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# The peculiarities of complex formation and energy transfer processes in lanthanide complexes with 2-(tosylamino)benzylidene-N-benzoylhydrazone

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**Abstract:** Depending on the local excess of lanthanide ion (Ln = Lu, Yb, Er, Dy, Tb, Gd, Eu, Nd) or 2-(tosylamino)-benzylidene-*N*-benzoylhydrazone (H<sub>2</sub>L), lanthanide complexes, containing either mono-deprotonated ligand (Ln(HL)<sub>2</sub>X, X = Cl, NO<sub>3</sub>) or both mono- and dideprotonated ligands (Ln(L)(HL)) were preparatively obtained. The crystal structures of Lu(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl, Yb(L)(HL)(HL)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>, Yb(L)(HL)(EtOH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O) and Er(L)(HL), determined by single crystal diffraction data or from powder diffraction data using Rietveld refinement, have shown the surprising resemblance. The studying of luminescence temperature dependence of Eu(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl and Eu(L)(HL) showed that europium luminescence is quenched by thermally-activated <sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub> $\rightarrow$ T<sub>1</sub> energy transfer. The luminescent thermometers based on these complexes demonstrated the sensitivity up to 7.7% at 85K which is the highest value above liquid-nitrogen temperatures obtained to date.

## Absorption spectroscopy

Absorption spectra of the lanthanide complexes in DMSO solution were obtained using singlebeam spectrophotometer SF-2000 (OKB Spectr) (l = 10.0 mm) in the range 250-1000 nm.



Figure 1 Absorption spectrum of Eu(L)(HL) in DMSO

# Diffuse reflection spectroscopy

Diffuse refection spectra were recoded using Perkin Elmer LAMBDA 950 spectrometer in the range 200 – 1150 nm.



Figure 2 The DR spectrum of Yb(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl



Figure 3 The DR spectrum of Yb(L)(HL)



Figure 4 The difference between normalized DR spectra of Yb(L)(HL) and Lu(L)(HL), Gd(L)(HL)



Figure 5 The difference between normalized DR spectra of  $Yb(HL)_2Cl$  and  $Lu(HL)_2Cl$ 

#### Crystallographic data

The single crystal measurements were performed on Bruker APEX II (Mo radiation) and Bruker APEX II DUO (Cu radiation, microfocus source, used for Yb(L)(HL)(EtOH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)) CCD diffractometers. All single crystal structures were solved using SHELXT [1] and refined using SHELXL [2,3].

Structure for Er(L)(HL) was determined form powder data. The diffraction pattern was collected using Cu K $\alpha^1$  radiation on a Bruker D8 Advance Vario powder diffractometer equipped with a Ge(111) monochromator and a LynxEye 1D silicon strip detector. The powder pattern was indexed using the SVD-Index algorithm[4] as implemented in TOPAS 5[5]. The structure was solved by Parallel Tempering as implemented in FOX[6] using two rigid bodies with torsions allowed to vary, one corresponding to a free ligand and the other consisting of a ligand linked by two nitrogen atoms to the metal atom. Further refinement was carried out in TOPAS 5, with restraints on all covalent bonds and bond angles between non-metal atoms. A weighting scheme by Toraya[7] with e=3.5 was used during refinement for optimal treatment of weaker reflections. The refinement was restraint-consistent[8] with half uncertainty window HUW=0.08(4) indicating a highly reliable structural model.

The final refined unit cell parameters and refinement indicators for Er(L)(HL) at K<sub>1</sub> = 8 (root mean square deviation from restraints on bond lengths of 0.0054 Å) are as follows **Ошибка! Источник ссылки не найден.**: C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>35</sub>ErN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (M =951.16 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c (no. 14), a = 18.8998(3) Å, b = 9.85077(15) Å, c = 25.1072(4) Å,  $\beta = 122.4174(9)^{\circ}$ , V = 3945.95(11) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $R_{wp} = 3.44\%$ ,  $R'_{wp} = 5.10\%$ ,  $R_p = 3.49\%$ ,  $R'_p = 4.31\%$ ,  $R_{Bragg} = 2.30\%$ .



Figure 6 The Rietveld fit for Er(L)(HL).

Identification code	Lu(HL) <sub>2</sub> Cl	Er(L)(HL)	Yb(L)(HL)(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)	Yb(L)(HL)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>			
Empirical formula	$C_{42}H_{36}ClN_6O_6S_2Yb$	$C_{42}H_{35}ErN_6O_6S_2$	$C_{46}H_{49}N_6O_9S_2Yb$	$C_{42}H_{39}N_6O_8S_2Yb$			
Formula weight	993.38	951.16	1067.07	992.95			
Temperature/K	120	298	120	100			
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclynic	triclinic	triclinic			
Space group	P-1	$P2_1/c$	P-1	P-1			
a/Å	10.6091(7)	18.90072	10.7608(6)	12.530(3)			
b/Å	11.4231(7)	9.851312	12.5093(7)	15.640(3)			
c/Å	17.4138(11)	25.10557	17.4399(10)	22.612(5)			
α/°	87.312(2)	90	77.5710(10)	103.12(3)			
β/°	73.030(2)	122.4146	83.1210(10)	101.74(3)			
γ/°	85.7230(10)	90	75.2430(10)	93.34(3)			
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2012.1(2)	3946.239	2211.7(2)	4200.2(16)			
Z	2	4	2	4			
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.640	1.601	1.602	1.570			
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.551	5.368	2.273	5.544			
F(000)	994.0	-	1082.0	1996.0			
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.21 \times 0.2 \times 0.15$	-	$0.13 \times 0.12 \times 0.1$	$0.06 \times 0.05 \times 0.04$			
Radiation	MoKα ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)	$CuK\alpha \sim 1 \sim (\lambda = 1.540596)$	MoKα ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)	CuKa ( $\lambda$ = 1.54178)			
2O range for data collection/°	3.576 to 52.742	-	3.788 to 56.562	4.116 to 135.786			
Index ranges	$-13 \le h \le 13, -13 \le k \le 14, -21 \le l \le 21$	-	$-14 \le h \le 14, -16 \le k \le 16, -23 \le l \le 23$	$-14 \le h \le 12, -18 \le k \le 18, -27 \le l \le 25$			
Reflections collected	20050	-	26258	42661			
Independent reflections	8227 [ $R_{int} = 0.0546$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0775$ ]	-	10988 [ $\mathbf{R}_{int} = 0.0630, \mathbf{R}_{sigma} = 0.0900$ ]	14318 [ $R_{int} = 0.0621$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0651$ ]			
Data/restraints/parameters	8227/2/533	-	10988/3/597	14318/160/1121			
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.045	-	0.984	1.027			
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0447, wR_2 = 0.0804$	-	$R_1 = 0.0431, wR_2 = 0.0806$	$R_1 = 0.0620, wR_2 = 0.1558$			
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0651, wR_2 = 0.0874$	-	$R_1 = 0.0618, wR_2 = 0.0859$	$R_1 = 0.0929, wR_2 = 0.1757$			
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.77/-1.14	-	1.55/-1.25	2.36/-0.63			

Table 1	(	<sup>r</sup> rystal da	ta and structure	refinement fo	or L 11	$(HI)_{2}C1$	Fr(I)	$(\mathbf{HI})$	Yh(I)	HI	$C_2H_4$	(OH)	$(H_{2})$	) 7	$(\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{I}))$	$(\mathbf{HI})$	$(H_2O)_2$	,
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## Thermal analysis

Thermal analysis was carried out on a thermoanalyzer STA 409 PC Luxx (NETZSCH, Germany) in the temperature range of 20-1000 °C in argon atmosphere, heating rate 10 °/min.



Figure 7 Thermal analysis of the complexes

### XRD powder diffraction patterns

X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) measurements were performed on a Rigaku D/MAX 2500 diffractometer in the 20 range 5–80° with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54046$  Å) and on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer (Vario geometry) equipped with a Cu K $\alpha$ 1 Ge(111) focusing monochromator and a LynxEye one-dimensional position-sensitive detector. The powder X-ray diffraction patterns were indexed using TOPAS 5.0 software.



Figure 8 XRD patterns of Lu(L)(HL)



Figure 9 XRD patterns of Yb(L)(HL). The sample was not grinned that leaded to the preferential crystals orientations.







Figure 11 XRS patterns of Tb(L)(HL)



Figure 12 XRD patterns of Gd(L)(HL)







Figure 14 XRD patterns of Lu(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl







Figure 16 XRS patterns of Er(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl. Contains impurities of KCl.







Figure 18 XRD patterns of Eu(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl



Figure 19 XRD patterns of Nd(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl

### Integration of europium luminescence



Figure 20 The integration of europium luminescence in the luminescence spectra of Eu(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl at 167K. The bold curve is complex luminescence, the red curve is fitting of the organic luminescence.

The organic part of luminescence was fitted with B-spline function. The bands of  ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{J}$  (J = 1-4) transitions were integrated with the fitted organic luminescence as a baseline (see Figure 20 as an example) and summarized to give the integrated europium luminescence intensity. The same procedure was run for the spectra of Eu(L)(HL) in the range 77-200 K and Eu(HL)<sub>2</sub>Cl in the range 77-240 K, where europium luminesce could still be observed. The integration were made using Origin Pro 9.0 software.

# IR spectroscopy

IR spectra in the ATR mode were recorded on a spectrometer SpectrumOne (Perkin-Elmer) in the region of 400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure 21 The IR spectra of the complexes

## Luminescence spectra with time delay

Luminescence spectra with time delay were measured using Fluorolog 3 spectrofluorometer.



Figure 22 The luminescence spectra of Gd(L)(HL) in powder at 77K without time delay (black) and with 50  $\mu$ s time delay (red)



Figure 23 The luminescence spectra of  $Gd(HL)_2(NO_3)$  in powder at 77K without time delay (black) and with 30  $\mu$ s time delay (red)

The coordination environment of lanthanide ion



Figure 24 The coordination environment of metal ion in a)  $Lu(HL)_2Cl$ , b) Er(L)(HL), c)  $Yb(L)(HL)(EtOH)_2(H_2O)$ , d)  $Yb(L)(HL)(H_2O)_2$ . Oxygen atoms are red, nitrogen atoms are blue.

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