

## Sparkle/PM3 for the Modeling of Europium(III), Gadolinium(III), and Terbium(III) Complexes

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### 1. How to run lanthanide complexes Sparkle calculations with MOPAC2007

Updated information on how to run the Sparkle Model can be found in <http://www.sparkle.pro.br>.

MOPAC2007 is a software released by Prof. James J. P. Stewart from Stewart Computational Chemistry of Colorado Springs, CO, and represents a recent version of the MOPAC series of molecular modeling softwares, which started in 1981.

MOPAC2007 has Sparkle/AM1 and Sparkle/PM3 fully implemented.

A MOPAC2007 executable can be obtained from <http://openmopac.net> and is presently free for academics.

In order to be acquainted with the software, users are encouraged to read the MOPAC2007 manual at <http://openmopac.net/manual/>.

As the MOPAC2007 manual says:

“MOPAC is written with the non-theoretician in mind.

While MOPAC calls upon many concepts in quantum theory and thermodynamics and uses some fairly advanced mathematics, the users need not be familiar with these specialized topics.”

At present, the most recent version of MOPAC2007 is 7.221.

To run a Sparkle calculation in MOPAC 2007, proceed as follows:

- i. Create a data-file with extension .mop which describes a molecular system and specifies the type of calculation that is to be carried out.
  - a. Use the lanthanide sparkles as you would use any atom in MOPAC.
  - b. For a Sparkle/AM1 calculation, use the keyword AM1 in the keyword line.
  - c. For a Sparkle/PM3 calculation, use the keyword PM3.

- ii. Command MOPAC to run the calculation using that data-file.

- iii. Get the desired output on the system from the output files created by MOPAC.

**Attention:** Sparkles are overall neutral species

Please notice that when one uses a lanthanide as an element symbol in MOPAC2007, one is actually introducing an “overall neutral species” in the calculation, that is: a +3 charged sparkle plus three electrons which will be donated to the molecular orbitals of the organic part of the complex. If the whole complex is charged, then this must be indicated with the appropriate CHARGE keyword.

### 2. MOPAC2007 Input (.mop) and output (.arc) files

Sample input and output files can be found in <http://www.sparkle.pro.br>.

As an example, we are providing in the appendix of this supplementary material the content of a MOPAC2007 input and the corresponding output file for [Eu(TREN-1,2-HOIQO)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].

In order to reproduce the calculation, please obtain MOPAC2007.exe from <http://openmopac.net>, which is presently free for academics, copy the contents below to a text file, name it Eu\_tren.mop, and simply open it with MOPAC2007.

**Warning:** MOPAC2007 output files with extension .arc may be confused with some types of compressed files in some Windows systems. Be sure to open them with notepad, or a similar text editor.

### 3. How to visualize the input (.mop) structures with RASMOL

Molecular and complex structures, as \*.mop files, can be visualized with RASMOL

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(<http://www.umass.edu/microbio/rasmol/getras.htm>). The present version is 2.6.

- (1) In RASMOL, click File, then, Open;
- (2) In the “Select Molecular Coordinate File”, tell RASMOL to list all files of the type “MOPAC File Format”;
- (3) In “Look in” go to the proper folder and find your .mop file.
- (2) The .mop file of interest now appears. Choose it and press OK.

- (3) The molecule or complex now appears drawn on the screen.

**Warning:** the bond connection algorithm of RASMOL may not work efficiently with some high coordination number lanthanide complexes. Some coordinating bonds may not appear, while sometimes some other spurious bond connections may also appear. However, the positions of the atoms are always correct.

#### 4. Sample Input and Output Files

-----Begin of file **Eu\_tren.mop**-----

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PM3 PRECISE NOINTER XYZ T=10D BFGS GNORM=0.25 +
NOLOG GEO-OK MMOK SCFCRT=1.D-10
Eu(TREN-1,2-HOIQO)(H2O)2
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Eu -6.005800 1 -2.264900 1 0.222500 1
O -3.918100 1 -3.361800 1 0.580700 1
O -5.770500 1 -4.306300 1 -0.928800 1
O -4.373500 1 -1.222500 1 -1.126700 1
O -4.928800 1 -0.899200 1 1.827600 1
O -8.352800 1 -3.015400 1 -0.206100 1
O -6.871500 1 -0.880100 1 -1.515000 1
O -7.473300 1 -0.976500 1 1.561900 1
O -6.467700 1 -3.804500 1 2.032000 1
C 0.000000 1 0.000000 1 0.000000 1
H 0.969600 1 0.000000 1 0.000000 1
H -0.297500 1 0.924500 1 0.000000 1
C -0.500900 1 -0.683000 1 -1.260600 1
H 0.030200 1 -0.380500 1 -2.013400 1
H -0.367100 1 -1.639900 1 -1.172000 1
C -2.337100 1 0.244100 1 -2.575400 1
C -3.799800 1 0.507000 1 -2.702500 1
C -4.248400 1 1.533000 1 -3.476800 1
H -3.630500 1 2.096200 1 -3.882200 1
C -5.628000 1 1.765700 1 -3.681500 1
C -6.107100 1 2.825200 1 -4.478700 1
H -5.506200 1 3.424100 1 -4.860000 1
C -7.439500 1 2.980700 1 -4.692900 1
H -7.745300 1 3.678000 1 -5.223000 1
C -8.330200 1 2.105600 1 -4.127200 1
H -9.236800 1 2.208700 1 -4.306100 1
C -7.922700 1 1.070000 1 -3.291100 1
H -8.542300 1 0.500500 1 -2.896200 1
C -6.564000 1 0.913800 1 -3.063600 1
C -6.104700 1 -0.114100 1 -2.187900 1
C -0.460100 1 0.298900 1 2.329000 1
H 0.363200 1 0.810700 1 2.275500 1
H -0.448100 1 -0.187800 1 3.166900 1
C -1.605400 1 1.243700 1 2.343800 1
H -1.436400 1 1.923800 1 3.014000 1
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H	-1.651300	1	1.688000	1	1.482000	1
C	-3.646500	1	0.974100	1	3.698000	1
C	-5.091400	1	0.550800	1	3.727600	1
C	-5.881900	1	1.138200	1	4.668500	1
H	-5.494900	1	1.619500	1	5.363000	1
C	-7.328700	1	1.017600	1	4.591400	1
C	-8.144000	1	1.608200	1	5.554200	1
H	-7.777000	1	2.044800	1	6.289400	1
C	-9.535400	1	1.531500	1	5.387200	1
H	-10.091900	1	1.904900	1	6.030900	1
C	-10.084300	1	0.918900	1	4.306300	1
H	-11.009000	1	0.901000	1	4.206400	1
C	-9.273300	1	0.318500	1	3.349000	1
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C	-7.024600	1	-0.299600	1	2.549100	1
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H	0.644500	1	-2.252400	1	0.709800	1
C	-0.448800	1	-2.872100	1	2.301100	1
H	0.154600	1	-3.566000	1	2.609100	1
H	-0.842200	1	-2.451500	1	3.081300	1
C	-1.324300	1	-4.622400	1	0.873000	1
C	-2.440000	1	-5.166000	1	0.011800	1
C	-2.255900	1	-6.304200	1	-0.695300	1
H	-1.426400	1	-6.720600	1	-0.651500	1
C	-3.259100	1	-6.895300	1	-1.499400	1
C	-3.070800	1	-8.092900	1	-2.196700	1
H	-2.245600	1	-8.517100	1	-2.169400	1
C	-4.070700	1	-8.629800	1	-2.905700	1
H	-3.935900	1	-9.436900	1	-3.348200	1
C	-5.334100	1	-7.987100	1	-2.988900	1
H	-6.021500	1	-8.361400	1	-3.491000	1
C	-5.530900	1	-6.791700	1	-2.312300	1
H	-6.353300	1	-6.360000	1	-2.353800	1
C	-4.489400	1	-6.244000	1	-1.571800	1
C	-4.705100	1	-4.983700	1	-0.877200	1
N	-0.488100	1	-0.666700	1	1.219900	1
N	-1.899400	1	-0.429500	1	-1.539700	1
H	-2.481600	1	-0.742200	1	-0.988600	1
N	-4.763000	1	-0.263800	1	-2.012700	1
N	-2.920800	1	0.624600	1	2.624000	1
H	-3.225700	1	0.025800	1	2.087900	1
N	-5.699400	1	-0.196100	1	2.714800	1
N	-1.498600	1	-3.475100	1	1.508700	1
H	-2.259100	1	-3.075900	1	1.448900	1
N	-3.680200	1	-4.522800	1	-0.090600	1
O	-1.583900	1	0.703000	1	-3.464700	1
O	-3.230300	1	1.676300	1	4.605800	1
O	-0.298300	1	-5.280100	1	0.982100	1
H	-8.715200	1	-3.404800	1	0.593000	1
H	-7.415400	1	-3.853100	1	2.176700	1
H	-8.941000	1	-3.095500	1	-0.590800	1
H	-6.155000	1	-4.393200	1	2.638400	1

-----End of file **Eu\_tren.mop**-----

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### SUMMARY OF PM3 CALCULATION

MOPAC2007 (Version: 7.221W)

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No. of days left = 197

Empirical Formula: C36 H34 N7 O11 Eu

PM3 PRECISE NOINTER XYZ T=10D BFGS GNORM=0.25 +  
 NOLOG GEO-OK MMOK SCFCRT=1.D-10  
 Eu(TREN-1,2-HOIQO)(H2O)2

PETERS TEST WAS SATISFIED IN BFGS OPTIMIZATION  
 SCF FIELD WAS ACHIEVED

HEAT OF FORMATION = -158.97121 KCAL = -665.13554 KJ  
 TOTAL ENERGY = -9191.73604 EV  
 ELECTRONIC ENERGY = -110505.44975 EV  
 CORE-CORE REPULSION = 101313.71372 EV  
 DIPOLE = 11.48544 DEBYE POINT GROUP: C1  
 NO. OF FILLED LEVELS = 141  
 IONIZATION POTENTIAL = 8.395586 EV  
 HOMO LUMO ENERGIES (EV) = -8.396 -1.376  
 MOLECULAR WEIGHT = 892.669

#### MOLECULAR DIMENSIONS (Angstroms)

Atom	Atom	Distance
H 64	H 24	14.33674
H 45	H 14	13.29931
H 35	H 68	12.59235

SCF CALCULATIONS = 607

COMPUTATION TIME = 7 MINUTES AND 16.516 SECONDS

#### FINAL GEOMETRY OBTAINED

#### CHARGE

PM3 PRECISE NOINTER XYZ T=10D BFGS GNORM=0.25 +  
 NOLOG GEO-OK MMOK SCFCRT=1.D-10  
 Eu(TREN-1,2-HOIQO)(H2O)2

Eu	-5.79105160 +1	-2.1803554 +1	0.1786149 +1	3.0000
O	-3.80291633 +1	-3.6210613 +1	0.3854376 +1	-0.9267
O	-5.55156131 +1	-4.3789108 +1	-0.9268561 +1	-0.7876
O	-4.29148973 +1	-0.7735502 +1	-1.1823036 +1	-0.9220
O	-5.04919464 +1	-0.6520402 +1	1.9727506 +1	-0.9060

O	-8.24126436 +1	-2.4420556 +1	0.0053056 +1	-0.5949
O	-6.55306600 +1	-0.6241143 +1	-1.5852553 +1	-0.7908
O	-7.25553901 +1	-1.2303536 +1	1.9360606 +1	-0.8135
O	-6.48088130 +1	-3.6145731 +1	2.0679390 +1	-0.5971
C	-0.12767246 +1	0.2461158 +1	0.1817746 +1	-0.1127
H	0.94803004 +1	0.5022839 +1	0.3026277 +1	0.0432
H	-0.69115074 +1	1.1915494 +1	0.3521406 +1	0.0752
C	-0.35576350 +1	-0.2775841 +1	-1.2397881 +1	-0.0704
H	0.31018550 +1	0.2682964 +1	-1.9383722 +1	0.0823
H	-0.07245465 +1	-1.3540491 +1	-1.3054180 +1	0.0644
C	-2.20353280 +1	0.8902581 +1	-2.4939535 +1	0.2978
C	-3.67394025 +1	0.9483751 +1	-2.8130217 +1	-0.2191
C	-4.15490454 +1	1.8185968 +1	-3.7637863 +1	-0.1043
H	-3.45540481 +1	2.4680571 +1	-4.3079768 +1	0.1440
C	-5.55036127 +1	1.9085218 +1	-4.0579169 +1	-0.0112
C	-6.02618669 +1	2.8086660 +1	-5.0429642 +1	-0.0969
H	-5.30612723 +1	3.4349844 +1	-5.5825192 +1	0.1142
C	-7.37014326 +1	2.8909578 +1	-5.3124780 +1	-0.0762
H	-7.73778232 +1	3.5870809 +1	-6.0741132 +1	0.1046
C	-8.29388213 +1	2.0850033 +1	-4.6165323 +1	-0.1174
H	-9.36029191 +1	2.1690517 +1	-4.8501345 +1	0.1065
C	-7.86069994 +1	1.2033276 +1	-3.6558895 +1	-0.0421
H	-8.56370647 +1	0.5682022 +1	-3.1051666 +1	0.1186
C	-6.48304421 +1	1.1056813 +1	-3.3668466 +1	-0.0967
C	-5.96031269 +1	0.2062953 +1	-2.3770985 +1	0.2019
C	-0.56676720 +1	-0.1075521 +1	2.5997393 +1	-0.1011
H	0.45320004 +1	0.2417213 +1	2.8752759 +1	0.0426
H	-0.81939332 +1	-0.9249510 +1	3.3138916 +1	0.0744
C	-1.53230865 +1	1.0700718 +1	2.7424556 +1	-0.0736
H	-1.20079485 +1	1.7007931 +1	3.5928635 +1	0.0828
H	-1.49459952 +1	1.7193427 +1	1.8352262 +1	0.0602
C	-3.79918767 +1	1.3496427 +1	3.7886537 +1	0.2942
C	-5.24733370 +1	0.9337251 +1	3.8207179 +1	-0.2529
C	-6.11913698 +1	1.4940769 +1	4.7267842 +1	-0.0608
H	-5.74596391 +1	2.2340632 +1	5.4496933 +1	0.1482
C	-7.50478083 +1	1.1498582 +1	4.7444442 +1	-0.0285
C	-8.38993343 +1	1.7395895 +1	5.6814596 +1	-0.0835
H	-7.99419799 +1	2.4648512 +1	6.4026384 +1	0.1179
C	-9.72108914 +1	1.4051589 +1	5.6781387 +1	-0.0766
H	-10.40611343 +1	1.8613144 +1	6.4014877 +1	0.1100
C	-10.22822753 +1	0.4740675 +1	4.7466032 +1	-0.0957
H	-11.29516861 +1	0.2270070 +1	4.7644520 +1	0.1103
C	-9.39479595 +1	-0.1139890 +1	3.8279032 +1	-0.0579
H	-9.77139780 +1	-0.8365125 +1	3.0950307 +1	0.1140
C	-8.02175785 +1	0.2173742 +1	3.8182106 +1	-0.0752
C	-7.08921583 +1	-0.3506500 +1	2.8959889 +1	0.1344
C	0.29034151 +1	-1.9600737 +1	1.2134793 +1	-0.1161
H	1.32584149 +1	-1.7305667 +1	1.5488679 +1	0.0439
H	0.37304138 +1	-2.2786473 +1	0.1488741 +1	0.0781
C	-0.27214083 +1	-3.0919238 +1	2.0785880 +1	-0.0688
H	0.54441247 +1	-3.7966511 +1	2.3347561 +1	0.0805

H	-0.66128405 +1	-2.6869806 +1	3.0414897 +1	0.0619
C	-1.16368322 +1	-4.9650655 +1	0.6490765 +1	0.2997
C	-2.33681234 +1	-5.5213613 +1	-0.1134185 +1	-0.2196
C	-2.24399850 +1	-6.7277768 +1	-0.7673107 +1	-0.1044
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C	-3.32876422 +1	-7.2450512 +1	-1.5411393 +1	-0.0113
C	-3.21634082 +1	-8.4931535 +1	-2.2009983 +1	-0.0982
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C	-4.26059204 +1	-8.9741856 +1	-2.9524335 +1	-0.0749
H	-4.17317951 +1	-9.9392725 +1	-3.4631556 +1	0.1048
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C	-5.59153590 +1	-7.0223348 +1	-2.4502614 +1	-0.0407
H	-6.51154007 +1	-6.4332658 +1	-2.5402893 +1	0.1215
C	-4.52990310 +1	-6.5156420 +1	-1.6714123 +1	-0.0981
C	-4.60695005 +1	-5.2575332 +1	-0.9822355 +1	0.2084
N	-0.55703136 +1	-0.7250202 +1	1.2367767 +1	-0.0766
N	-1.74854979 +1	-0.1750237 +1	-1.7065181 +1	-0.0537
H	-2.45407885 +1	-0.7234838 +1	-1.2272158 +1	0.1615
N	-4.59774584 +1	0.1404652 +1	-2.1459825 +1	0.6346
N	-2.92435187 +1	0.6303773 +1	2.9716525 +1	-0.0392
H	-3.32466553 +1	-0.0488159 +1	2.3367068 +1	0.1566
N	-5.76156696 +1	-0.0021041 +1	2.9164812 +1	0.7225
N	-1.37898790 +1	-3.8348648 +1	1.4533816 +1	-0.0596
H	-2.25043926 +1	-3.3387007 +1	1.3076696 +1	0.1579
N	-3.54106413 +1	-4.8198177 +1	-0.2142965 +1	0.6288
O	-1.41404762 +1	1.7128994 +1	-2.9525342 +1	-0.4055
O	-3.39422074 +1	2.2826708 +1	4.4789702 +1	-0.4023
O	-0.06039046 +1	-5.5034025 +1	0.6132755 +1	-0.4004
H	-8.37934540 +1	-1.8067675 +1	0.7205355 +1	0.2723
H	-6.95657616 +1	-2.8715894 +1	2.4637501 +1	0.2641
H	-9.08705670 +1	-2.6663940 +1	-0.3889297 +1	0.2873
H	-6.52939585 +1	-4.3812505 +1	2.6414903 +1	0.2860

-----End of file **Eu\_tren.arc**-----

-----Begin of file **Eu\_9H2O.mop**-----

PM3 PRECISE NOINTER XYZ BFGS T=10D GNORM=0.25 +  
NOLOG GEO-OK SCFCRT=1.D-10 CHARGE=3  
cation nona-aqua-europium(III)

Eu	1.369000	1	-1.681000	1	1.064000	1
O	-0.594000	1	-1.511000	1	2.460000	1
O	1.716000	1	0.317000	1	2.375000	1
O	1.991000	1	-2.567000	1	-1.095000	1
O	1.397000	1	-4.078000	1	1.364000	1
O	3.707000	1	-2.249000	1	1.279000	1
O	-0.576000	1	-2.619000	1	-0.275000	1
O	1.734000	1	-2.424000	1	3.467000	1
O	0.000000	1	0.000000	1	0.000000	1
O	2.951000	1	0.000000	1	0.000000	1
H	0.156000	1	0.883000	1	0.000000	1
H	-0.274000	1	-0.199000	1	-0.664000	1
H	2.982000	1	0.809000	1	0.116000	1
H	3.708000	1	-0.126000	1	-0.283000	1
H	-1.413000	1	-1.268000	1	2.188000	1
H	-0.656000	1	-2.048000	1	2.973000	1
H	1.385000	1	0.473000	1	3.194000	1
H	2.404000	1	0.600000	1	2.332000	1
H	2.810000	1	-2.538000	1	-1.460000	1
H	1.482000	1	-2.464000	1	-1.630000	1
H	1.240000	1	-4.690000	1	0.727000	1
H	1.100000	1	-4.312000	1	2.007000	1
H	4.039000	1	-2.947000	1	1.733000	1
H	4.161000	1	-1.664000	1	1.365000	1
H	-1.285000	1	-2.255000	1	-0.461000	1
H	-0.559000	1	-3.190000	1	-0.860000	1
H	1.322000	1	-2.194000	1	4.136000	1
H	2.048000	1	-3.130000	1	3.736000	1

-----End of file **Eu\_9H2O.mop**-----

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## SUMMARY OF PM3 CALCULATION

MOPAC2007 (Version: 7.221W)

Fri Sep 5 21:31:45 2008

No. of days left = 190

Empirical Formula: H18 O9 Eu

PM3 PRECISE NOINTER XYZ BFGS T=10D GNORM=0.25 +  
 NOLOG GEO-OK SCFCRT=1.D-10 CHARGE=3  
 cation nona-aqua-europium(III)

PETERS TEST WAS SATISFIED IN BFGS OPTIMIZATION  
 SCF FIELD WAS ACHIEVED

HEAT OF FORMATION = 323.51253 KCAL = 1353.57645 KJ  
 TOTAL ENERGY = -2932.93411 EV  
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## MOLECULAR DIMENSIONS (Angstroms)

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## FINAL GEOMETRY OBTAINED

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## 5. Additional Tables and Figures

The directly coordinating atoms of the ligands form the coordination polyhedron of the complex, whose faces are the polygonal bases of a set of adjacent pyramids that share the same apex, where the lanthanide ion is located. Each two adjacent pyramids share one triangular face, and therefore, also one side of their polygonal bases.

The average unsigned mean error for each complex  $i$ ,  $UME_i$ , is defined as:

$$UME_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} |R_{i,j}^{CSD} - R_{i,j}^{calc}|$$

where  $n$  is the number of ligand atoms directly coordinating the lanthanide ion. Two cases have been examined: (i)  $UME_{(Ln-L)}$ s involving only the edges of the pyramids that have the apex as a vertex, that is, the interatomic distances  $R_j$  between the lanthanide central ion, Ln, and the atoms of the coordination polyhedron, L, important to luminescent complex design; and (ii) UMEs of all the edges of the pyramids, that is, of the interatomic distances  $R_j$  between the lanthanide central ion and the atoms of the coordination polyhedron, as well as all the interatomic distances  $R_j$  between all atoms of the coordination polyhedron.

Tables S1, S2 and S3 show the Sparkle/PM3 and Sparkle/AM1 unsigned mean errors,  $UME_{(Ln-L)}$ s and UMEs, for the 96 structures containing Eu(III), 70 structures containing Gd(III) and the 42 structures containing Tb(III) respectively.

Figures S3 to S5 present, each, a gamma distribution fit of the respective UMEs for the present Sparkle/PM3 as well as for previously published Sparkle/AM1 models for europium, gadolinium and terbium.<sup>1</sup> In all cases the respective p-values were above the critical value of 0.05, ranging from 0.100 to 0.911, thus validating the usage of the sparkle model for both PM3 and AM1 for the prediction of lanthanide complexes geometries.

**Table S1.** Values of the coordination numbers, CNs, and unsigned mean errors,  $UME_{(Eu-L)}$ s, and UMEs, for Sparkle/PM3 and Sparkle/AM1, as compared to the respective experimental crystallographic values, obtained from the Cambridge Structural Database, for each of the ninety-six europium (III) complexes

Structure <sup>a</sup>	CN	Sparkle $UME_{(Eu-L)} / \text{Å}$		Sparkle $UME / \text{Å}$		Structure <sup>a</sup>	CN	Sparkle $UME_{(Eu-L)} / \text{Å}$		Sparkle $UME / \text{Å}$	
		PM3	AM1	PM3	AM1			PM3	AM1		
ACPNEU	8	0.078	0.042	0.171	0.171	MUHROW	9	0.097	0.102	0.138	0.141
BAFZEO	9	0.072	0.106	0.129	0.132	MUHRUC	9	0.095	0.101	0.168	0.240
BAPXAR	9	0.068	0.005	0.140	0.093	NIGWUV	9	0.065	0.077	0.097	0.156
BEKWUJ	11	0.087	0.163	0.151	0.234	NOHLUR	9	0.047	0.037	0.109	0.145
BUVXAR11	9	0.078	0.049	0.200	0.242	NUXHIX	7	0.103	0.143	0.159	0.225
CEXKUL	9	0.094	0.144	0.137	0.221	PHASEU	10	0.079	0.144	0.123	0.199
CEXKUL01	9	0.061	0.049	0.112	0.104	PUHYEW01	10	0.087	0.128	0.129	0.245
CEYRON	10	0.076	0.115	0.177	0.225	PIEUAC01	8	0.061	0.023	0.208	0.144
CIRKET	8	0.073	0.025	0.151	0.267	PITCUQ	8	0.074	0.042	0.358	0.174
COZLEI10	8	0.095	0.084	0.166	0.212	QAKWUU	8	0.065	0.032	0.133	0.145
DIWNOM	10	0.072	0.121	0.312	0.341	QALFEO	9	0.089	0.100	0.230	0.276
DOFXIF	9	0.067	0.022	0.133	0.099	QALFOY	8	0.047	0.040	0.182	0.208
DOPCEQ	9	0.086	0.123	0.134	0.224	QECGOU	6	0.124	0.066	0.256	0.211
DUCNAQ	9	0.077	0.110	0.121	0.210	QHDOEU	7	0.101	0.045	0.186	0.152
ECABOZ	10	0.077	0.115	0.154	0.205	QIGJAR	9	0.201	0.188	0.228	0.215
EGOBEH	9	0.071	0.090	0.101	0.124	QIMREJ	10	0.082	0.129	0.303	0.202
FETGUG	8	0.082	0.063	0.250	0.248	QIQHAZ	9	0.131	0.128	0.291	0.350
FOCQOD	9	0.084	0.062	0.160	0.189	QUBWUF	10	0.053	0.138	0.154	0.205
FOCQUJ	9	0.067	0.056	0.121	0.129	SOPFUY	9	0.037	0.020	0.113	0.102
FOCREU	9	0.110	0.103	0.198	0.304	SUXXIS	12	0.076	0.230	0.117	0.313
FUXPOD	9	0.027	0.075	0.294	0.255	TMHPEU10	8	0.100	0.059	0.132	0.127
FUZZOP	8	0.060	0.059	0.275	0.212	TOKMUB	8	0.080	0.121	0.099	0.142
GACJOJ	10	0.106	0.172	0.089	0.188	TUQTOO	9	0.100	0.065	0.239	0.274
GAPRUK	8	0.021	0.049	0.052	0.087	VUSGOF	9	0.090	0.124	0.116	0.307
GEBYAN	9	0.085	0.110	0.097	0.175	WAVNUC	9	0.056	0.077	0.105	0.094
GINPIC	9	0.053	0.061	0.149	0.198	WELBUC	11	0.065	0.173	0.294	0.274
HANBIH	9	0.058	0.031	0.147	0.204	WOMCIK	9	0.060	0.092	0.095	0.133
HAZGAQ	8	0.030	0.052	0.051	0.077	XECLEW	9	0.085	0.094	0.155	0.226
JAXXOV	8	0.094	0.052	0.150	0.135	XECLIA	8	0.204	0.071	0.318	0.209
JUCZIQ	9	0.054	0.063	0.177	0.218	XICHIA	8	0.072	0.068	0.188	0.098
JUDBOZ	9	0.098	0.080	0.218	0.265	XICHOG	8	0.082	0.068	0.083	0.085
JUGBUI	10	0.071	0.128	0.123	0.175	XICHUM	8	0.094	0.078	0.078	0.077
KAFDOK	9	0.046	0.043	0.132	0.166	XIHQIO	9	0.192	0.205	0.142	0.171
KAKPAN	8	0.077	0.037	0.362	0.345	XILGII	9	0.070	0.076	0.118	0.123
KELNOE	8	0.063	0.041	0.350	0.197	XIWTAY	9	0.095	0.103	0.145	0.199
KIFKOZ02	9	0.051	0.071	0.105	0.115	XIWTUS	8	0.085	0.050	0.145	0.120
KIHSEZ	10	0.076	0.107	0.119	0.164	YEZFAK	8	0.069	0.031	0.153	0.186
LAPJAN	10	0.062	0.092	0.110	0.168	YICSEI	8	0.107	0.103	0.136	0.122
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LELRUP	8	0.100	0.056	0.187	0.134	YOJDIK	8	0.073	0.031	0.161	0.131
LOWBEE	10	0.100	0.088	0.136	0.151	YUXREO	9	0.080	0.103	0.173	0.245
LUHFUP	9	0.092	0.105	0.137	0.153	ZAMHOK	9	0.042	0.055	0.262	0.291
LUHGAW	9	0.093	0.101	0.122	0.142	ZACXAC	9	0.061	0.033	0.132	0.132
MASKAS	8	0.072	0.026	0.228	0.194	ZESSUL	8	0.123	0.095	0.136	0.159
MEBDUS	9	0.095	0.110	0.141	0.195	ZEXJUH	8	0.068	0.055	0.119	0.161
MIHNOG	8	0.073	0.027	0.134	0.132	ZIDCUK	8	0.107	0.121	0.177	0.184
MIHPOI	9	0.066	0.054	0.109	0.157	ZUCCIJ	8	0.071	0.070	0.129	0.133
MOYJUF	9	0.078	0.101	0.110	0.140						

<sup>a</sup>The structures are identified by their respective codes of reference from the Cambridge Structural Database.

**Table S2.** Values of the coordination numbers, CNs, and unsigned mean errors,  $UME_{(Eu-L)}$ s, and UMEs, for Sparkle/PM3 and Sparkle/AM1, as compared to the respective experimental crystallographic values, obtained from the Cambridge Structural Database, for each of the seventy gadolinium (III) complexes

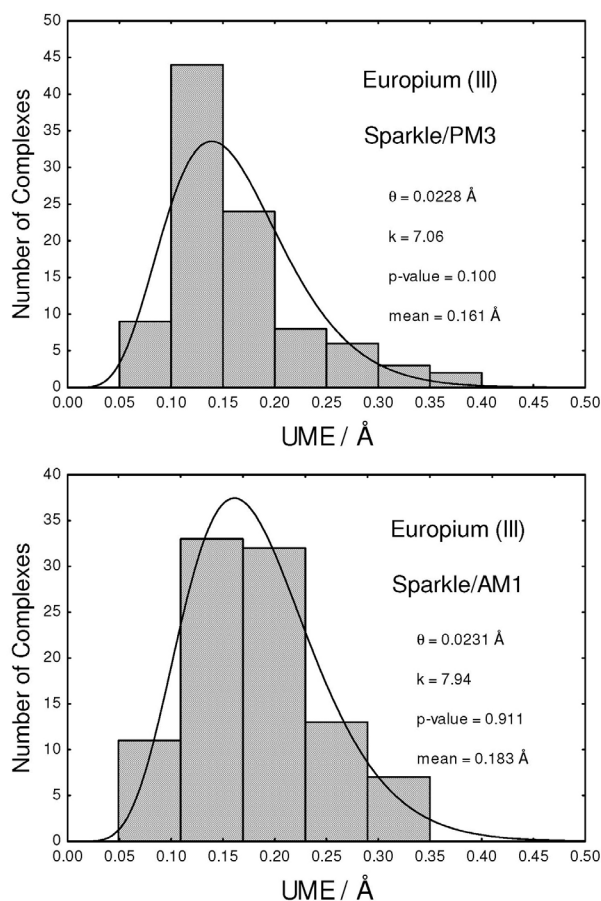
Structure <sup>a</sup>	CN	Sparkle $UME_{(Eu-L)} / \text{Å}$		Sparkle $UME / \text{Å}$	
		PM3	AM1	PM3	AM1
ACAQGD	9	0.081	0.085	0.113	0.156
ADUPEU	7	0.153	0.116	0.092	0.088
BIFZEV	9	0.043	0.034	0.302	0.290
BUVVOD	9	0.068	0.061	0.169	0.283
BUVVOD01	9	0.065	0.058	0.081	0.277
COSTAF	9	0.130	0.136	0.288	0.462
CULNIG10	7	0.100	0.097	0.196	0.236
DIQBIO	10	0.104	0.093	0.182	0.186
DIYNEE	8	0.030	0.024	0.219	0.230
DUFBEL	8	0.030	0.026	0.110	0.156
EHAXEQ	8	0.073	0.062	0.103	0.099
FONMEA	8	0.062	0.057	0.124	0.154
FUHQUU	9	0.035	0.029	0.090	0.096
FUXPUJ	9	0.024	0.026	0.131	0.258
GAKYAS	8	0.033	0.026	0.194	0.227
GAWBEL	8	0.024	0.030	0.083	0.097
GEGCIE	9	0.046	0.038	0.069	0.066
GIDQUF	8	0.072	0.037	0.103	0.066
GINPOI	9	0.051	0.057	0.096	0.285
GIRKUN	9	0.089	0.101	0.103	0.352
GODMER	10	0.095	0.101	0.148	0.236
HEDMIM	9	0.061	0.067	0.120	0.198
JARBUZ	9	0.068	0.078	0.138	0.153
JOPJIH	9	0.061	0.063	0.100	0.142
JOPJIH01	9	0.042	0.040	0.066	0.090
LANITB	9	0.056	0.071	0.256	0.310
LASZOU	9	0.028	0.027	0.110	0.094
LASZIO	9	0.191	0.246	0.283	0.463
LEJVEB	8	0.035	0.025	0.156	0.254
LOKNEE	9	0.057	0.056	0.127	0.135
LOQKEH	9	0.055	0.039	0.077	0.092
MIPTOU	7	0.140	0.103	0.068	0.063
NAVWIQ	9	0.090	0.104	0.135	0.185
NIGHEQ	10	0.055	0.039	0.100	0.061
NIGXAC	9	0.070	0.056	0.099	0.105
NIVQEO	8	0.053	0.048	0.123	0.141
PADEGA10	10	0.054	0.077	0.099	0.120
PALHAL	8	0.131	0.109	0.140	0.126
PEBDOP	9	0.050	0.042	0.246	0.229
PROPGD	8	0.060	0.062	0.137	0.197
PUZHUN	10	0.074	0.094	0.106	0.134
SERYOD	8	0.053	0.068	0.101	0.301
TUFLUB	9	0.051	0.048	0.168	0.241
UDOMIJ	9	0.049	0.040	0.179	0.097
UDOMOP	9	0.043	0.043	0.118	0.096
VEDSEC	10	0.077	0.060	0.112	0.089
VETDON	9	0.047	0.039	0.096	0.094
VIGBOC	9	0.053	0.046	0.073	0.086
WALQAB	9	0.038	0.032	0.081	0.093
WAVPAK	9	0.052	0.068	0.218	0.140
WAXCIH	9	0.084	0.067	0.125	0.155
WEWNOB	6	0.050	0.017	0.084	0.051
WIRTUM	5	0.086	0.094	0.111	0.127
WUCCOM	9	0.084	0.069	0.180	0.158
XIVFOX	8	0.069	0.031	0.135	0.018
XUBGUW	10	0.057	0.073	0.094	0.096
YAVSUJ	9	0.079	0.087	0.149	0.344
YEGTOT	8	0.007	0.005	0.081	0.093
YEWGEM	8	0.089	0.082	0.110	0.136
YIYLAT	9	0.038	0.053	0.093	0.122
YOYFIY01	9	0.034	0.027	0.102	0.109
YUWZOF	6	0.028	0.044	0.177	0.185
ZAXQAQ	8	0.033	0.034	0.136	0.224
ZAZQEW	8	0.007	0.006	0.065	0.086
ZENGUU	6	0.101	0.119	0.136	0.157
ZIPJIR	9	0.043	0.036	0.122	0.146
ZIZNUR	8	0.055	0.051	0.147	0.150
ZUNCAM	8	0.112	0.097	0.103	0.110
ZZZARA01	9	0.063	0.055	0.174	0.265

<sup>a</sup>The structures are identified by their respective codes of reference from the Cambridge Structural Database.

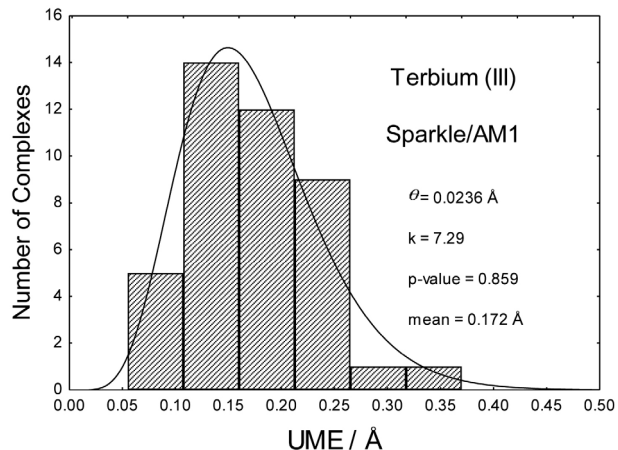
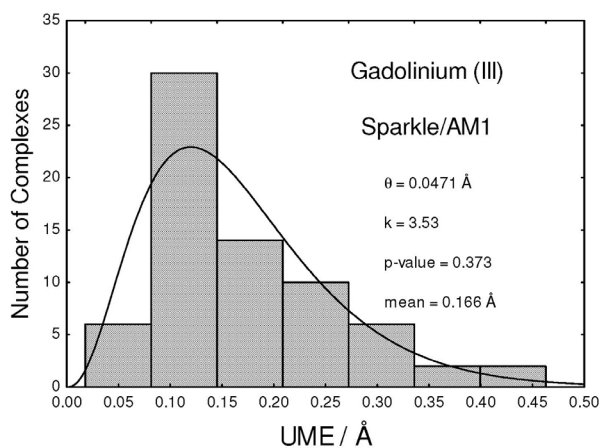
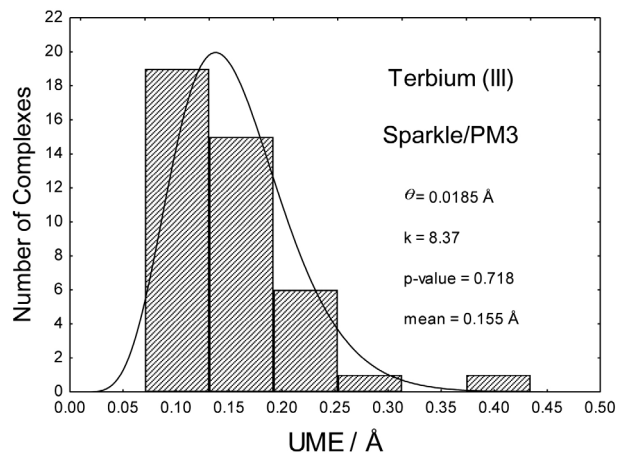
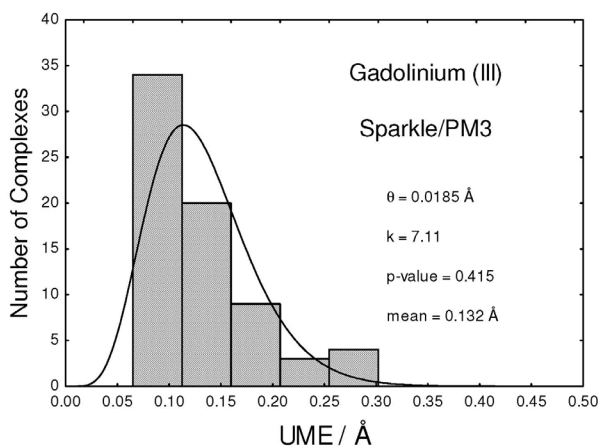
**Table S3.** Values of the coordination numbers, CNs, and unsigned mean errors,  $UME_{(Tb-L)}$ s and UMEs, for Sparkle/PM3 and Sparkle/AM1, as compared to the respective experimental crystallographic values, obtained from the Cambridge Structural Database, for each of the forty-two terbium (III) complexes

Structure <sup>a</sup>	CN	Sparkle $UME_{(Eu-L)} / \text{\AA}$		Sparkle $UME / \text{\AA}$	
		PM3	AM1	PM3	AM1
BACBUC	9	0.130	0.156	0.187	0.234
BAFWUB	9	0.040	0.035	0.110	0.138
BAFZOY	9	0.079	0.096	0.132	0.127
BUVXE01	9	0.070	0.051	0.171	0.206
COSVOV	9	0.130	0.134	0.140	0.370
CULSEH	8	0.052	0.053	0.129	0.118
DIFHEF	8	0.062	0.034	0.100	0.092
DUCQEX	9	0.070	0.085	0.129	0.166
FAGZAP	8	0.044	0.029	0.196	0.250
FOPPUV	9	0.053	0.046	0.146	0.155
HANBUT	9	0.027	0.030	0.130	0.180
IDOZEG	9	0.088	0.100	0.128	0.139
JAXWOU01	8	0.093	0.116	0.186	0.241
JAXWOU	9	0.077	0.097	0.199	0.246
JEXWOY	9	0.031	0.034	0.112	0.117
KITGAV	9	0.032	0.021	0.140	0.219
KUYBEL	9	0.025	0.050	0.230	0.245
LEJTEZ	8	0.031	0.038	0.178	0.180
LEYHOM	9	0.028	0.074	0.177	0.244
LIFJEP	10	0.070	0.092	0.125	0.147
MIHNUM	8	0.060	0.027	0.121	0.137
MIHPIC	8	0.056	0.028	0.121	0.137
MIWTAN	10	0.078	0.083	0.115	0.150
NASTUW	10	0.076	0.097	0.108	0.135
NAXRAF	10	0.099	0.102	0.141	0.143
NIGYUX	9	0.065	0.063	0.105	0.136
PAGBOO	4	0.059	0.043	0.071	0.055
PEJZAF	8	0.027	0.023	0.189	0.163
QALFUE	8	0.029	0.029	0.194	0.162
QAWHIF	8	0.065	0.049	0.081	0.079
SEGVF	8	0.020	0.018	0.089	0.058
TOKVIY	9	0.095	0.123	0.117	0.173
VAPTEL01	6	0.154	0.120	0.212	0.181
VAPTEL	6	0.165	0.131	0.227	0.166
XARXET	8	0.055	0.059	0.270	0.228
XAXXUP	7	0.092	0.064	0.167	0.176
XEXJIT	7	0.118	0.084	0.111	0.103
XOCDIC	8	0.070	0.084	0.152	0.202
XORGAM	8	0.061	0.052	0.434	0.292
XUGBUW	7	0.092	0.074	0.161	0.183
ZUNCEQ	8	0.107	0.096	0.115	0.124
ZZZARD01	9	0.068	0.051	0.173	0.244

<sup>a</sup>The structures are identified by their respective codes of reference from the Cambridge Structural Database.



**Figure S1.** Probability densities of the Gamma distribution fits of the UMEs for the Eu(III) Sparkle/PM3 and Sparkle/AM1 models, superimposed to histograms of the same data for all 96 Eu(III) complexes considered; where  $k$  is the shape parameter and  $\theta$  is the scale parameter of the gamma distribution;  $p$ -value is a measure of the significance of the gamma distribution fit; and mean is the expected value of the fitted gamma distribution, which is set to be equal to the arithmetic mean value of the 96 UMEs.



**Figure S2.** Probability densities of the Gamma distribution fits of the UMEs for the Gd(III) Sparkle/PM3 and Sparkle/AM1 models, superimposed to histograms of the same data for all 70 Gd(III) complexes considered; where  $k$  is the shape parameter and  $\theta$  is the scale parameter of the gamma distribution;  $p$ -value is a measure of the significance of the gamma distribution fit; and mean is the expected value of the fitted gamma distribution, which is set to be equal to the arithmetic mean value of the 70 UMEs.

**Figure S3.** Probability densities of the Gamma distribution fits of the UMEs for the Tb(III) Sparkle/PM3 and Sparkle/AM1 models, superimposed to histograms of the same data for all 42 Tb(III) complexes considered; where  $k$  is the shape parameter and  $\theta$  is the scale parameter of the gamma distribution;  $p$ -value is a measure of the significance of the gamma distribution fit; and mean is the expected value of the fitted gamma distribution, which is set to be equal to the arithmetic mean value of the 42 UMEs.

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