

# Multidimensional Ln-Aminophthalate Photoluminescent Coordination Polymers

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## 1. Coordination Polymers Preparation

### 1.1. SmCP1

Two synthetic procedures were used in the preparation of **SmCP1**, a hydrothermal synthesis and MWAS:

a) **Hydrothermal synthesis:** a mixture of 5-aminophthalic acid (H<sub>2</sub>aip, 1.0 equiv, 0.30 mmol, 54.1 mg), SmCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.68 equiv, 0.20 mmol, 74.5 mg), NaOH (1.1 equiv, 0.33 mmol, 13.3 mg) and water (5 mL) was prepared in a 23 mL reaction vessel. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and then the reaction vessel was sealed and heated to 110 °C for 72 h. After cooling, a mixture of white and light brown solids was filtered, separated, washed with water and dried at air. The brown crystalline solid corresponded to **SmCP1**; 27% yield was obtained (53.7 mg).

b) **MWAS:** a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>aip (1.0 equiv, 0.30 mmol, 55.5 mg), SmCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.67 equiv, 0.20 mmol, 73.3 mg), NaOH (1.3 equiv, 0.39 mmol, 15.5 mg) and water (5.0 mL) was stirred for 30 min in a closed 10 mL microwave vessel. The vessel was then placed in the cavity of a microwave reactor. The reaction mixture was irradiated at 383 K (1 min ramp to 383 K and 2 h at 383 K, using 90 W maximum power and the mixture was maintained with stirring). After cooling, the resulting mixture was filtered and the filtrate was left standing at room temperature. Brown crystals, suitable for SCXRD, were obtained from the solid and from the filtrate (crystals were collected after 24 h) then dried at room temperature; 21% yield (43.1 mg).

ATR-FTIR: 3296 w, 2834 s, 2628 s, 1622 m, 1530 m, 1470 s, 1358 w, 1290 s, 1140 s.

### 1.2. TbCP1

As for **SmCP1**, hydrothermal and MWAS procedures were utilized in the preparation of **TbCP1**:

a) **Hydrothermal synthesis:** H<sub>2</sub>aip (1.0 equiv., 0.31 mmol, 55.4 mg), TbCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.66 equiv., 0.20 mmol, 75.2 mg), and NaOH (1.2 equiv., 0.39 mmol, 15.6 mg) were added to water (5 mL) and transferred to a 23 mL reaction vessel. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Two small additions of NaOH (2.0 M) were performed until 3 < pH < 4, and then the reaction vessel was sealed and heated to 110 °C for 72 h. After cooling a mixture of white and light brown solids was filtered, separated by hand, washed with water and let to dry. The brown crystalline solid corresponded to **TbCP1**; 37% yield (77.8 mg).

b) **MWAS:** a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>aip (1.0 equiv, 0.30 mmol, 54.7 mg), TbCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.66 equiv., 0.20 mmol, 74.2 mg) and NaOH (1.0 equiv., 0.32 mmol, 12.7 mg) and water (5.0 mL) was stirred for 30 min in a closed 10 mL microwave vessel. After that time period the

vessel was placed in the cavity of a microwave reactor. The reaction mixture was irradiated at 383 K (1 min ramp to 110 °C and 6 h at 110 °C, using 90 W maximum power and the mixture was maintained without stirring). After cooling the resulting mixture filtered and the filtrate was left standing at r.t. Brown crystals suitable for SCXRD were obtained from the filtered solid and dried at r.t. (16% yield, 29.6 mg).

ATR-FTIR: 3280 w, 2944 s, 2826 w, 2634 s, 2362 s, 1622 m, 1536 m, 1468 m, 1440 s, 1370 m, 1288 m, 1142 s, 998 s, 942 s, 766 m.

### 1.3. TbCP2

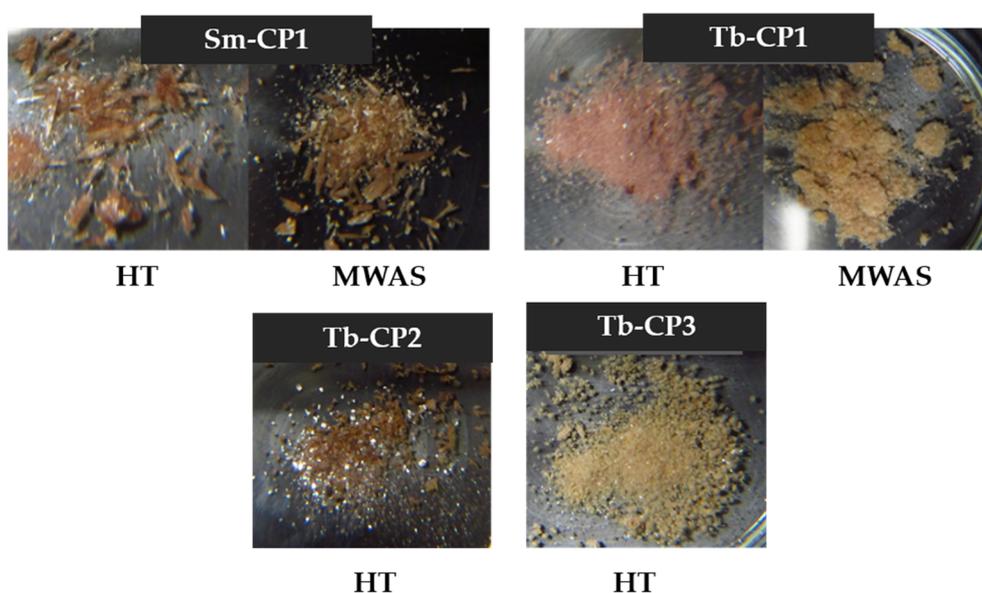
A hydrothermal procedure was utilized in the preparation of **TbCP2**: a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>aip (1.0 equiv., 0.30 mmol, 54.8 mg), TbCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.66 equiv., 0.20 mmol, 74.7 mg), and NaOH (1.0 equiv., 0.31 mmol, 12.3 mg) was added to water (5 mL) and transferred to a 23 mL reaction vessel. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and then the reaction vessel was sealed and heated to 110 °C for 72 h. After cooling brown crystals were filtered, washed with water and acetone and let to dry; 27% yield (46.9 mg).

ATR-FTIR: 3238 w, 2958 w, 2610 s, 2364 m, 2338 m, 1916 m, 1698 s, 1626 s, 1538 m, 1456 s, 1398 m, 1284 s, 1220 s, 1114 s, 902 s, 750 m, 596 s, 550 s, 500 s.

### 1.4. TbCP3

A hydrothermal procedure was utilized in the preparation of **TbCP3**: H<sub>2</sub>aip (1.0 equiv., 0.30 mmol, 54.9 mg), TbCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.66 equiv., 0.20 mmol, 74.5 mg), phen (0.59 equiv., 0.18 mmol, 35.0 mg) and NaOH (1.2 equiv., 0.36 mmol, 14.6 mg) were added to water (5 mL) and transferred to a 23 mL reaction vessel. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, and then the reaction vessel was sealed and heated to 110 °C for 72 h. After cooling a yellow/brown crystals were filtered, washed with water and acetone and dried at air; 47% yield (60.3 mg).

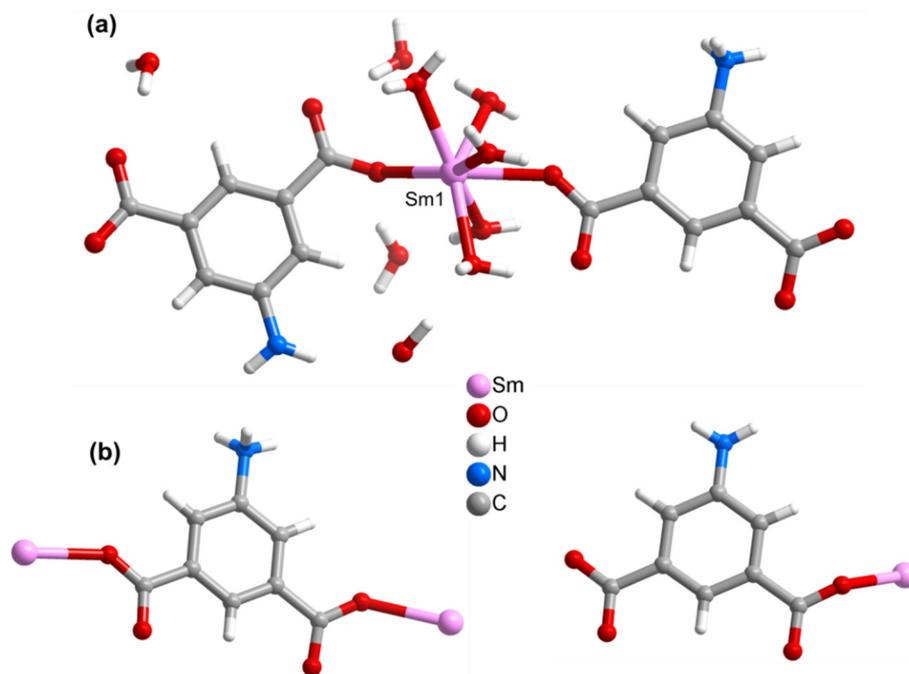
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**Figure S1.** Crystalline solids of **SmCP1** and **TbCP1** (prepared by hydrothermal—HT and MWAS), **TbCP2** and **TbCP3** (prepared by HT synthesis); solids were obtained after filtration and drying at room temperature).

## 2. Crystal Structures

### 2.1. SmCP1



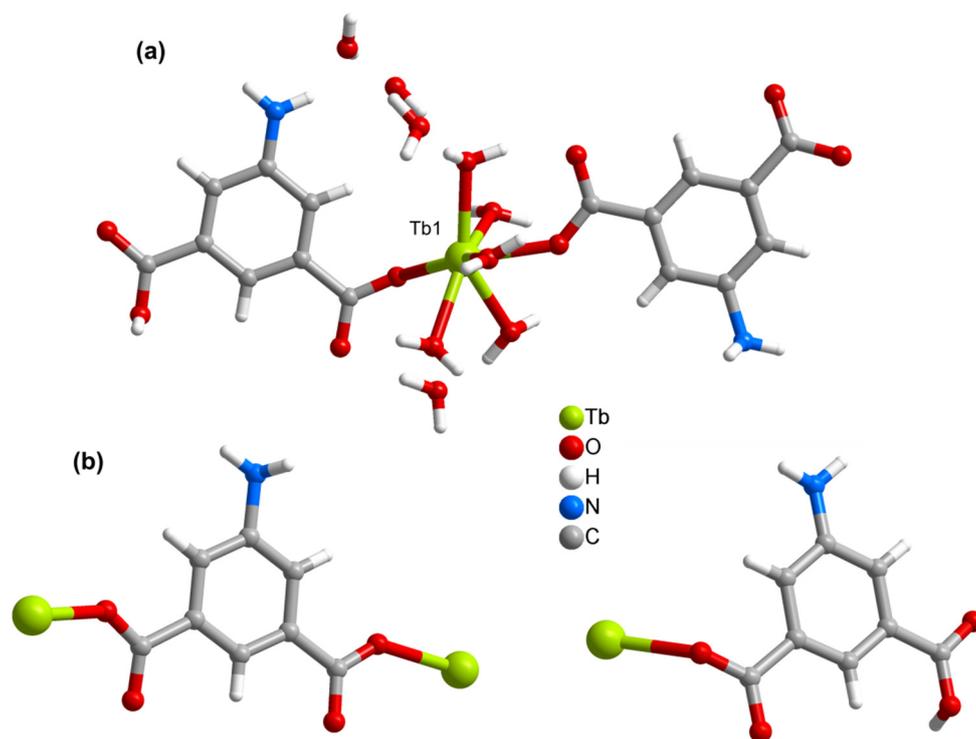
**Figure S2.** (a) The asymmetric unit (asu) of the crystal structure of 1D CP SmCP1,  $\{[\text{Sm}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5] \cdot 4(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_n$ , represented in the ball and stick model. (b) Coordination modes of the ligands Haip<sup>-</sup> (left side) and aip<sup>2-</sup> (right side).

**Table S1.** Selected distances and angles of the Sm<sup>3+</sup> coordination centre of the material SmCP1,  $\{[\text{Sm}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5] \cdot 4(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_n$ .

| Distance/Å          |          | Angles/°                 |           |                          |           |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sm1–O3 <sup>i</sup> | 2.371(2) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Sm1–O5  | 139.81(7) | O4W–Sm1–O1W              | 142.37(8) |
| Sm1–O5              | 2.390(2) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Sm1–O1  | 140.49(7) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Sm1–O3W | 78.50(8)  |
| Sm1–O1              | 2.401(2) | O5–Sm1–O1                | 78.05(7)  | O5–Sm1–O3W               | 111.36(7) |
| Sm1–O2W             | 2.428(2) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Sm1–O2W | 70.87(8)  | O1–Sm1–O3W               | 75.24(8)  |
| Sm1–O4W             | 2.428(2) | O5–Sm1–O2W               | 148.20(8) | O2W–Sm1–O3W              | 77.77(8)  |
| Sm1–O1W             | 2.430(2) | O1–Sm1–O2W               | 75.07(8)  | O4W–Sm1–O3W              | 72.43(8)  |
| Sm1–O3W             | 2.456(2) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Sm1–O4W | 72.62(8)  | O1W–Sm1–O3W              | 144.43(8) |
| Sm1–O5W             | 2.471(2) | O5–Sm1–O4W               | 73.82(8)  | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Sm1–O5W | 71.06(7)  |
|                     |          | O1–Sm1–O4W               | 124.77(8) | O5–Sm1–O5W               | 81.88(7)  |
|                     |          | O2W–Sm1–O4W              | 136.47(8) | O1–Sm1–O5W               | 140.96(7) |
|                     |          | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Sm1–O1W | 113.60(7) | O2W–Sm1–O5W              | 109.20(8) |
|                     |          | O5–Sm1–O1W               | 81.58(7)  | O4W–Sm1–O5W              | 79.86(8)  |
|                     |          | O1–Sm1–O1W               | 75.48(7)  | O1W–Sm1–O5W              | 68.67(8)  |
|                     |          | O2W–Sm1–O1W              | 75.52(8)  | O3W–Sm1–O5W              | 143.71(8) |

Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: (i)  $-x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+3/2$ ;

## 2.2. TbCP1



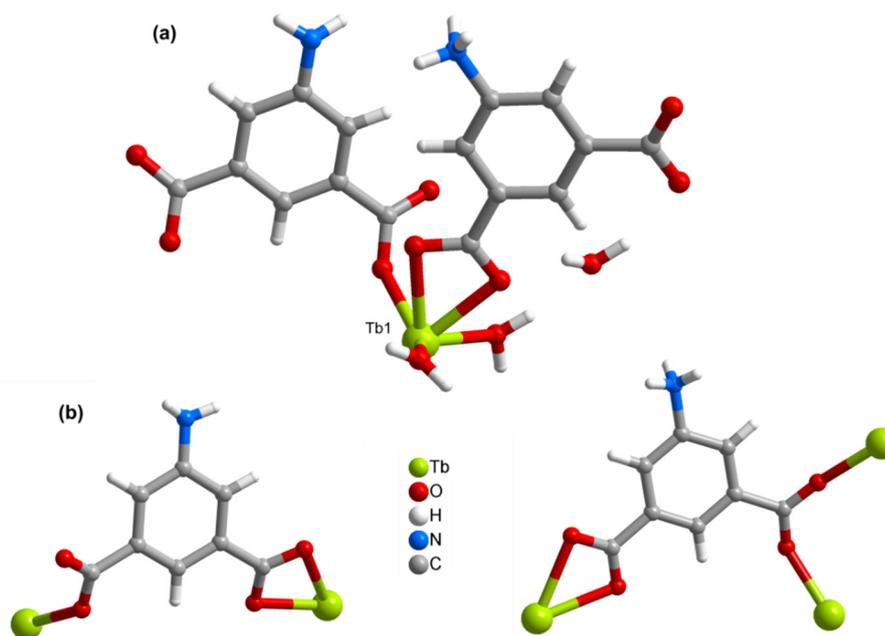
**Figure S3.** (a) The asymmetric unit (asu) of the crystal structure of 1D CP TbCP1,  $\{[\text{Tb}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]\cdot 4(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_n$ , represented in the ball-and-stick model. (b) Coordination modes of the ligands aip<sup>2-</sup> (left side) and Haip<sup>-</sup> (right side).

**Table S2.** Selected distances and angles of the Tb<sup>3+</sup> coordination centre of the 1D CP TbCP1,  $\{[\text{Tb}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]\cdot 4(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_n$ .

| Distance/Å          |          | Angles/°                 |            |                          |            |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Tb1–O5              | 2.338(4) | O5–Tb1–O1                | 140.18(17) | O5W–Tb1–O2W              | 142.57(18) |
| Tb1–O1              | 2.339(5) | O5–Tb1–O8 <sup>i</sup>   | 140.39(17) | O5–Tb1–O1W               | 78.95(16)  |
| Tb1–O8 <sup>i</sup> | 2.365(4) | O1–Tb1–O8 <sup>i</sup>   | 77.62(16)  | O1–Tb1–O1W               | 110.53(16) |
| Tb1–O4W             | 2.381(5) | O5–Tb1–O4W               | 70.73(17)  | O8 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O1W | 74.55(15)  |
| Tb1–O5W             | 2.390(5) | O1–Tb1–O4W               | 148.00(16) | O4W–Tb1–O1W              | 78.41(19)  |
| Tb1–O2W             | 2.392(5) | O8 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O4W | 75.42(17)  | O5W–Tb1–O1W              | 144.77(17) |
| Tb1–O1W             | 2.407(5) | O5–Tb1–O5W               | 113.51(16) | O2W–Tb1–O1W              | 71.73(18)  |
| Tb1–O3W             | 2.427(5) | O1–Tb1–O5W               | 81.51(16)  | O5–Tb1–O3W               | 71.34(16)  |
|                     |          | O8 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O5W | 76.18(15)  | O1–Tb1–O3W               | 81.91(16)  |
|                     |          | O4W–Tb1–O5W              | 75.59(18)  | O8 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O3W | 141.25(15) |
|                     |          | O5–Tb1–O2W               | 72.88(17)  | O4W–Tb1–O3W              | 109.31(18) |
|                     |          | O1–Tb1–O2W               | 73.97(17)  | O5W–Tb1–O3W              | 68.45(16)  |
|                     |          | O8 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O2W | 123.79(17) | O2W–Tb1–O3W              | 80.28(17)  |
|                     |          | O4W–Tb1–O2W              | 136.38(17) | O1W–Tb1–O3W              | 144.01(16) |

Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: (i)  $x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+3/2$

## 2.3. TbCP2



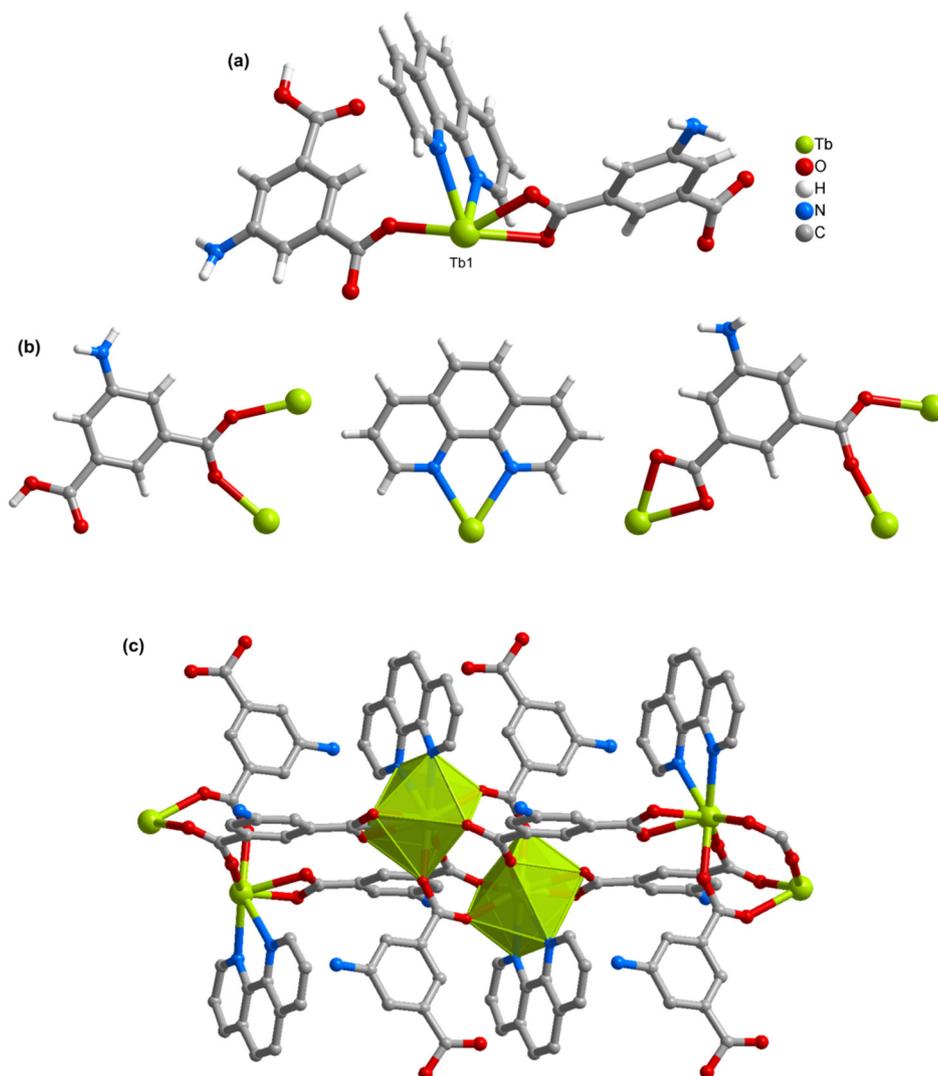
**Figure S4.** (a) The asymmetric unit (asu) of the crystal structure of 2D CP **TbCP2**,  $\{[\text{Tb}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ , represented in the ball-and-stick model. (b) Coordination modes of the ligands  $\text{aip}^{2-}$  (left side) and  $\text{Haip}^-$  (right side).

**Table 3.** Selected distances and angles of the  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  coordination centre of the 2D CP **TbCP2**,  $\{[\text{Tb}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ .

| Distance/Å            |          | Angles/°                                |            |  |            |
|-----------------------|----------|---|------------|--|------------|
| Tb1–O3 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.290(3) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O4 <sup>ii</sup>   | 92.91(9)   | O7 <sup>iii</sup> –Tb1–O2W               | 148.00(10) |
| Tb1–O4 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.297(2) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O5                 | 155.01(10) | O1–Tb1–O2W                               | 70.00(10)  |
| Tb1–O5                | 2.376(3) | O4 <sup>ii</sup> –Tb1–O5                | 75.78(9)   | O1W–Tb1–O2W                              | 135.44(11) |
| Tb1–O7 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.402(3) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O7 <sup>iii</sup>  | 125.23(9)  | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O2                  | 122.29(8)  |
| Tb1–O1                | 2.455(3) | O4 <sup>ii</sup> –Tb1–O7 <sup>iii</sup> | 84.01(9)   | O4 <sup>ii</sup> –Tb1–O2                 | 143.97(9)  |
| Tb1–O1W               | 2.466(3) | O5–Tb1–O7 <sup>iii</sup>                | 76.41(9)   | O5–Tb1–O2                                | 68.81(8)   |
| Tb1–O2W               | 2.521(3) | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O1                 | 81.52(9)   | O7 <sup>iii</sup> –Tb1–O2                | 81.50(8)   |
| Tb1–O2                | 2.583(3) | O4 <sup>ii</sup> –Tb1–O1                | 138.86(10) | O1–Tb1–O2                                | 51.41(9)   |
| Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.661(3) | O5–Tb1–O1                               | 92.37(9)   | O1W–Tb1–O2                               | 68.76(10)  |
|                       |          | O7 <sup>iii</sup> –Tb1–O1               | 131.98(9)  | O2W–Tb1–O2                               | 109.91(9)  |
|                       |          | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O1W                | 70.41(10)  | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup>   | 76.93(9)   |
|                       |          | O4 <sup>ii</sup> –Tb1–O1W               | 138.40(10) | O4 <sup>ii</sup> –Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup>  | 68.43(9)   |
|                       |          | O5–Tb1–O1W                              | 132.14(10) | O5–Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup>                 | 117.58(9)  |
|                       |          | O7 <sup>iii</sup> –Tb1–O1W              | 76.44(10)  | O7 <sup>iii</sup> –Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup> | 51.11(8)   |
|                       |          | O1–Tb1–O1W                              | 77.84(10)  | O1–Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup>                 | 146.31(9)  |
|                       |          | O3 <sup>i</sup> –Tb1–O2W                | 74.95(11)  | O1W–Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup>                | 70.70(10)  |
|                       |          | O4 <sup>ii</sup> –Tb1–O2W               | 69.20(10)  | O2W–Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup>                | 127.01(9)  |
|                       |          | O5–Tb1–O2W                              | 80.18(10)  | O2–Tb1–O8 <sup>iii</sup>                 | 123.08(9)  |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (i)  $-x, -y+1, -z$ ; (ii)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (iii)  $-x+1, -y, -z$ ; (iv)  $x, y+1, z$ .

## 2.4. TbCP3



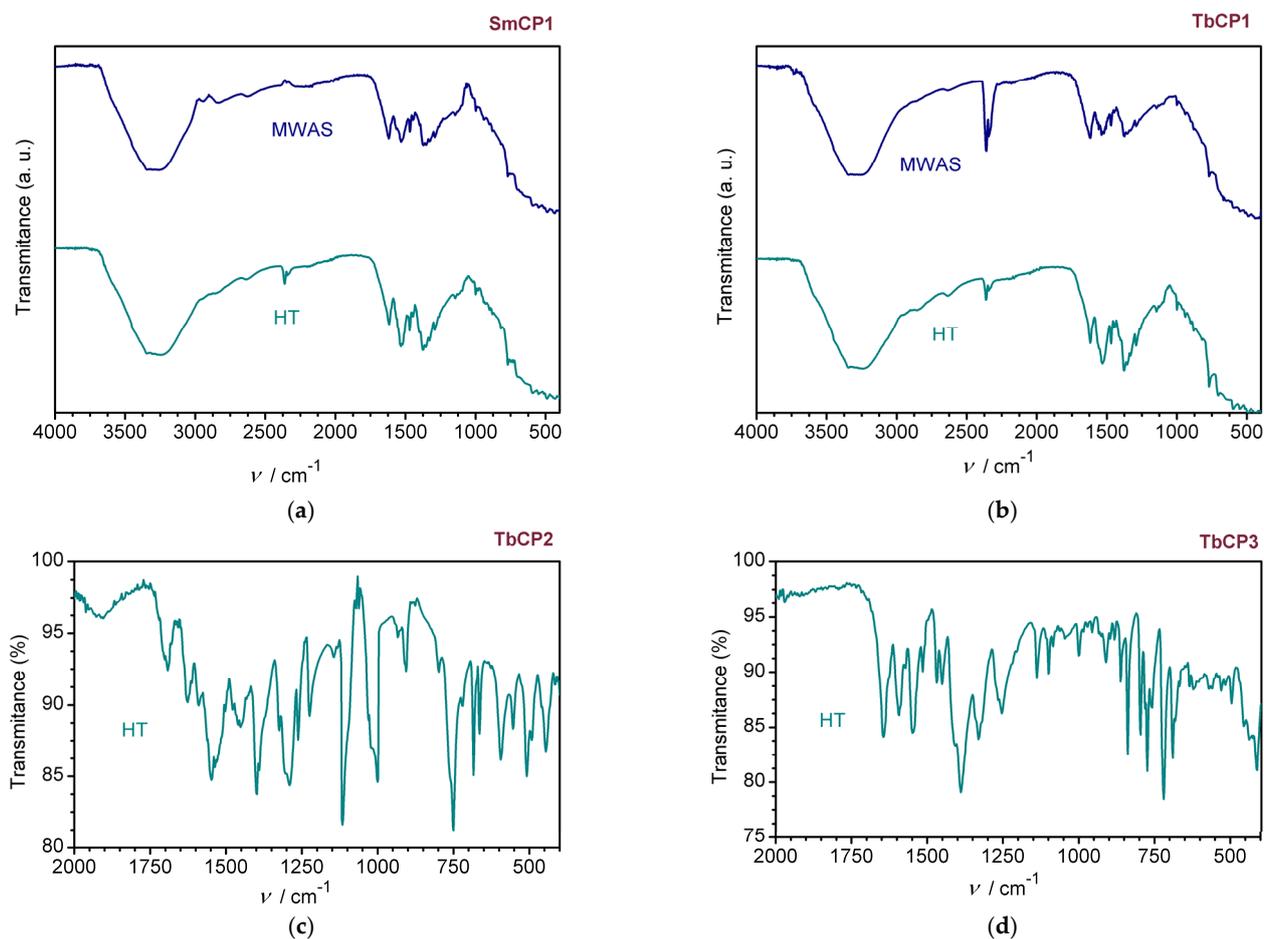
**Figure S5.** (a) *asu* of the crystal structure of 1D CP TbCP3,  $[\text{Tb}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{phen})] \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ , represented in the ball-and-stick model. (b) Coordination modes of the ligands Haip<sup>-</sup> (left side), phen (centre) and aip<sup>2-</sup> (right side).

**Table S4.** Selected distances and angles of the Tb<sup>3+</sup> coordination centre of the coordination chain material TbCP3,  $[\text{Tb}(\text{Haip})(\text{aip})(\text{phen})] \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ .

| Distance/Å            |          | Angles/°                                      |            |                                 |            |
|-----------------------|----------|---|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Tb1–O3 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.276(4) | O(3) <sup>i</sup> –Tb(1)–O(6) <sup>ii</sup>   | 78.64(15)  | O(1)–Tb(1)–O(2)                 | 53.79(12)  |
| Tb1–O6 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.302(4) | O(3) <sup>i</sup> –Tb(1)–O(5)                 | 76.68(15)  | O(3) <sup>i</sup> –Tb(1)–N(3)   | 85.99(15)  |
| Tb1–O5                | 2.310(4) | O(6) <sup>ii</sup> –Tb(1)–O(5)                | 125.61(14) | O(6) <sup>ii</sup> –Tb(1)–N(3)  | 144.67(16) |
| Tb1–O4 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.335(4) | O(3) <sup>i</sup> –Tb(1)–O(4) <sup>iii</sup>  | 124.93(14) | O(5)–Tb(1)–N(3)                 | 80.17(15)  |
| Tb1–O1                | 2.425(4) | O(6) <sup>ii</sup> –Tb(1)–O(4) <sup>iii</sup> | 75.50(14)  | O(4) <sup>iii</sup> –Tb(1)–N(3) | 137.72(15) |
| Tb1–O2                | 2.452(4) | O(5)–Tb(1)–O(4) <sup>iii</sup>                | 80.40(15)  | O(1)–Tb(1)–N(3)                 | 85.48(15)  |
| Tb1–N3                | 2.563(5) | O(3) <sup>i</sup> –Tb(1)–O(1)                 | 131.63(14) | O(2)–Tb(1)–N(3)                 | 71.25(15)  |
| Tb1–N4                | 2.598(5) | O(6) <sup>ii</sup> –Tb(1)–O(1)                | 81.53(14)  | O(3) <sup>i</sup> –Tb(1)–N(4)   | 138.80(15) |
|                       |          | O(5)–Tb(1)–O(1)                               | 147.30(13) | O(6) <sup>ii</sup> –Tb(1)–N(4)  | 141.86(15) |
|                       |          | O(4) <sup>iii</sup> –Tb(1)–O(1)               | 91.15(14)  | O(5)–Tb(1)–N(4)                 | 71.53(14)  |
|                       |          | O(3) <sup>i</sup> –Tb(1)–O(2)                 | 78.44(14)  | O(4) <sup>iii</sup> –Tb(1)–N(4) | 74.76(15)  |
|                       |          | O(6) <sup>ii</sup> –Tb(1)–O(2)                | 74.57(14)  | O(1)–Tb(1)–N(4)                 | 75.77(14)  |
|                       |          | O(5)–Tb(1)–O(2)                               | 143.08(14) | O(2)–Tb(1)–N(4)                 | 113.36(14) |
|                       |          | O(4) <sup>iii</sup> –Tb(1)–O(2)               | 136.50(13) | N(3)–Tb(1)–N(4)                 | 63.54(16)  |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (i)  $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (ii)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (iii)  $x+1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $x-1, y, z$ ;

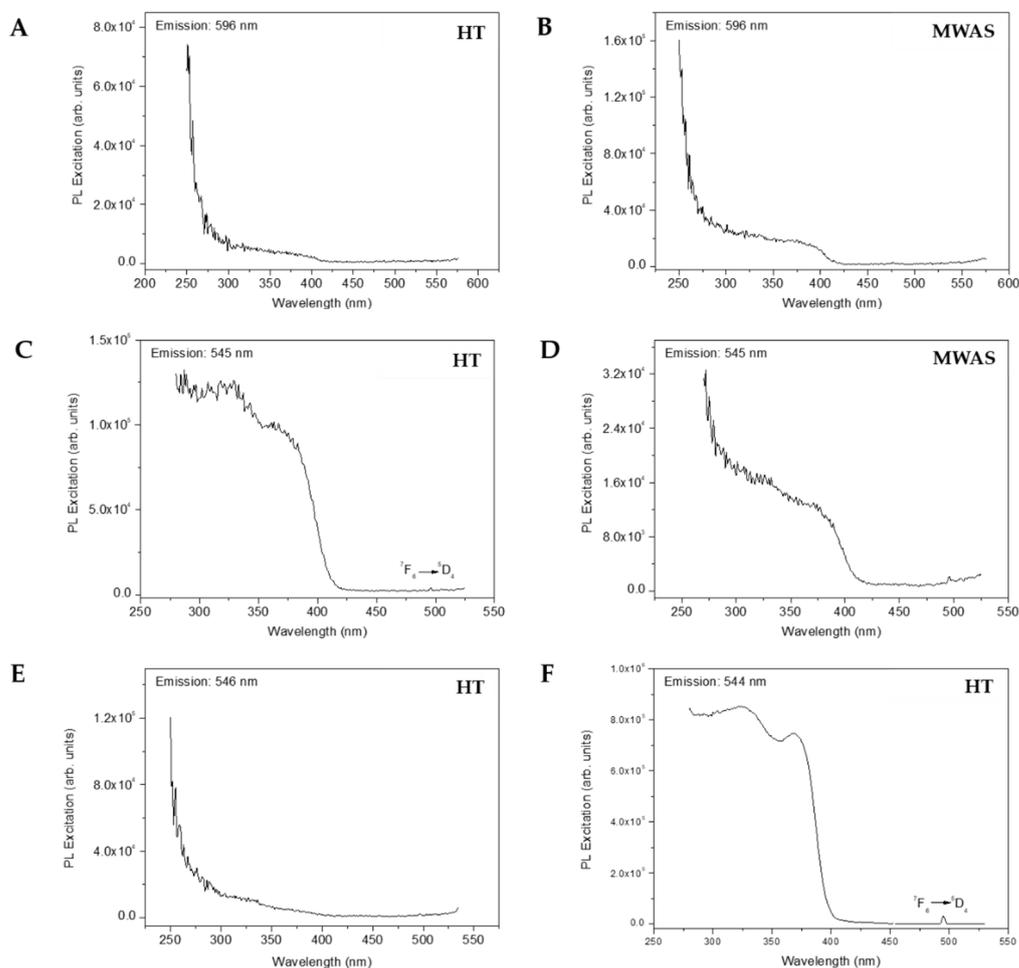
### 3. FT-IR Spectra



**Figure 6.** FTIR spectra of all the CP materials prepared and reported: SmCP1 (a), TbCP1 (b), TbCP2 (c) and TbCP3 (d).

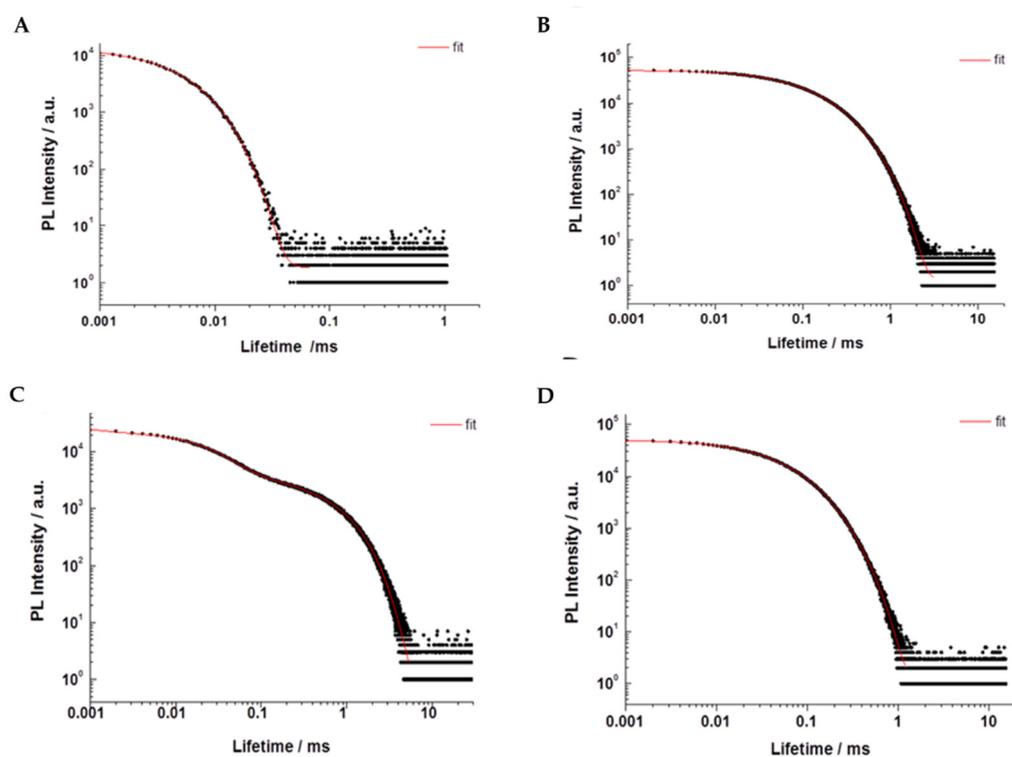
## 4. PL Studies

### 4.1. PL Excitation Spectra



**Figure 7.** Graphical representations of PL excitation spectra of **SmCP1**, prepared by HT (A) and MWAS (B), **TbCP1**, prepared by HT (C) and MWAS (D), **TbCP2**, prepared by HT (E) and **TbCP3**, prepared by HT (F). The detection wavelengths of the PL excitation spectra were written in each subplots, respectively.

## 4.2. PL Intensity in Function of Lifetime



**Figure 8.** Graphical representations of the PL intensity as function of lifetime (black dots) for **SmCP1** (A), **TbCP1** (B), **TbCP2** (C) and **TbCP3** (D) together with their fittings (red lines). The rising tails below 300 nm in A, B, C, D and E are caused by excitation light scattering.