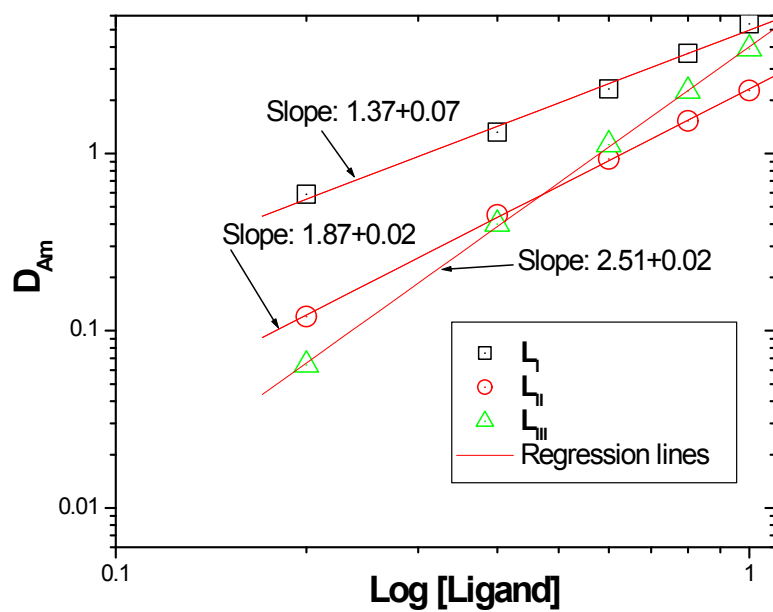


## **Benzene-centered tripodal diglycolamides: Synthesis, metal ion extraction, luminescence spectroscopy, and DFT studies**

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### **Electronic Supporting Information**

## Solvent extraction studies



**Fig. S1** Extraction of Am(III) with varying concentrations of the Bz-T-DGA ligands  $L_I$ ,  $L_{II}$ , and  $L_{III}$  from 1.0 M  $\text{HNO}_3$ .

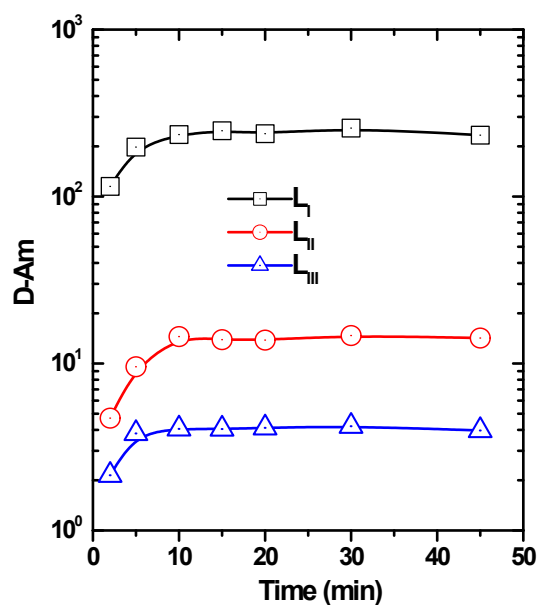
**Table S1** Distribution measurements (*D*-values) by Bz-T-DGA ligands **L<sub>I</sub>**, **L<sub>II</sub>**, and **L<sub>III</sub>** ([ligand]: 1 mmol/L in 95% *n*-dodecane + 5% *iso*-decanol).

[HNO <sub>3</sub> ] (M)	<b>L<sub>I</sub>-Eu</b>	<b>L<sub>I</sub>-Am</b>	<b>L<sub>II</sub>-Eu</b>	<b>L<sub>II</sub>-Am</b>	<b>L<sub>III</sub>-Eu</b>	<b>L<sub>III</sub>-Am</b>
0.1	2.62 ± 0.13	0.10 ± 0.02	1.24 ± 0.05	0.10 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.01*	0.007 ± 0.001*
0.2	5.14 ± 0.22	0.22 ± 0.01	1.62 ± 0.14	0.15 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.05	0.009 ± 0.001
0.5	16.2 ± 1.51	1.14 ± 0.06	3.74 ± 0.24	0.37 ± 0.02	0.15 ± 0.02	0.014 ± 0.01
1	49.4 ± 2.81	5.22 ± 0.08	10.3 ± 1.3	1.32 ± 0.05	0.34 ± 0.01	0.034 ± 0.01
3	396 ± 35	235 ± 19.4	110 ± 5.5	14.3 ± 0.26	32.7 ± 1.65	4.06 ± 0.11
6	670 ± 150	460 ± 110	335 ± 65	43.0 ± 1.6	395 ± 55	61.9 ± 2.54

\*repeat data

**Table S2** Separation factor (SF) data obtained by Bz-T-DGA ligands **L<sub>I</sub>**, **L<sub>II</sub>**, and **L<sub>III</sub>** ([ligand]: 1 mmol/L in 95% *n*-dodecane + 5% *iso*-decanol).

[HNO <sub>3</sub> ] (M)	SF (Eu/Am)		
	<b>L<sub>I</sub></b>	<b>L<sub>II</sub></b>	<b>L<sub>III</sub></b>
0.1	26.2	12.4	16.7
0.2	23.4	10.8	11.7
0.5	14.2	10.1	10.5
1	9.5	7.8	10.0
3	1.7	7.7	8.1
6	1.5	7.8	6.4



**Fig. S2** Kinetics of Am<sup>3+</sup> ion extraction from 3 M HNO<sub>3</sub>; [Ligand]: 1.0 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M, 95% *n*-dodecane + 5% *iso*-decanol.

### Luminescence spectroscopic studies

$$I(t) = A_0 + A_1 \exp(-t/\tau_1) + A_2 \exp(-t_2/\tau_2) + \dots$$

$$I_{\text{LI}}(t) = (8095 \pm 104) \exp(-t/1.33) \text{ with } \chi^2 = 0.9986$$

$$I_{\text{LII}}(t) = (4543 \pm 116) \exp(-t/1.21) \text{ with } \chi^2 = 0.9976$$

$$I_{\text{LIII}}(t) = (3500 \pm 117) \exp(-t/0.607) \text{ with } \chi^2 = 0.9979$$

**Table S3** Photophysical properties of the extracted  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  complexes

Photophysical constants	<b>L<sub>III</sub></b>	<b>L<sub>II</sub></b>	<b>L<sub>I</sub></b>
lifetime (ms)	0.607	1.21	1.33
Number of species	1	1	1
Number of water molecules	1	0	0
Asymmetry factor	3.90	1.805	2.179
$\Omega_2$ ( $10^{-20}$ )	6.37	2.94	4.44
$\Omega_4$ ( $10^{-20}$ )	3.09	1.83	5.23
$\tau_r$ (ms)	3.76	6.18	4.34
$\tau_{nr}$ (ms)	0.73	1.96	1.92
Quantum efficiency ( $\eta$ )	0.16	0.19	0.31
$A_{\text{md}}$ (magnetic dipole transition probability)	42.9	43.2	42.8
$A_{2\text{ed}}$ (electric dipole transition probability)	168	78.1	117
$A_{4\text{ed}}$ (electric dipole transition probability)	39.7	23.6	67
$\beta_1$ (branching ratio)	0.16	0.26	0.19
$\beta_2$ (branching ratio)	0.63	0.48	0.51
$\beta_4$ (branching ratio)	0.15	0.15	0.29

## Computational methods

**Table S4** Quantum chemical descriptors of **L<sub>I</sub>**, **L<sub>II</sub>**, and **L<sub>III</sub>** at the B3LYP/TZVP level of theory

S.No	Complex	$E_{\text{HOMO}}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{LUMO}}$ (eV)	$\Delta E$ (eV)	$\chi$ (eV)	$\eta$ (eV)	$\Delta N$
Gas Phase							
1	<b>L<sub>I</sub></b>	-6.118	-0.374	5.744	3.246	2.872	2.806
2	<b>L<sub>II</sub></b>	-6.495	-2.028	4.467	4.261	2.233	3.111
3	<b>L<sub>III</sub></b>	-6.042	-0.241	5.801	3.141	2.900	2.801
Solvent Phase							
1	<b>L<sub>I</sub></b>	-6.108	-0.352	5.756	3.23	2.878	0.609
2	<b>L<sub>II</sub></b>	-6.536	-1.943	4.593	4.239	2.296	0.574
3	<b>L<sub>III</sub></b>	-6.095	-0.26	5.835	3.177	2.917	0.610

**Table S5** Orbital occupations of ‘Am’ with **L<sub>I</sub>**, **L<sub>II</sub>**, and **L<sub>III</sub>** at the B3LYP/TZVP level of theory

S.No	Complexation	s	p	d	f
1	$(AmL_I(NO_3)_3)_g$	4.15	11.98	10.70	6.15
2	$(Am(L_{II})_2(NO_3)_3)_g$	4.15	11.98	10.73	6.14
3	$(Am(L_{III})_2(NO_3)_3)_g$	4.15	11.98	10.70	6.16