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# Luminescent properties of europium carboxylates

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# ABSTRACT

Mixed-ligand europium carboxylates with nitrogen- and phosphorus-containing neutral ligands having polymer or island structure were studied by the luminescent and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy methods. In similar groups of the compounds, the value of Stark splitting of the <sup>7</sup>F<sub>1</sub> – level decreased with decrease of the electron density transfer from europium ion to ligand (covalence of metal-ligand bond increases) and the relative intensity of electro-dipole <sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub> – <sup>7</sup>F<sub>4</sub> transition rised.

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#### 1. Introduction

Such properties of the lanthanide compounds at tendency to complexing and sublimation, ability to intensive absorption and luminescence depend directly on the lanthanide electron structure and the nature of the chemical bond in the mixed-ligand complexes. It is known that substitutes, even distant from reaction centers of ligand molecules, change distribution of the electron density in these molecules and therefore influence on the physico-chemical and analytical properties of the compounds: strength of Ln-ligand bond, its character, and optic characteristics of the compounds. The change of the atom change may be a measure of the change of electron distribution [1-5].

For an accurate estimation of influence of the nature of the environmental on the spectral – luminescence properties of the

\* Corresponding author. *E-mail address: kalinovskaya@ich.dvo.ru* (I.V. Kalinovskaya). of their electron structure. Wide use of the lanthanide compounds [6,7] is a cause of increased interest to study of their electron structure nature of chemical bond. The literature analysis testifies to insufficient investigation of correlation of the  $Ln^{3+}$  luminescent parameters with the characteristic structure and the structure structure and the structure analysis testifies to an advect parameters with the characteristic structure and the structure analysis testifies to an advect parameters with the structure structure analysis testifies to an advect parameters with the structure structure and the structure and the structure and the structure and the structure analysis testifies to an advect structure advect structure and the structure advect structure

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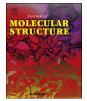
correlation of the  $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  luminescent parameters with the characteristics of its electron structure determined by the photo- and X-ray electron spectroscopy methods [1–3,8–10]. The mixed-ligand europium(III) compound with  $\beta$ -diketones were studied by the luminescent and X-ray spectroscopy methods [11,12] white the rare-earth compounds with carboxylic acids were not practically investigated [13,14].

## 2. Experimental

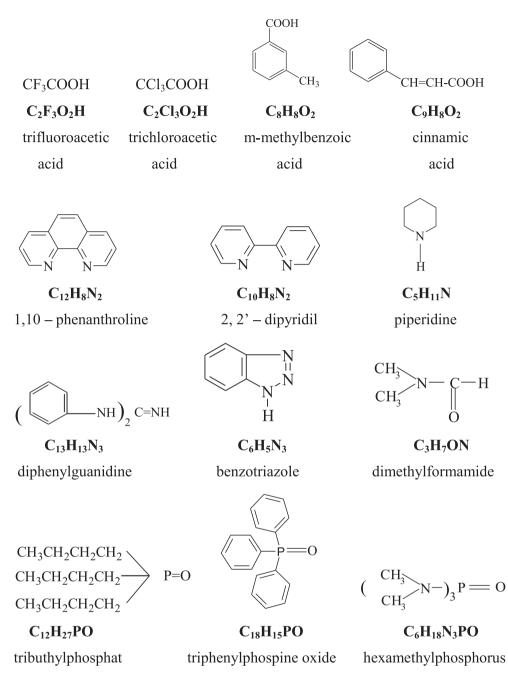
# 2.1. Materials

For synthesis of the compounds the following reagents were used:









### 2.2. Synthesis

Europium complexes were obtained by interaction of europium trifluoroacetate and trichloroacetate hydrates and neutral ligand (in the 1: 2 M ratio). Mixed-ligand compounds with metamethylbenzoic and cinnamic acids were prepared by interaction of a europium salt, sodium salt of the acid, and a neutral ligand (in the molar ratio 1: 3: 2). The method was described in detail in Refs. [15–17].

## 2.3. Chemical elemental analysis

The elemental contents of complexes were measured with

#### EURO EA 3000.

#### 2.4. Luminescence measurements

The luminescence spectra were registered on a SDL-1 diffraction spectrometer at 300 K and 77 K. The resolution of the diffraction spectrometer ~1 nm. In order to estimate intensity of luminescence we carried out integration of the areas of the luminescence bands which positions were determined to an approximation of  $\pm$  2–3 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The luminescence excitation spectra were recorded on the installation assembled on the basis of a SDL-1 spectrometer and a MPD-23 monochromator; a Tungsram 2500 W xenon lamp served

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