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Controlling the Host-Guest Chemistry of a $[\text{Fe}_4\text{L}_4]^{8+}$ Tetrahedral Cage via Ligand Design

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A pair of related $[\text{Fe}_4\text{L}_4]^{8+}$ tetrahedral cages were synthesised differing only in the electronic nature of the face-capping ligand. Cage 1 is comprised of four ligands containing a central triazine ring, whilst cage 2 is analogous utilising a benzene core. The cages were structurally characterised using X-ray crystallography performed at the Australian Synchrotron, which showed the cages to be flexible and adaptable. Solution based host-guest interactions were investigated by NMR spectroscopy, revealing that the cages are discriminating and selective in their host-guest behaviour.

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