## Luminescent Lanthanide Metal Organic Frameworks as chemosensing platforms towards agrochemicals and cations

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Section 2: Synthesis procedures.

The sensor materials were obtained as crystalline solids under solvothermal conditions using 43 or 120 mL Teflon-lined Parr reactors. The solid reactants and solvents were used as received without purification from Sigma-Aldrich [4,4'-bipyridine, Eu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, Tb(NO3)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O, UO<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, CuCl<sub>2</sub>, MnCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O, toluene, N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF), 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid (H<sub>3</sub>BTC, H<sub>6</sub>C<sub>9</sub>O<sub>6</sub>), 4,4'-biphenyldicarboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>BPDC, H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>14</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), 2-phenylsuccinate acid (H<sub>2</sub>PSA, H<sub>10</sub>C<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), thriethylamine (TEA)] and Merck (Ethanol). The agrochemicals were used as received from Sigma-Aldrich, without further purification.

 $[Eu_2(C_{10}H_8O_4)_3(H_2O)]$  (Eu-PSA or Tb-PSA). The crystalline powders were obtained under solvothermal synthesis according with the procedure previously reported (Reference 28 in main manuscript): shortly, both compounds were synthesized by dissolving 1 mmol of H<sub>2</sub>PSA (0.194 g) and the lanthanide salts (chlorides or nitrates, 1 mmol) in a mixture of 30 mL of distilled water and 30 mL of EtOH adjusting the pH to 4.5 with 1 mmol of 4,4'-bipyridine. The mixtures were heated at 160 °C for 72 h.

 $[Eu_2(C_{14}H_8O_4)_3(H_2O)_2]$ .DMF (**Eu-BPDC**). The compound was obtained according to the procedure previously reported with minimal modifications (Reference 29 in main manuscript): 0.1 mmol of Eu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.043 g), 0.05 mmol of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Y. Cui, Y. Yue, G. Qian, B. Chen, Chem. Soc. Rev., 2012, 112(2), 1126-1162.

 $H_2BPDC$  (0.012 g) were dissolved in a mixture of 10 mL of DMF and 2 mL of EtOH. One drop of TEA was added and left undisturbed at 60 °C for 8 days instead of 15 days, giving rise to needle-shaped colorless crystals.

 $[Eu_2(C_9H_3O_4)_3(H_2O)]$ ·DMF (Eu-BTC). The compound was solvothermally obtained by mixing 0.33 mmol of  $Eu(NO_3)_3$ ·5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.141 g) and 0.33 mmol of H<sub>3</sub>BTC (0.07 g) in 10 mL of DMF at 85 °C for 6 days (Reference 30 in main manuscript).

After cooling the mixture, all the crystalline products were washed with water/ethanol mixtures.

Afterwards, the powder samples were characterized by powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), with the purpose of verifying the presence of the required MOF phase, by comparison of the experimental and simulated PXRD profile (see Supp. Mater. section 3).

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Section 6: Vibrational studies and thermal activation process.

Trough vibrational characterization, it was possible to identify bands related to the asymmetric and symmetric modes of carboxylate groups (1581-1412 cm<sup>-1</sup> in **Eu-BPDC** and 1566-1381 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **Eu-BTC**), coordinated water (3417 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **Eu-BPDC** and 3410 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **Eu-BTC**) and guest DMF molecules (2923, 1651 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **Eu-BPDC** and 3093-2862, 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **Eu-BTC**). When temperature increased (up to 270 °C), DMF vibrational modes completely disappeared, according with the procedure made with the analogous **Dy-BTC**.<sup>2</sup> There are not reported activation procedures neither for **Eu-BPDC** nor for other isostructural Ln-BPDC phases. Nevertheless, based on our thermal studies it was possible to conclude that the heating process of the sample until 270 °C, should efficiently evacuate guest DMF molecules preserving the structure without detectable phase transformations (Supp. Mater. section 5).

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Section 12: Sensor-analyte interaction studies

To further characterize the intermolecular interactions between the host framework (**Eu-BPDC** taken as model) and the guest molecules, we examined the following two structural parameters from the structural assemble of MD trajectory: 1) the mass-weighted RMSD of the guest inside a pore of the host framework (this could help us to evaluate how much the guest molecule moves inside a pore of the host framework); 2) the fractional contacts between Eu atoms of the host framework and the heavy atoms X (X=O, N, or S) of the guest molecules in the structure produced by MD simulation.

The mass-weighted RMSD of the guest inside a pore of the framework allowed us to analyze the dynamic flexibility and the conformational sampling of the guest molecule. The mass-weighted root-mean-square deviations (rmsd's) between snapshots obtained during the course of the trajectory and the original starting coordinates were calculated and plotted for each guest component (i.e., **CLM**, **CLP**, **IMZ** and **MSM**, Figures 14 in main manuscript). As show in Supp. Mater. Appendix 1, all guests reach a plateau in a short simulation time. Figure 14 and the Table in Supp. Mater. section 13 show that the guests molecules displays no significant structural deviation from its starting coordinates RMSD  $\leq 1.23$  Å,  $\leq 1.26$  Å,  $\leq 2.63$  Å for **CLM**, **CLP**, **IMZ** and **MSM**, respectively. Moreover, these results indicate that the guests flexibilities changes only to a limited extent. From the RMSD results, we assume a well-behaved guest-host model system that achieves a reasonable amount of sampling for each guest molecules.

The Table of Supp. Mater. section 13 lists the contacts involving the guest residues and the host framework over the simulated dynamics. We found that at 298 K during 100 ns of simulation time, the **CLM** molecule contacts the host framework by the sulfamoyl moiety (O4 and O5) as well as by the carbamoyl-amino moiety (O7) and the carbonyl group of the ethyl-benzoate moiety (O6). Similar modes of contact are found in the case of the **MSM** molecule, which contacts the host framework by the sulfamoyl moiety (O5) as well as by the carbamoyl-amino moiety (O6) and the carbonyl group of the methyl-benzoate moiety (O3). The above Eu-O interatomic contacts were found between 3.96-2.57 and 3.93-2.64 Å for the **CLM** or **MSM** molecules, respectively. The portions of guest molecules in contact with the **Eu-BPDC** host framework are displayed in Supp. Mater. section 14.

Experimental EDS and FTIR results support the majority of the contacts identified in our model system. In Supp. Mater. sections 15-21 it is clear the adsorption of toxics by the presence of specific peaks in the EDS profiles of X@Eu-BTC. In addition, in the case of the FTIR spectrum of CLM@Eu-BTC (Supp. Mater. section 22), the presence of the carbonyl band (1720 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and the symmetric and asymmetric stretching modes (1327, 1280 and 1165, 1118 cm<sup>-1</sup>) of the sulfone group allowed us to say that CLM compound was adsorbed to the sensor. For the case of CLM@Eu-BPDC (Supp. Mater. section 23) a shift of 29 cm<sup>-1</sup> respect to the free carbonyl group of free CLM (1720.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>) could be seen, attributable to the coordination to Eu ions. On the other hand, for both cases the depletion of the stretching carbonyl mode of DMF (1658 cm<sup>-1</sup>), would indicate a complete evacuation during the ultrasonication in methanol medium. When spectra of Eu-BTC and MSM@Eu-BTC (Supp. Mater. section 24) were compared, some new bands appeared in the latter, related with carbonyl of ester function and the secondary amide group of free MSM is shifted ( $\Delta v \sim 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in MSM@Eu-BTC at 1735 cm<sup>-1</sup>. It would suggest that MSM molecules interact with the metallic centers via carbonyl coordination. The symmetric stretching of the aromatic ester portion, located at 1126 cm<sup>-1</sup> in MSM shifted to 1118 cm<sup>-1</sup> while the asymmetric one at 1257 cm<sup>-1</sup> remained the same in both spectra. The band located at 1296 cm<sup>-1</sup> related with sulfone -SO<sub>2</sub> group stretching changed neither in intensity nor in position which indicated a poor interaction of Eu centers with this part of the molecule. Focusing on MSM@Eu-BPDC (Supp. Mater. section 25), a shift of 2 cm<sup>-1</sup> is seen in the -SO<sub>2</sub> group stretching due an interaction with the lanthanide centers (1057 vs 1059 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

A complete agreement between our model system and the FTIR results is also found for the IMZ compound. Table in Supp. Mater. section 10 shows that the imidazole moiety (N5) of IMZ contacts the host framework at an equilibrium

distance of ~ 2.70 Å. Analyzing the spectrum of IMZ@Eu-BTC (Supp. Mater. section 26), it was noticeable an increment of the bands located at 2931 and 2854 cm<sup>-1</sup> related to the stretching modes of  $-CH_2$  group of IMZ molecules. By following the band located at 1658 cm-1 in the IMZ@Eu-BTC system, it was possible to confirm that DMF completely disappeared under ultrasonication removal. For the case of IMZ@Eu-BPDC, a deeper interaction could be noticeable due the shift ( $\Delta v$ =6.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>) in the nitrogen imidazole group indicating a v(Eu-N) interaction (located band at 252.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (Supp. Mater. section 27).

Respect to **CLP@Eu-BPDC**, a new band appeared at 229.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> ascribed to Eu-N interaction, nevertheless this band is weak and low intense suggesting a poor interaction. There is no evidence in vibrational study of carbonyl interaction with europium centers (Supp. Mater. section 28).

For the **CLP** molecule, our model system shows significant contact between the host framework and the sulfur atom of the phosphorothioate moiety (S4) (Q $\approx$ 100%, ~2.87 Å). In addition, our model exhibits few long-range contacts (Q $\approx$ 0.5%, ~3.96 Å) between the host framework and the oxygen atom of the O-diethyl moieties of **CLP**. Nevertheless, these Eu-S and Eu-O contacts are not detected from the FTIR results; however, the vibrational studies shows a Eu-N contact for the pirydin moiety of CLP at v(Eu-N) 229.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>. This contact is found in our model system for a Q $\approx$ 0.6% at ~3.83 Å.

	Conta	act N°frames	Frac.%	Avg (SD)
CLM				
	04	20000	100.0	2.57(0.07)
	06	20000	100.0	3.03(0.15)
	07	12446	62.2	3.82(0.11)
	05	3	0.1	3.96(0.02)
CLP				
	S4	20000	100.0	2.87(0.07)
	N9	117	0.6	3.83(0.11)
	07	91	0.5	3.96(0.04)
IMZ				
	N5	20000	100.0	2.70(0.07)
MSM				
	05	20000	100.0	2.64(0.09)
	03	17774	88.9	2.74(0.11)
	06	2169	10.8	3.91(0.07)
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