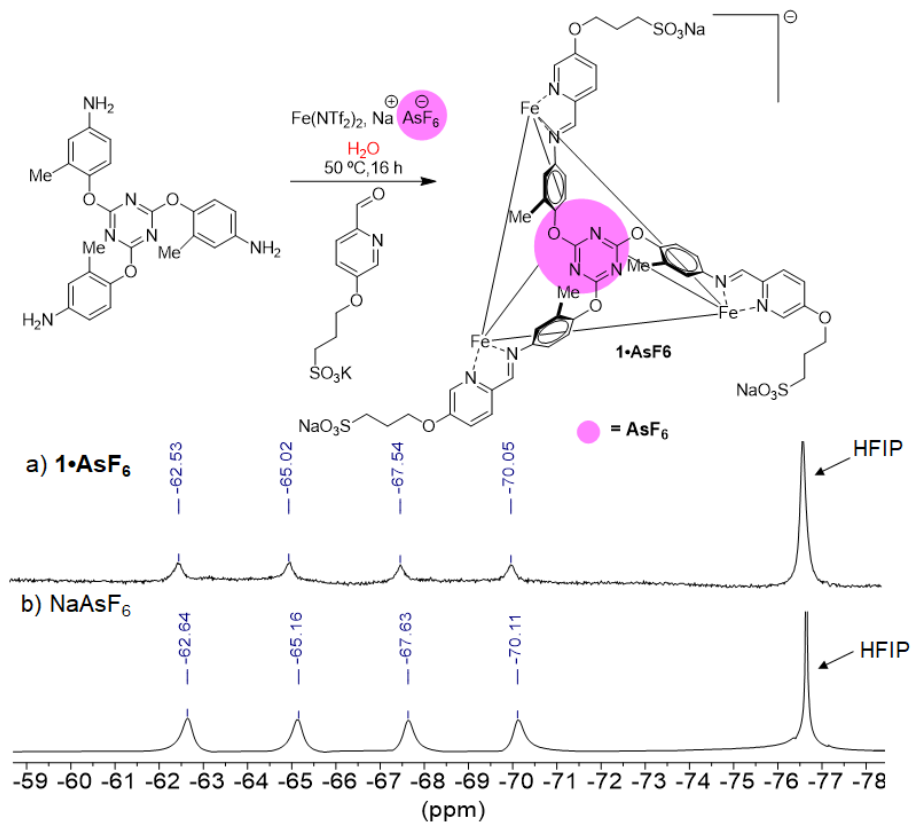


Figure S-68. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) $1 \cdot \text{AsF}_6$, made from pure water and b) NaAsF_6 with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

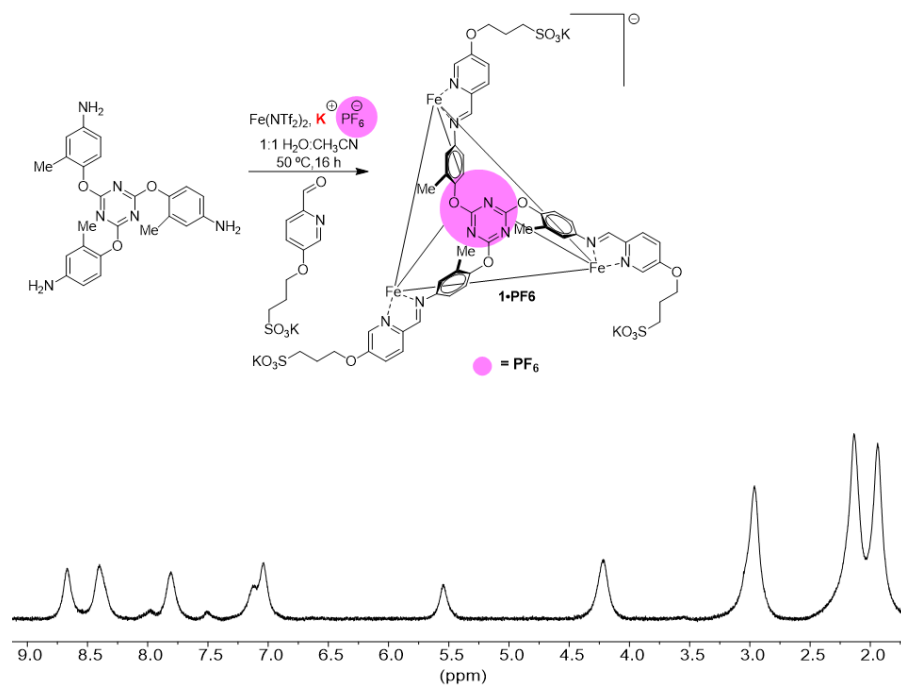


Figure S-69. ^1H NMR spectrum of cage $1\cdot\text{PF}_6$, made with $\text{Fe}(\text{NTf}_2)_2$ and 10 equivalents of KPF_6 (D_2O , 400 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

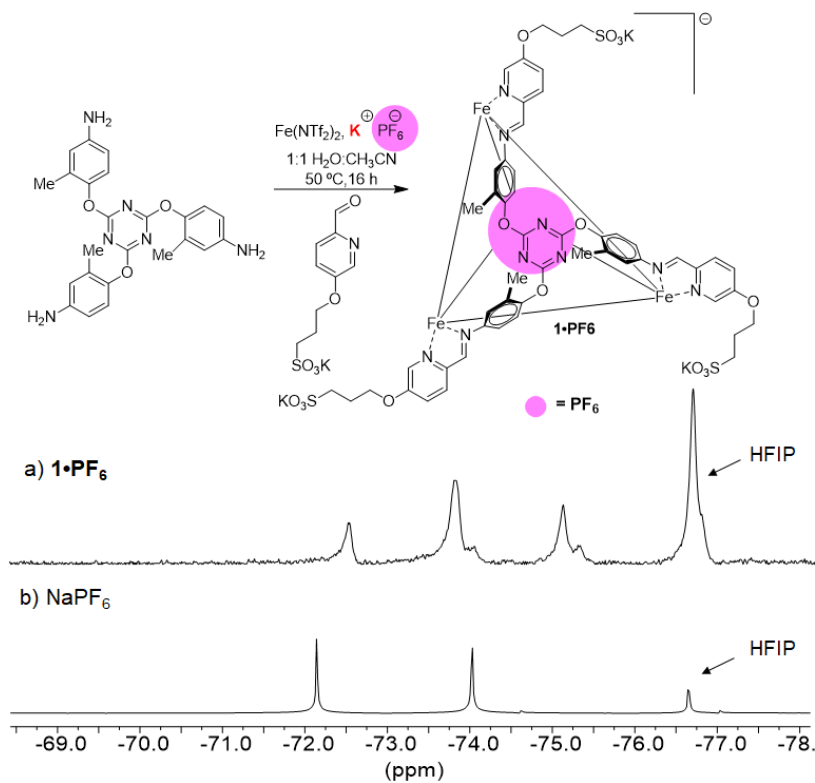


Figure S-70. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) $1\cdot\text{PF}_6$, made from $\text{Fe}(\text{NTf}_2)_2$ and KPF_6 and b) NaPF_6 with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 1.

Characterization: ^{19}F NMR Spectra of Guests and Cages including HFIP Standards

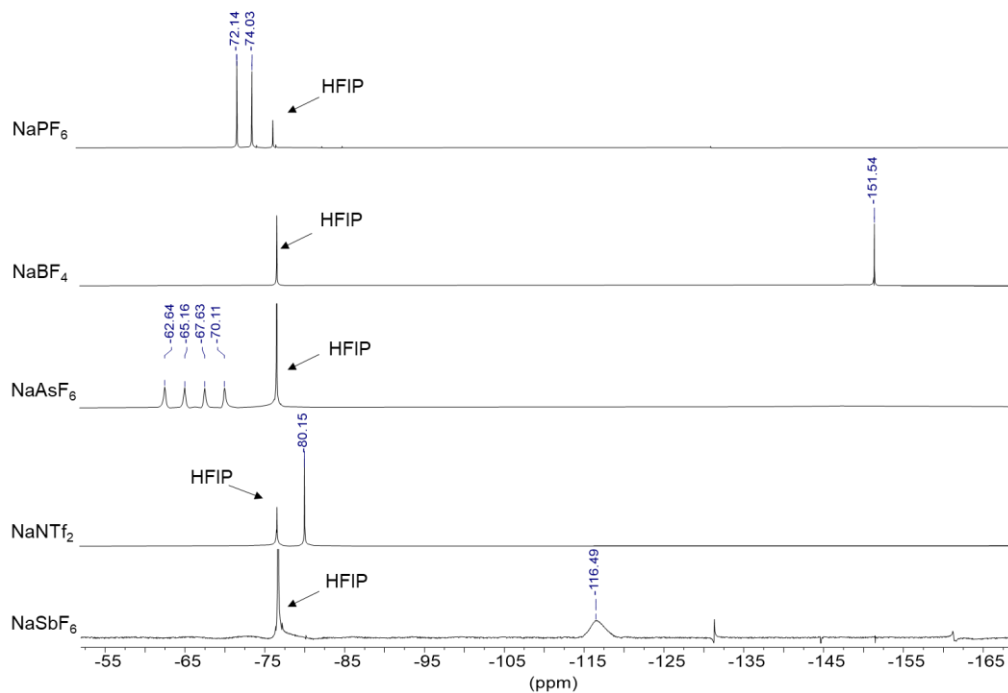


Figure S-71. ^{19}F NMR spectra of anionic guests with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 3.

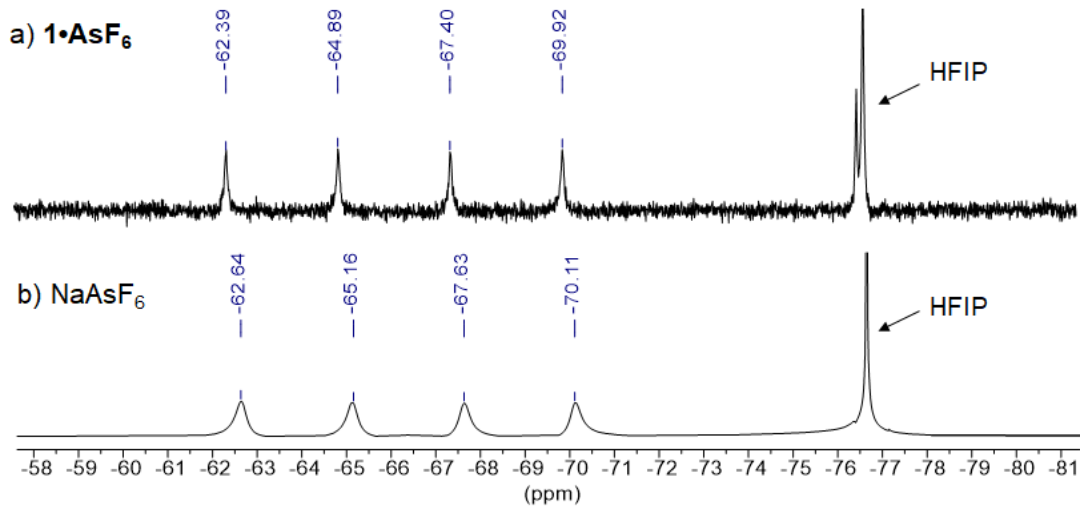


Figure S-72. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) 1-AsF_6 and b) NaAsF_6 with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 3.

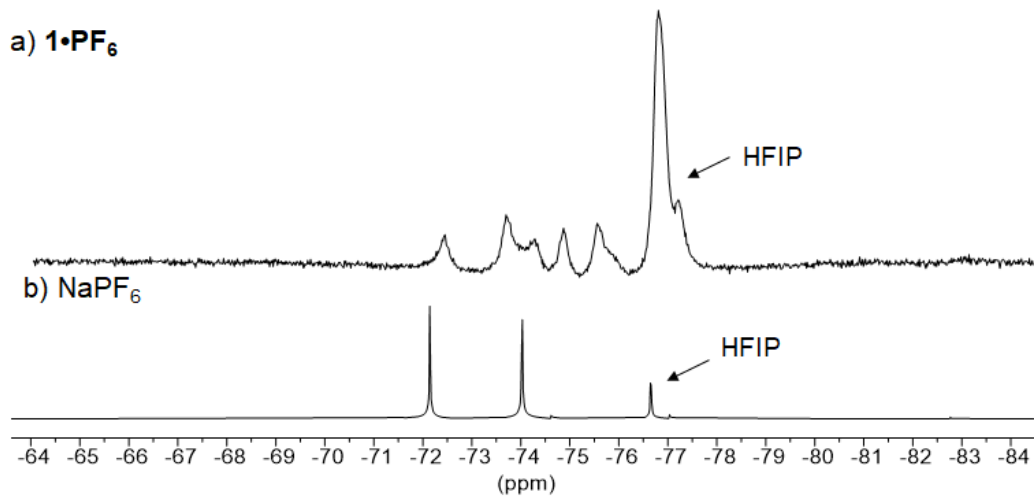


Figure S-73. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) $1\cdot\text{PF}_6$ and b) NaPF_6 with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 3.

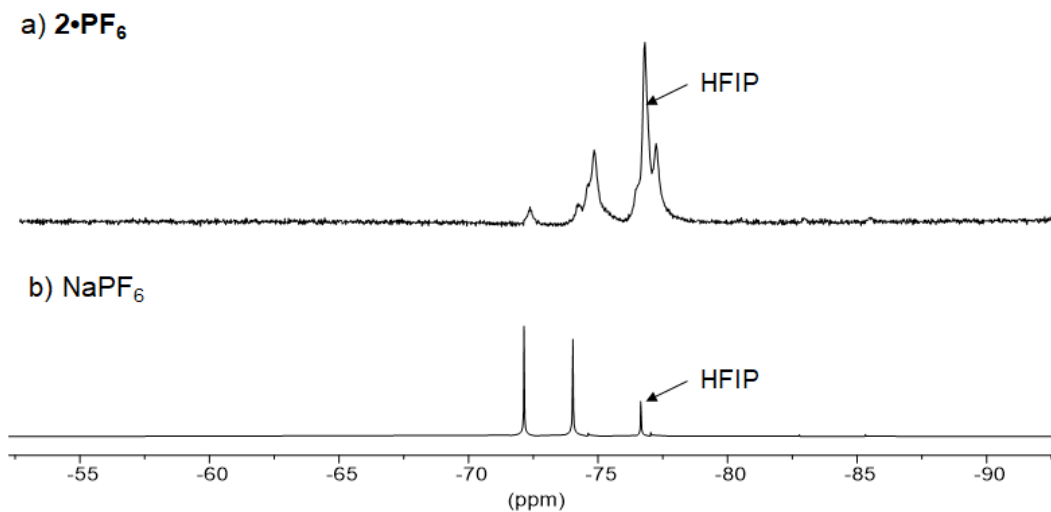


Figure S-74. ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a) $2\cdot\text{PF}_6$ and b) NaPF_6 with hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) as a standard (D_2O , 376 MHz, 298K). Related to Figure 3.