

# Supporting Information

## Curium(III) citrate speciation in biological systems: An europium(III) assisted spectroscopic and quantum chemical study

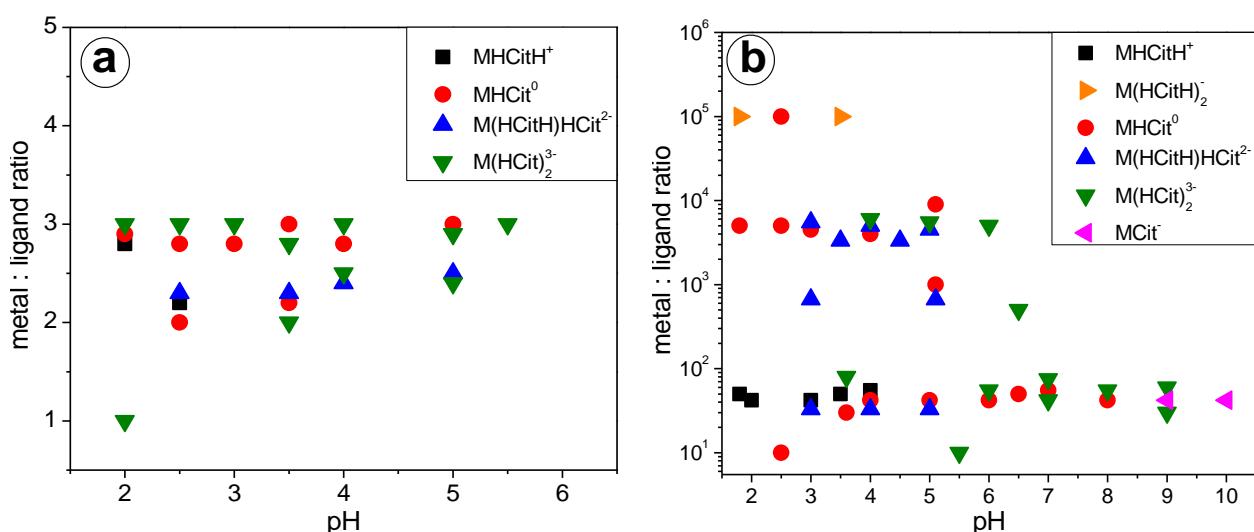
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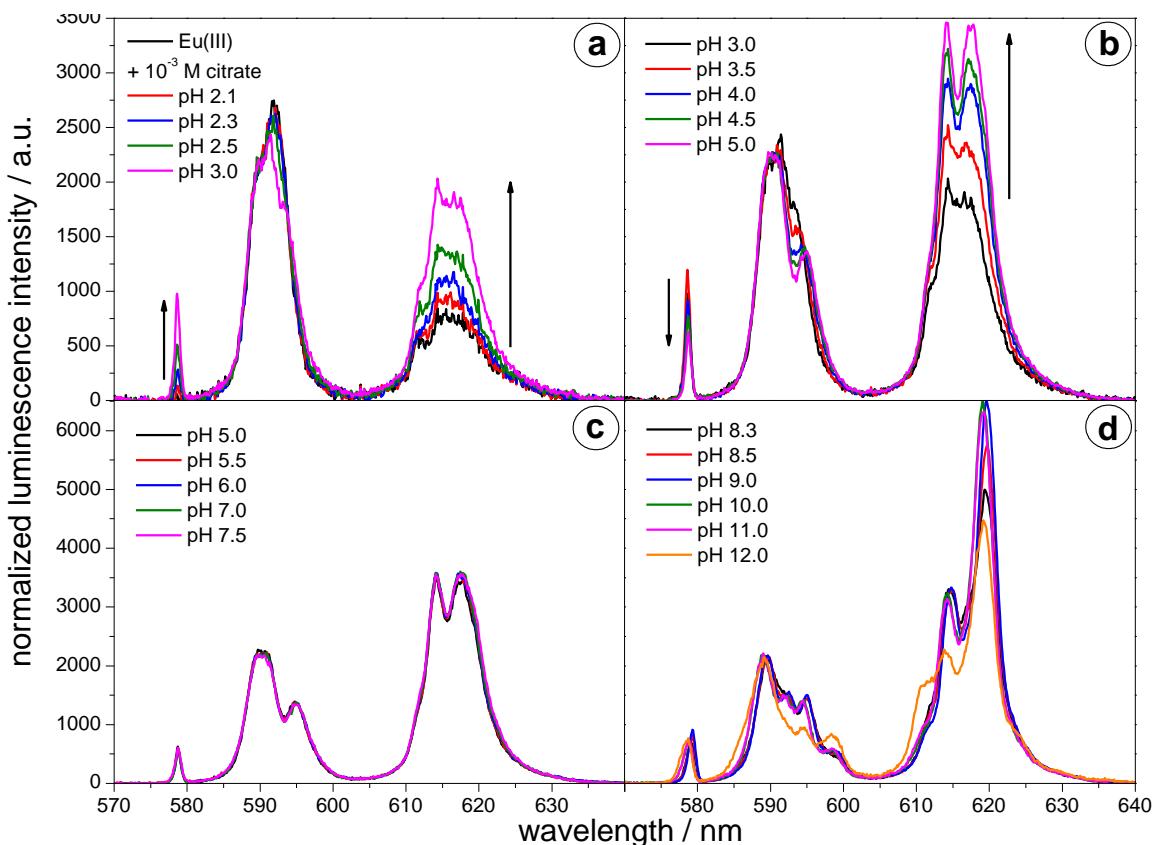
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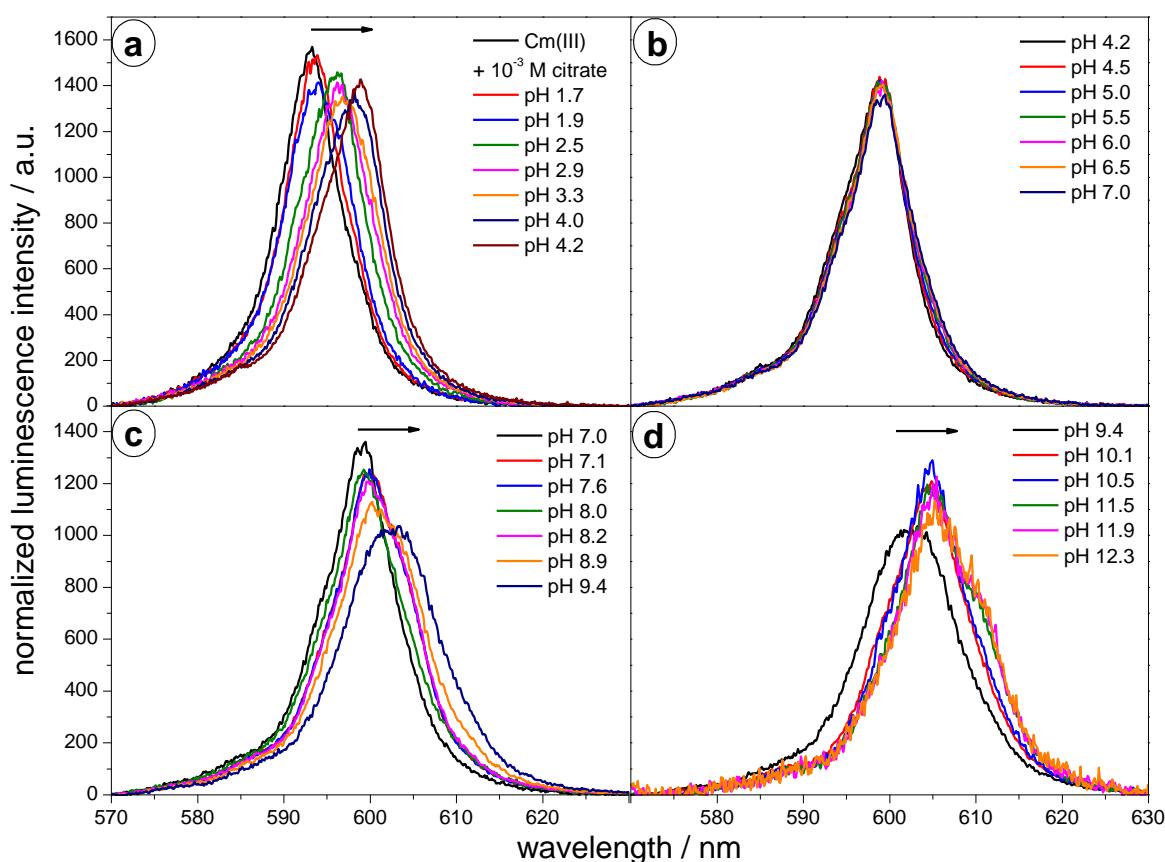
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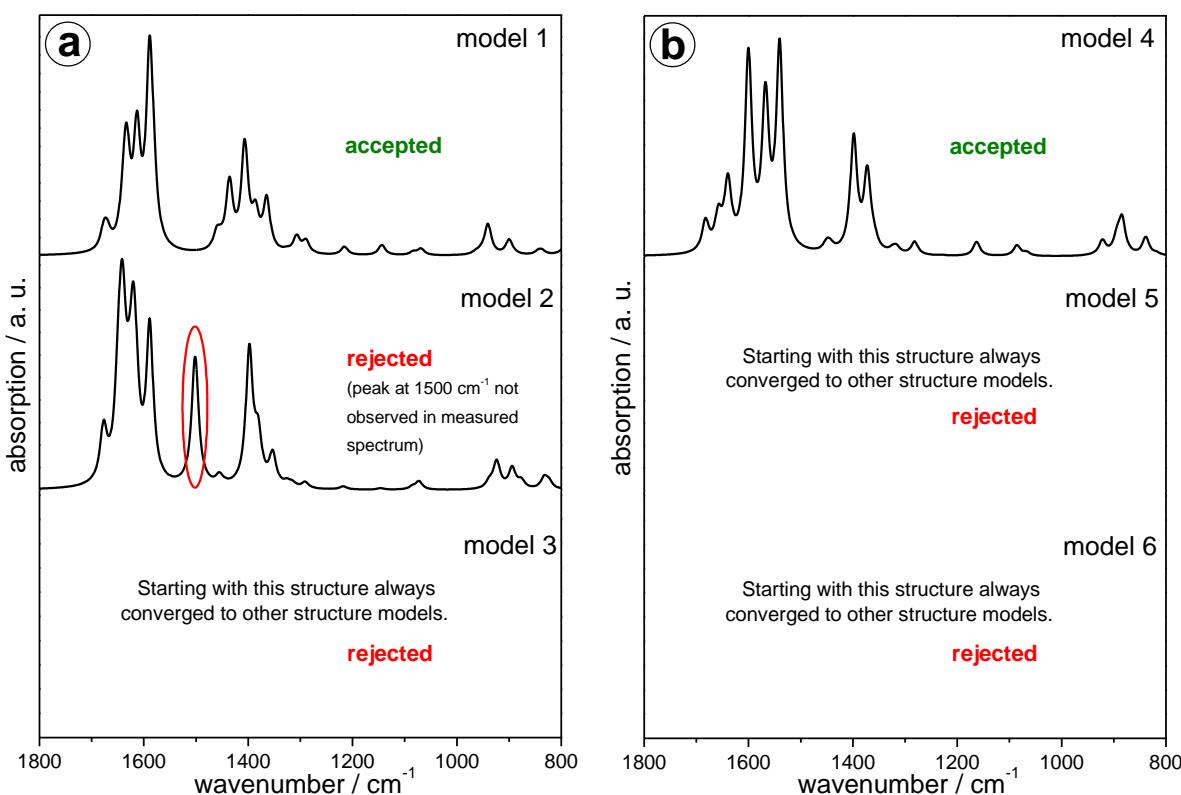
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complex	metal	method <sup>a</sup>	ionic strength / M	log K <sup>b</sup>	reference <sup>c</sup>
MHCit <sup>0</sup>	Eu	TRLFS	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	7.5 ± 0.2	p.w.
		SOLVEX	0.1	7.4	4
		SOLVEX	0.1	7.75 ± 0.08	7
		SOLVEX	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	7.78 ± 0.06	10
		POT	0.1 (KNO <sub>3</sub> )	7.98 ± 0.03	8
	Cm	TRLFS	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	7.4 ± 0.2	p.w.
		SOLVEX	0.1	7.6	4
		SOLVEX	0.1	7.74 ± 0.08	7
		SOLVEX	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	7.69 ± 0.07	10
		SOLVEX	0.1	7.6	4
Am	Am	SOLVEX	0.1	7.74 ± 0.08	7
		SOLVEX	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	7.64 ± 0.06	10
		SOLVEX	0.1 (NaCl)	6.74 ± 0.08	3
		SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	8.0	5
		POT	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	8.69	5
	Eu	UV/VIS	1.0 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	6.96 ± 0.06	2
		TRLFS	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	10.8 ± 0.5	p.w.
		SOLVEX	0.1	13.6	4
		SOLVEX	0.1	10.25 ± 0.1	7
		SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.11	9
M(HCitH)HCit <sup>2-</sup>	Cm	TRLFS	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.0 ± 0.3	p.w.
		SOLVEX	0.1	13.4	4
		SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	10.69 ± 0.2	6
		SOLVEX	0.1	10.24 ± 0.1	7
		Am	SOLVEX	0.1	13.4
	Am	SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	10.76 ± 0.2	6
		SOLVEX	0.1	10.24 ± 0.1	7
		SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	10.6	5
		POT	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	13.25	5
		Eu	TRLFS	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.4 ± 0.4
M(HCit) <sub>2</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	Cm	SOLVEX	0.1	10.95 ± 0.2	7
		SOLVEX	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.12 ± 0.07	10
		POT	0.1 (KNO <sub>3</sub> )	12.84 ± 0.07	8
		TRLFS	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.3 ± 0.7	p.w.
		SOLVEX	0.1	10.94 ± 0.2	7
	Am	SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.93 ± 0.2	6
		SOLVEX	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.94 ± 0.07	10
		SOLVEX	0.1	10.94 ± 0.2	7
		SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	12.16 ± 0.2	6
		SOLVEX	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	11.89 ± 0.06	10
MCit <sup>-</sup>	Am	SOLVEX	0.1 (NaCl)	11.55 ± 0.08	3
		SOLVEX	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	12.1	5
		POT	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	14.29	5
		UV/VIS	1.0 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	10.3 ± 0.2	2
M(Cit) <sub>2</sub> <sup>5-</sup>	Eu	POT	0.1 (LiClO <sub>4</sub> )	10.53	5
		UV/VIS	1.0 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	12.95 ± 0.02	2
		TRLFS	0.1 (NaClO <sub>4</sub> )	21.0 ± 0.2	p.w.

<sup>a</sup> TRLFS = Time-Resolved Laser-Induced Fluorescence Spectroscopy, SOLVEX = Solvent Extraction, POT = Potentiometric Titration. <sup>b</sup> log K-values corresponding to equations 5 – 8 from the original paper. <sup>c</sup> p.w. = present work

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