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Abstract Body: Nuclear magnetic resonance has very rarely been used for investigating actinide ions and their complexes not only because of the lack of dedicated spectrometers but also because it is often assumed that paramagnetism cause excessive line broadenings. It will be shown that well-resolved NMR spectra of actinide complexes (U-Cm) can be obtained for stable, symmetric and rigid species. The induced paramagnetic shifts originate from both a through space dipolar contribution and a through bonds contact contribution. The latter gives access to delocalized unpaired electron densities that are directly related to the covalency of the actinide-ligand bonds. However, electron densities can only be obtained after separation of the two contributions. This has been accomplished thanks to variable temperature studies. In another approach, new ligands with rigid aliphatic substituents have been synthesized and contact contributions were deduced with the assumption that delocalization does not proceed to the ¹H nuclei most removed from the metal center. Covalency effects in lanthanide and actinide complexes will be compared and it will be shown that Cm(III) induces particularly large contact shifts

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