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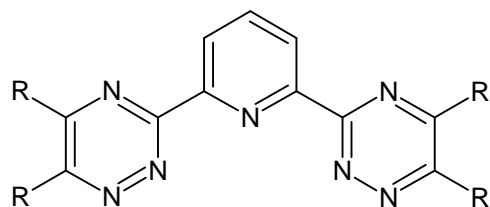
# **Studies on the Interaction of a Novel 6,6''- bis(1,2,4-triazin-3-yl)-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine Ligand with Lanthanide(III) Ions and Americium(III)**

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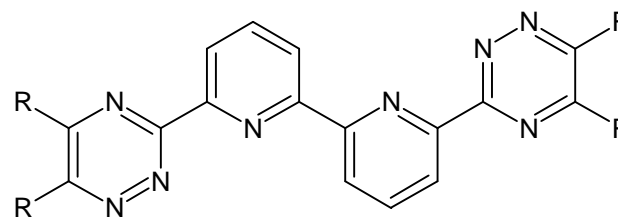
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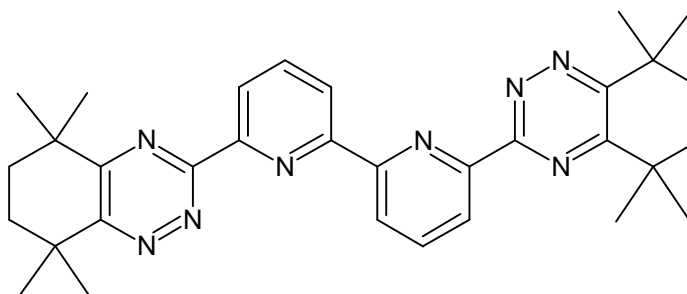
# Introduction



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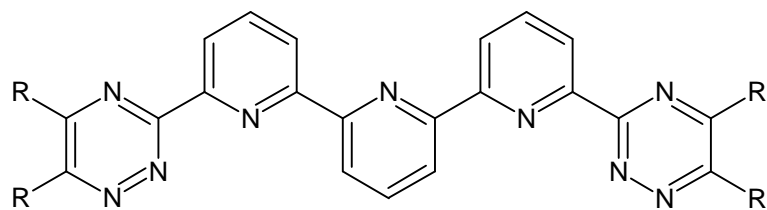


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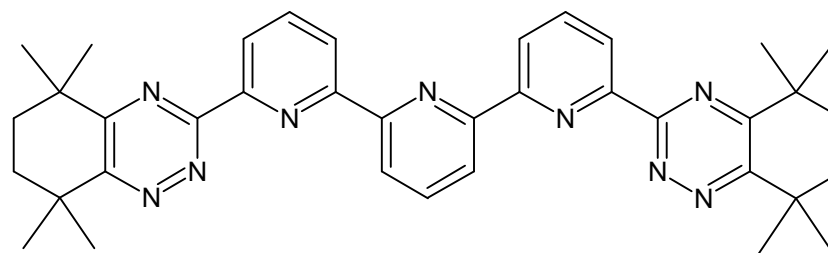
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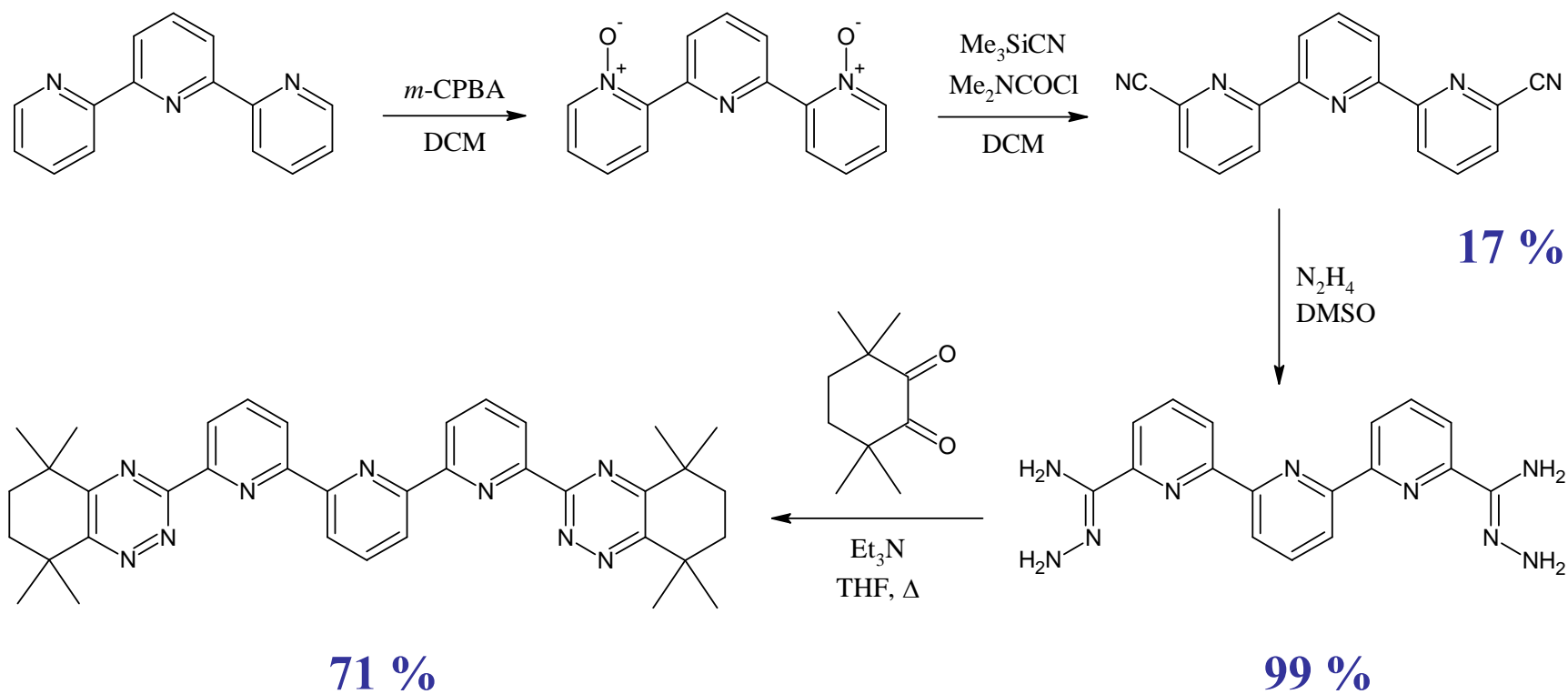
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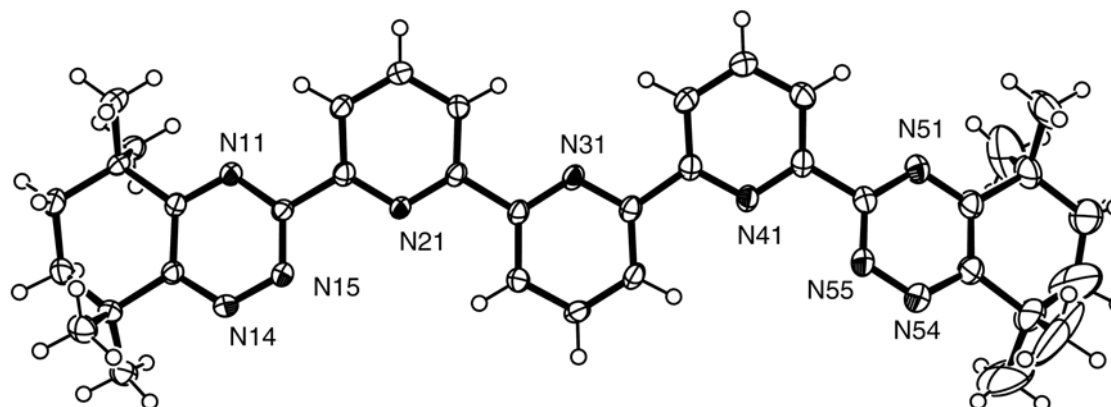


# Synthesis of CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP





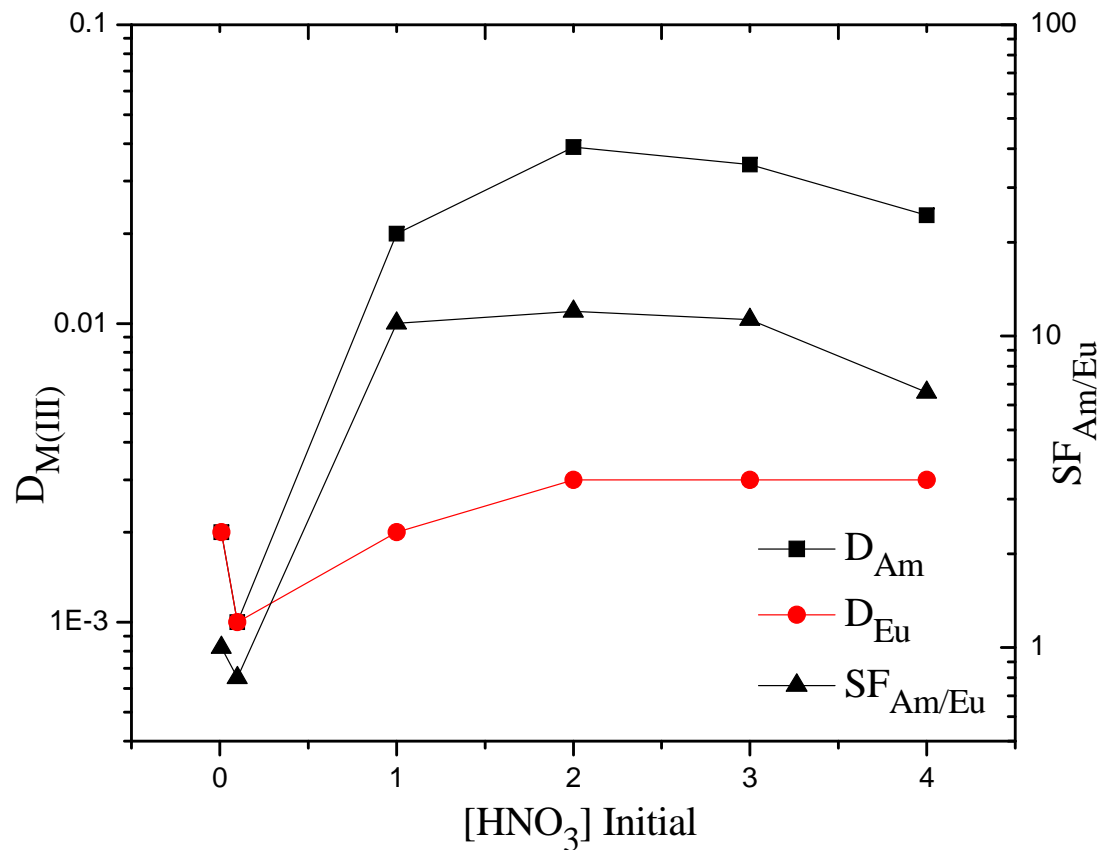
# X-Ray Crystal Structure of CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP



*cis – trans – trans - cis* arrangement of donor atoms



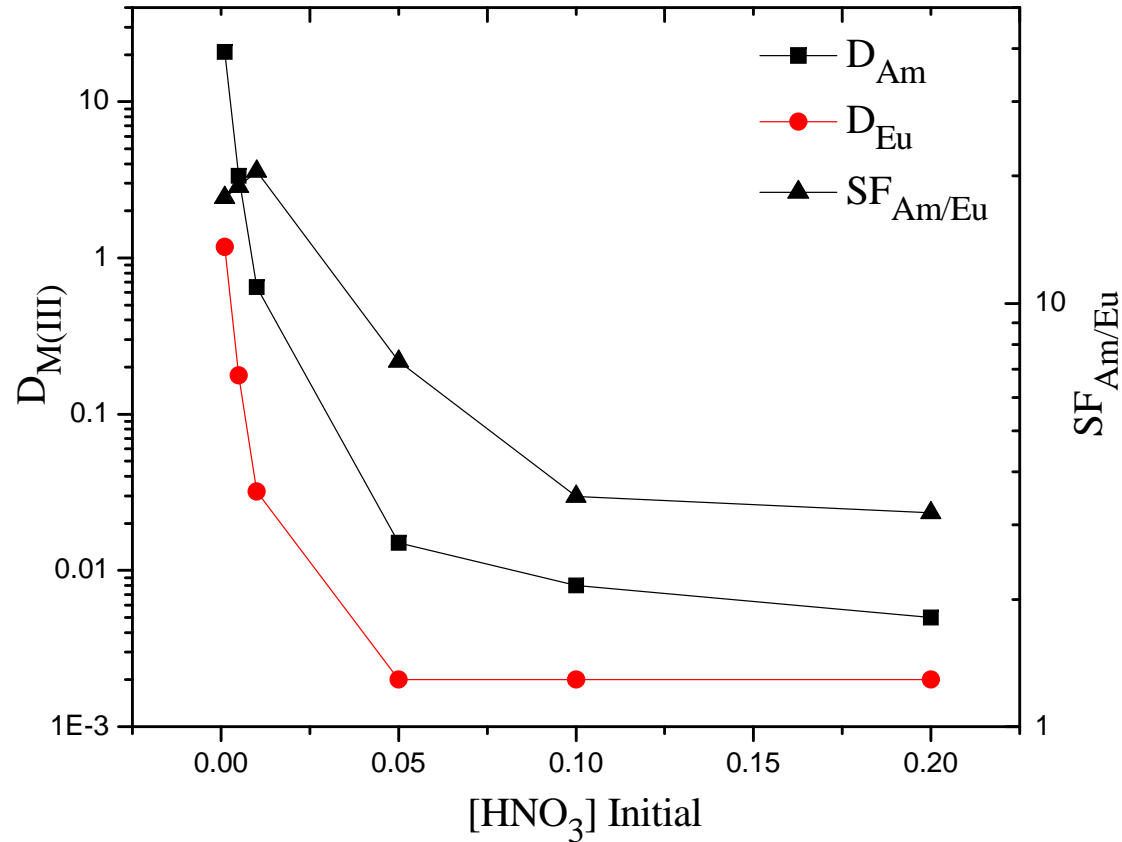
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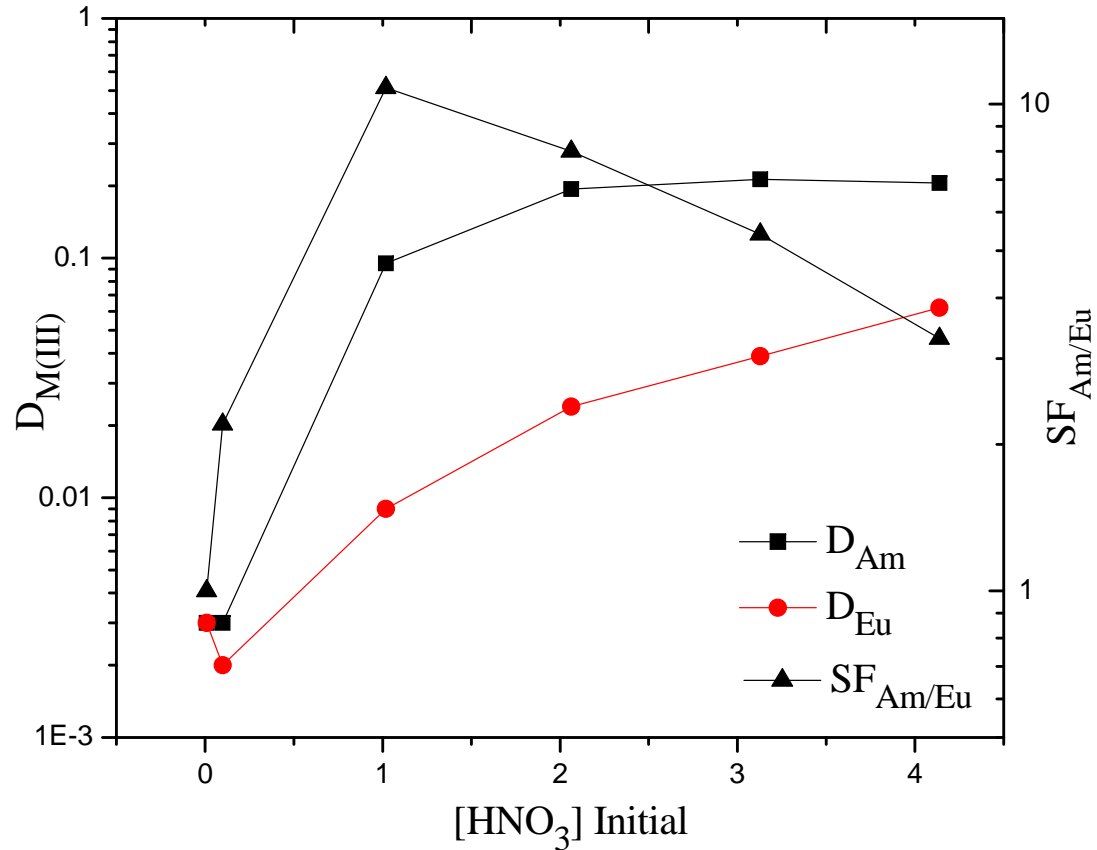
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Extraction of Am(III) and Eu(III) from HNO<sub>3</sub> by CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP (0.01 M) + 2-bromohexanoic acid (1 M) in 1-octanol



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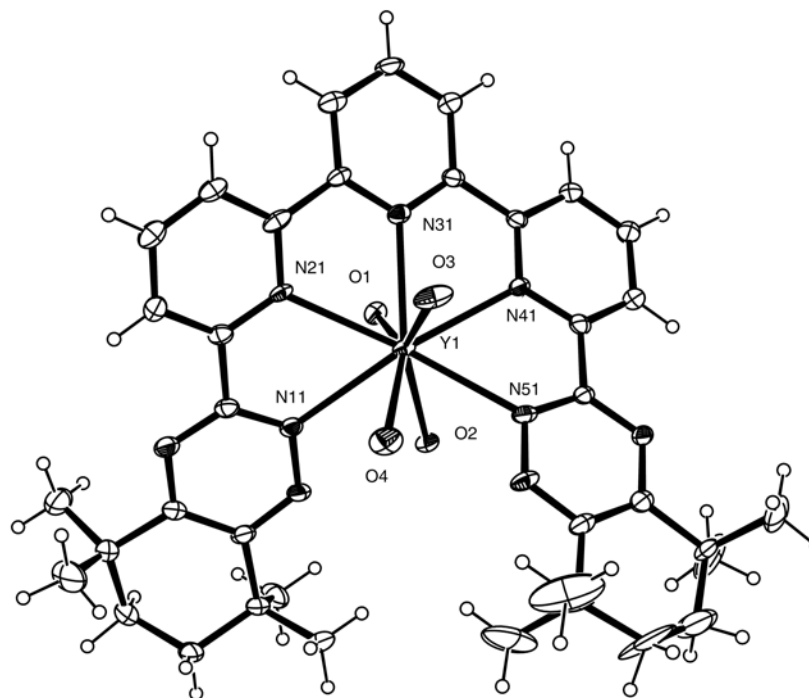


Extraction of Am(III) and Eu(III) from HNO<sub>3</sub>  
 by CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP (0.01 M) + DMDOHEMA  
 (0.25 M) in 1-octanol



# Metal Complexes of CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP

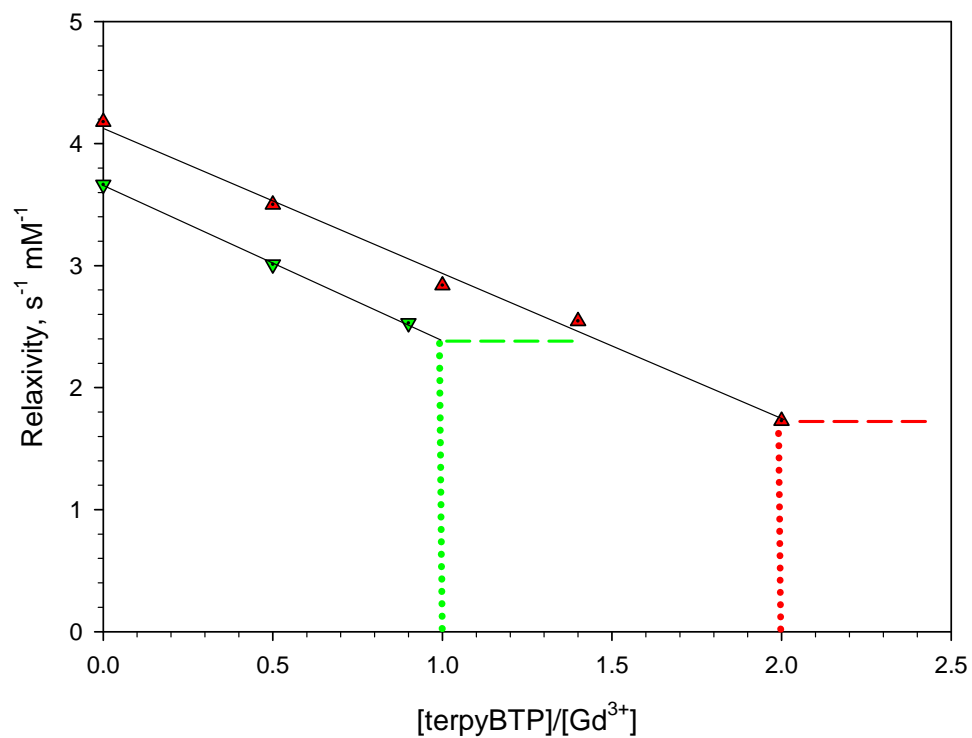
Yttrium(III)  
complex:



CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP (1 eq) + Y(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (0.5 eq)  
in DCM/CH<sub>3</sub>CN



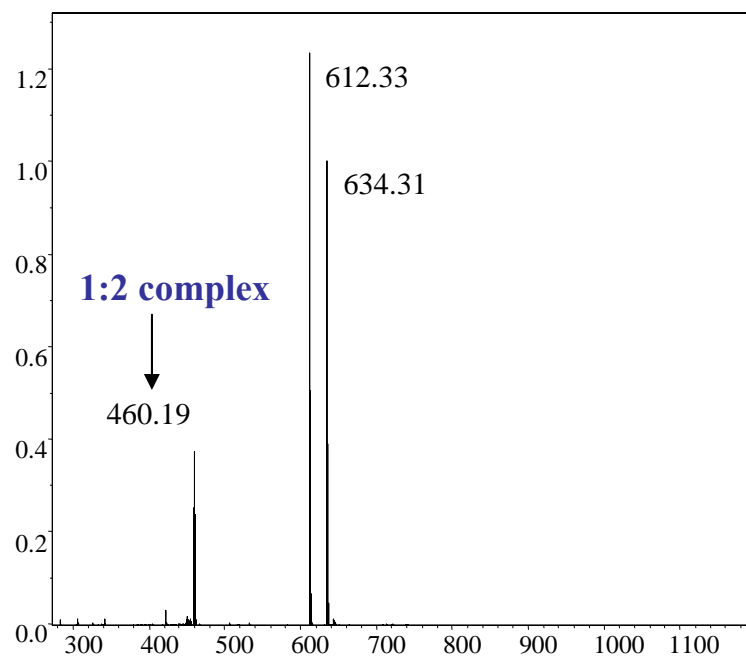
# Solution-Phase NMR Studies of Lanthanide Complexes



**Nuclear Magnetic Relaxation Dispersion Titration of Gd<sup>3+</sup> by CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP in anhydrous CD<sub>3</sub>CN (▲ = perchlorate salt, ▼ = nitrate salt)**



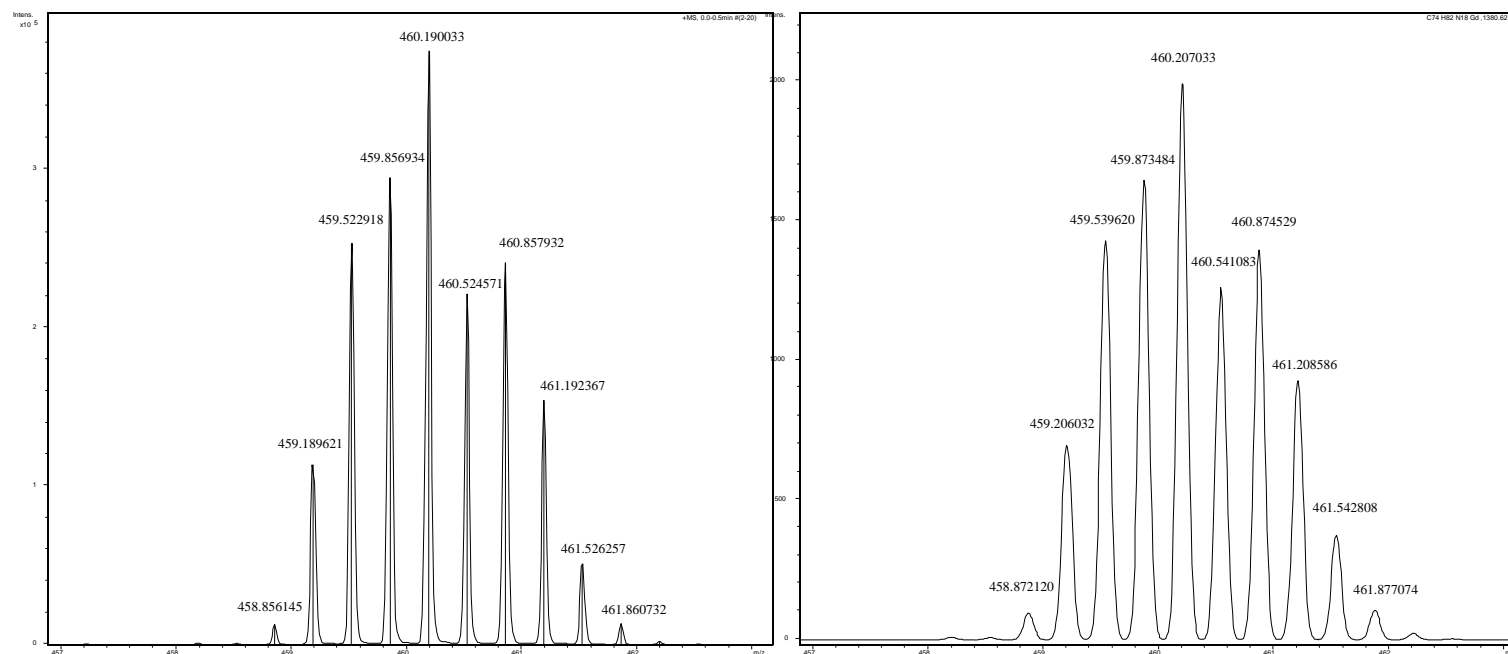
# Mass Spectrometry Studies of Lanthanide Complexes



Electrospray Mass Spectrum of a  $\text{CyMe}_4\text{-BTTP}:\text{Gd}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$  mixture (2.5:1 ratio)



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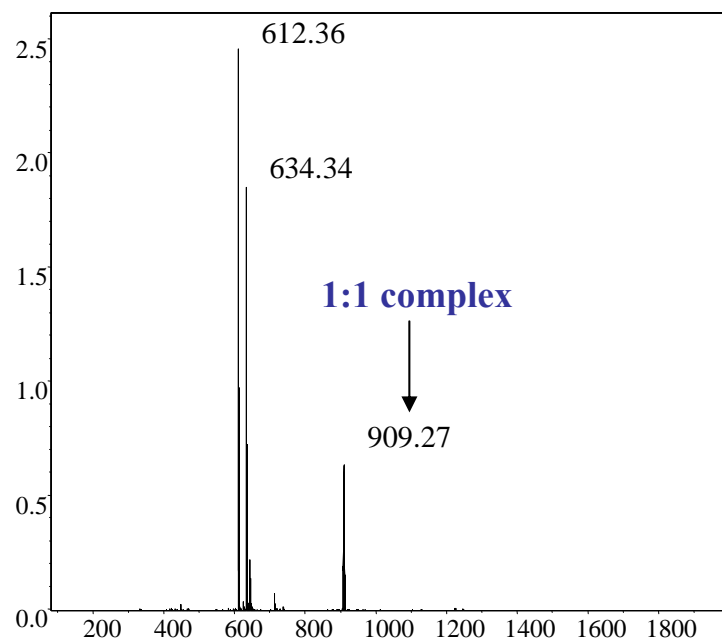


Expanded view of the mass peak at  $m/z = 460.19$

Computer simulation of the isotope distribution pattern of  $Gd(CyMe_4-BTTP)_2^{3+}$



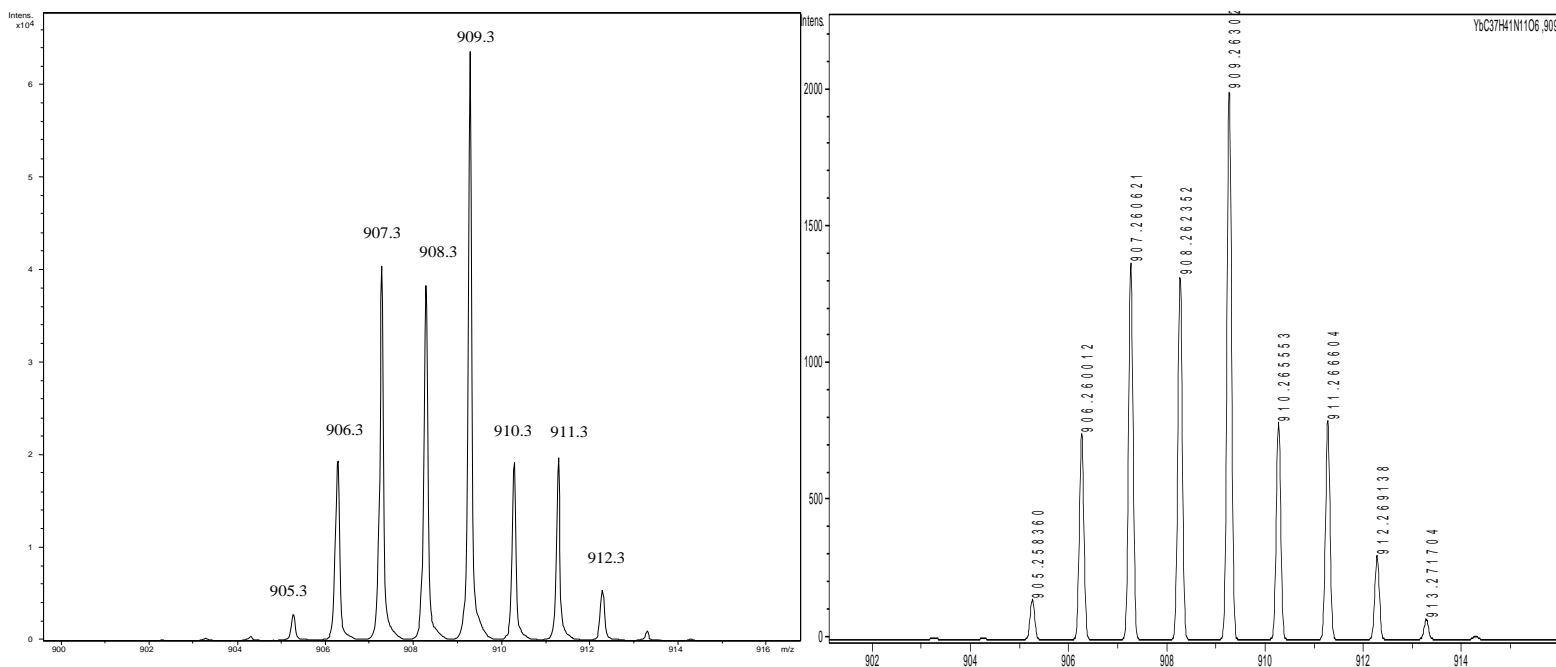
# Mass Spectrometry Studies of Lanthanide Complexes



Electrospray Mass Spectrum of a  $\text{CyMe}_4\text{-BTTP}:\text{Yb}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  mixture (1:1 ratio)



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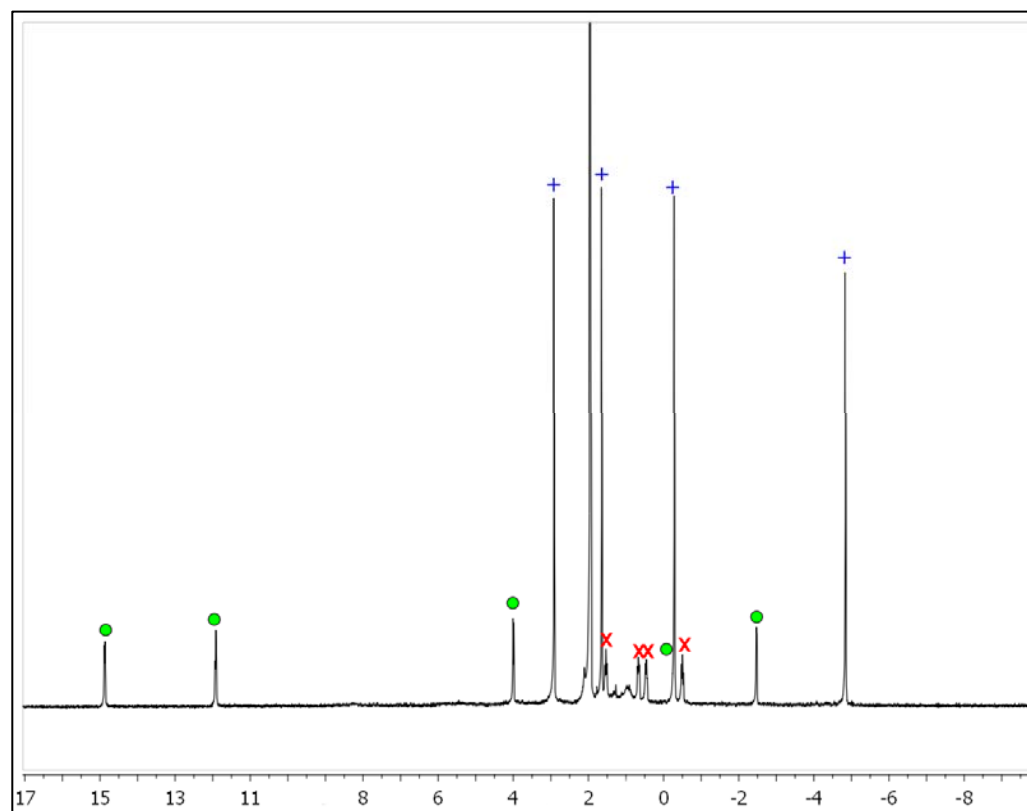
Expanded view of the mass peak at  $m/z = 909.27$

Computer simulation of the isotope distribution pattern of  $[\text{Yb}(\text{CyMe}_4\text{-BTTP})(\text{NO}_3)_2]^+$



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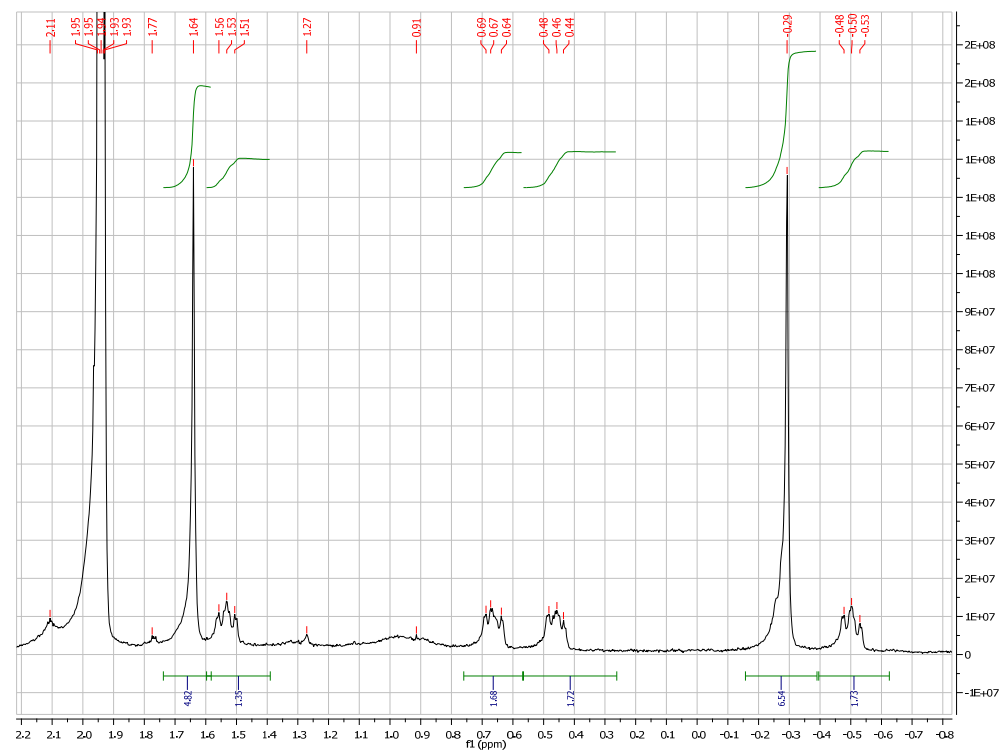
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of a 2:1 mixture of  $\text{CyMe}_4\text{-BTTP}$  and  $\text{Eu}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$  in anhydrous  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  at 25 °C



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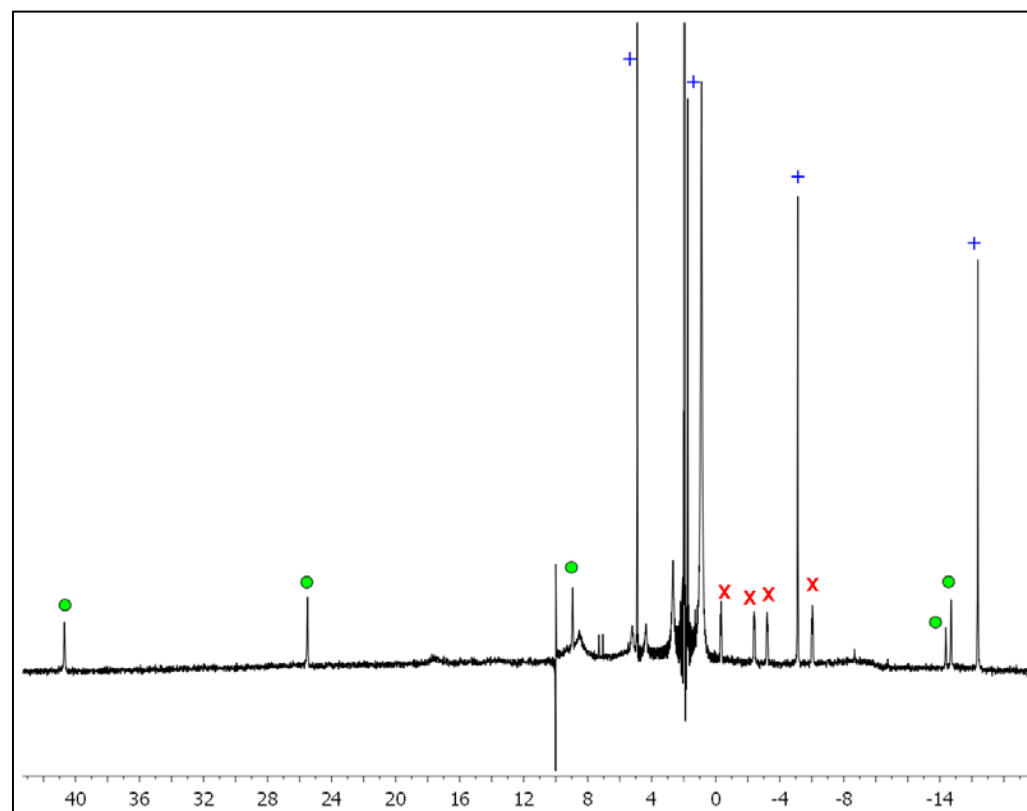


Expanded view of the methylene resonances in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of a 2:1 mixture of  $\text{CyMe}_4\text{-BTTP}$  and  $\text{Eu}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$



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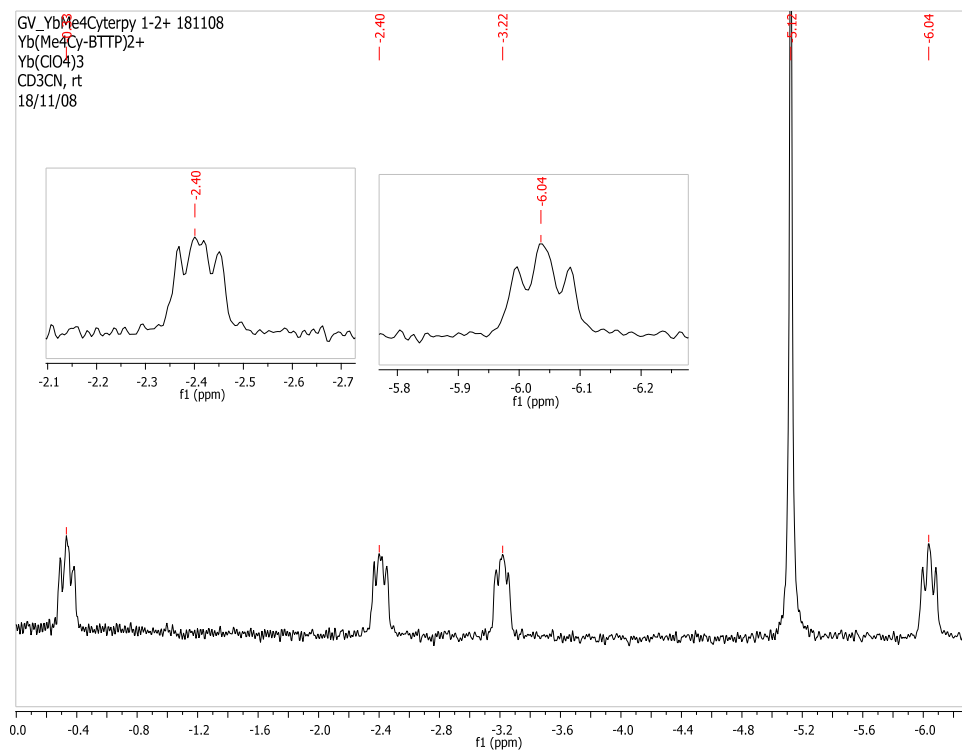
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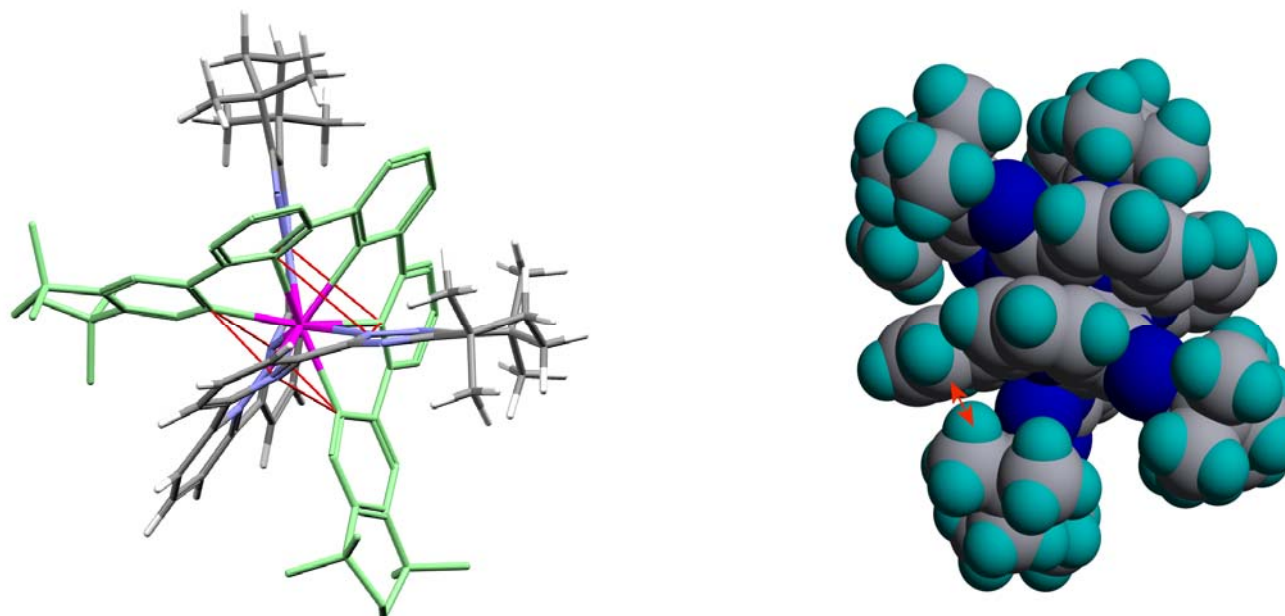
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## Optimized Solution Structure of Ytterbium bis-Complex



Two views of the optimized structure of  $\text{Yb}(\text{CyMe}_4\text{-BTTP})_2^{3+}$  obtained by force-field calculations. The two square faces of the square antiprism are shown in red.



# Optimized Solution Structure of Ytterbium bis-Complex

Induced paramagnetic shifts calculated from:

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{12\pi r^3} \left[ \left( \chi_{zz} - \frac{1}{2}(\chi_{xx} + \chi_{yy}) \right) \langle 3\cos^2 \theta_i - 1 \rangle + (\chi_{xx} - \chi_{yy}) \langle \sin^2 \theta_i \cos 2\psi_i \rangle \right]$$

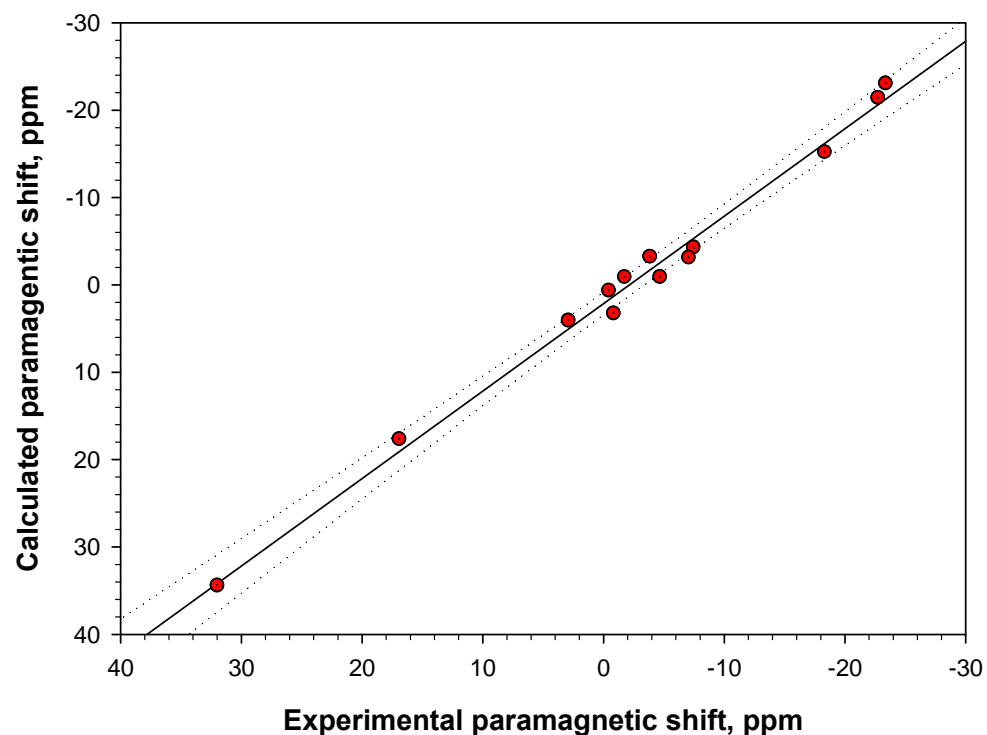
$\delta_i$  = induced paramagnetic shift of nucleus i

$\chi_{xx}$ ,  $\chi_{yy}$  and  $\chi_{zz}$  = magnetic susceptibility terms

$r_i$ ,  $\theta_i$  and  $\psi_i$  = polar coordinates of proton i



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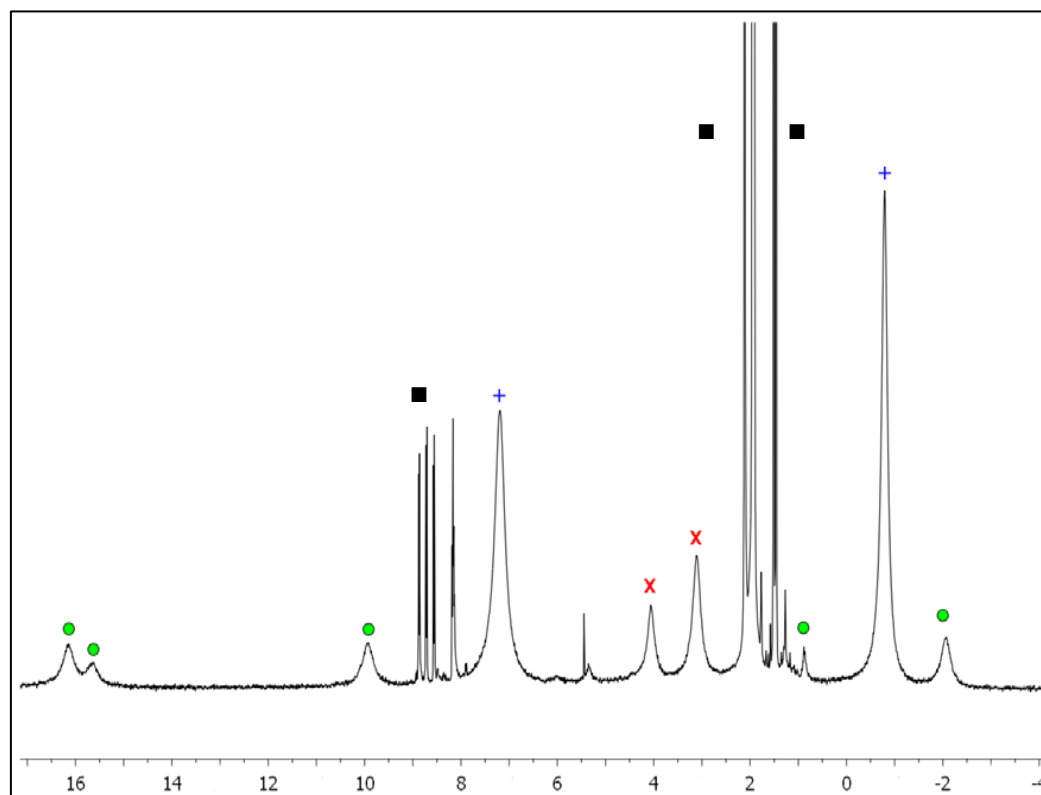


Correlation between the calculated and experimental paramagnetic shifts in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Yb}(\text{CyMe}_4\text{-BTTP})_2(\text{ClO}_4)_3]$ . 99 % intervals indicated by dotted lines.



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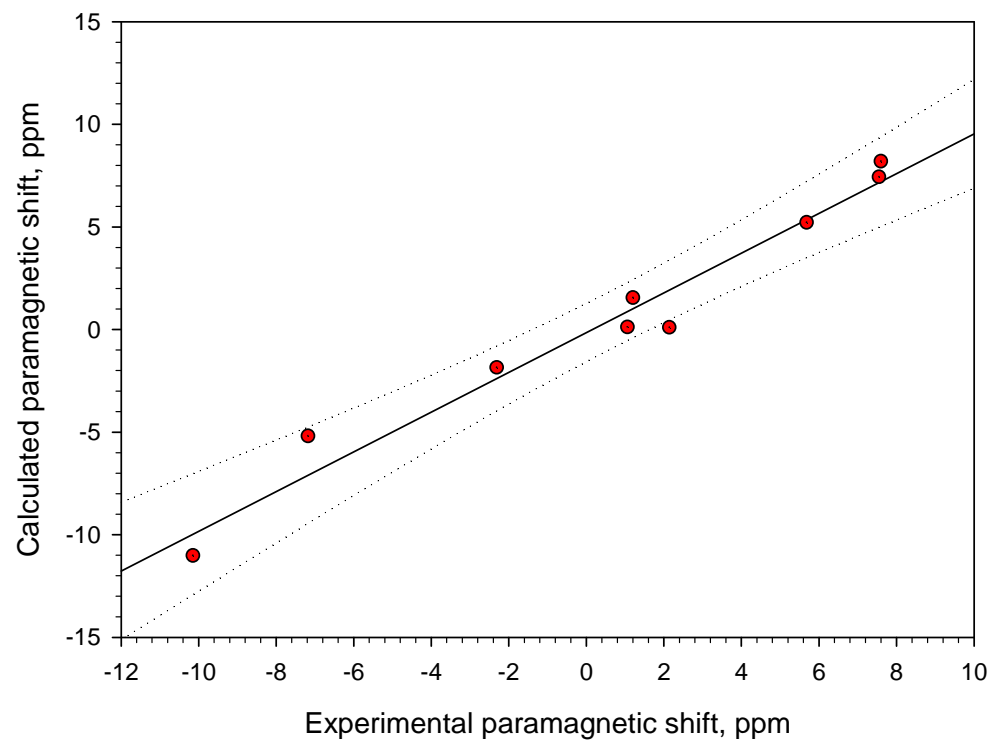
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# Optimized Solution Structure of Ytterbium mono-Complex



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## Conclusions

- Low DAM values but good separation factors (SF<sub>Am/Eu</sub>) are observed for CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP in 1-octanol.
- Higher DAM values obtained with 2-bromohexanoic acid at low acidity.
- With lanthanide perchlorates, CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP forms highly-crowded 1:2 complexes - aliphatic rings conformationally immobile.
- With lanthanide nitrates, CyMe<sub>4</sub>-BTTP forms less crowded 1:1 complexes – aliphatic rings conformationally mobile.
- Nitrate ions compete with the ligand for coordination sites on the metal – less hydrophobic 1:1 complexes.
- Solution structure of 1:2 complex with Yb(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> determined – metal adopts bicapped square antiprism geometry.



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