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## Remarkable enhancement in Am<sup>3+</sup>/Eu<sup>3+</sup>selectivity by an ionic liquid based solvent containing bis-1,2,4-triazinyl pyridine derivatives: DFT validation of experimental results

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## **Supporting Information**

## **Distribution Studies**

**Figure S1:** Effect of aqueous phase acidity on the extraction of  $Am^{3+}$  and  $Eu^{3+}$  by 0.01 M MeBTP in different  $C_nmim.NTf_2$ 



**Figure S2:** Effect of aqueous phase acidity on the selectivity of  $Am^{3+}$  over  $Eu^{3+}$  by 0.01 M MeBTP in different  $C_nmim.NTf_2$ 



Figure S3: Effect of aqueous phase acidity on the extraction of  $Am^{3+}$  and  $Eu^{3+}$  by 0.01 M EtBTP in different  $C_nmim.NTf_2$ 



**Figure S4:** Effect of aqueous phase acidity on the selectivity of  $Am^{3+}$  over  $Eu^{3+}$  by 0.01 M EtBTP in different  $C_nmim.NTf_2$ 



**Figure S5:** Effect of aqueous phase acidity on the extraction of  $Am^{3+}$  and  $Eu^{3+}$  by 0.01 M *n*-PrBTP in different  $C_nmim.NTf_2$ 



**Figure S6:** Effect of aqueous phase acidity on the selectivity of  $Am^{3+}$  over  $Eu^{3+}$  by 0.01 M *n*-PrBTP in different  $C_nmim.NTf_2$ 



**Figure S7:** Effect of MeBTP concentration on the  $Am^{3+}$  and  $Eu^{3+}$  extraction; Org. phase: 0.004-0.02 M MeBTP in C<sub>4</sub>mim.NTf<sub>2</sub>; Aq. Phase: 0.1 M HNO<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S8:** Effect of EtBTP concentration on the  $Am^{3+}$  and  $Eu^{3+}$  extraction; Org. phase: 0.004-0.02 M EtBTP in C<sub>4</sub>mim.NTf<sub>2</sub>; Aq. Phase: 0.1 M HNO<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S9:** Effect of nPrBTP concentration on the  $Am^{3+}$  and  $Eu^{3+}$  extraction; Org. phase: 0.004-0.02 M nPrBTP in C<sub>4</sub>mim.NTf<sub>2</sub>; Aq. Phase: 0.1 M HNO<sub>3</sub>



## Luminescence Studies

**Figure S10:** Decay of Eu<sup>3+</sup> complexes in the organic extract ( $\lambda_{ex} = 327$  nm (for Eu-MeBTP), 359 nm (for Eu-EtBTP) and 358 nm (for Eu-nPrBTP) and  $\lambda_{em} = 616$  nm): Org. Phase: 0.01 M RBTP + 1 M 2-bromooctanoic acid in *n*-dodecane; Aq. Phase : 0.1 M HNO<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S11:** Decay of Eu<sup>3+</sup> complexes in the organic extract ( $\lambda_{ex} = 247$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 616$  nm): Org. Phase: 0.01 M RBTP in C<sub>4</sub>mim.NTf<sub>2</sub>; Aq. Phase : 0.1 M HNO<sub>3</sub>



**Table S12:** Two center Mayer's bond orders in the 'M-N' bonds in different  $Am^{3+}$  and  $Eu^{3+}$  complexes of MeBTP (L: Me-BTP; BOA: 2-bromo octanoic acid)

M <sup>3+</sup>	M(L)(BOA) <sub>3</sub>	$[M(L)_2(NO_3)_2]^+$	$[M(L)_3]^{3+}$
Am <sup>3+</sup>	$Am-N_c = 0.297$	$Am-N_c = 0.311(2)$	$Am-N_c = 0.359(5)$
	$Am-N_1 = 0.28(4)$	$Am-N_1 = 0.30(1)$	$Am-N_1 = 0.346(9)$
Eu <sup>3+</sup>	$Eu-N_c = 0.213$	$Eu-N_c = 0.253(3)$	$Eu-N_c = 0.305(2)$
	$Eu-N_1 = 0.211(6)$	$Eu-N_1 = 0.253(4)$	$Eu-N_1 = 0.299(6)$