### **Electronic Supporting Information**

## Supramolecular assemblies with water-soluble

# *p*-sulfonatothiacalix[6]arene lanthanide complexes: one-dimensional

## 'ladder-type' coordination polymers and hydrogen-bonded polymers

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**Supplementary Figure S10** Projection of the thiacalixarene showing intramolecular OH····aromatic  $\pi$  and ArOH···O hydrogen bonding of the water molecules with the thiacalixarene molecule in the pseudo 'thiacalix[3]arene-like' cavities of complex **III** (light blue dotted lines).

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Supplementary Figure S13 The enlarged view of the same directional arrayed polymers of complex III showing the geometry of S- $\pi$  interactions.

	<i>r</i> (Å)	<i>d</i> (Å)	$\varphi$ (°)	α (°)	α' (°)
Ι	3.429	3.681	88.94	92.39	127.62
II	3.394	3.560	87.81	93.65	127.54
III	3.450	3.212	68.55	92.10	166.19
IV	3.444	3.210	68.72	92.16	166.11
V	3.441	3.206	68.65	92.14	166.42
VI	3.442	3.205	68.60	92.20	166.53
VII	3.684	3.401	67.08	91.29	164.67

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	Ln-OH···O-SO <sub>2</sub> <sup>1)</sup>	$\Omega_{1}S_{1}\Omega_{2}$	$HOH \cdots OH_2^{3)}$	HOH··· $\pi^{4)}$	$\Lambda r OH \dots O^{5}$
	$(Ln-O\cdots O-SO_2)$		(0…0)	$(\mathbf{O}\cdots \pi)$	
	(Å)	(A)	(Å)	(Å)	(A)
TTT	1.997, 2.236	2 806	1.883- 1.965	2.532	1.923
111	(2.795, 2.983)	2.800	(2.681-2.702)	(3.263)	
117	2.079, 2.207	2 707	1.812-1.971	2.559	1.026
1 V	(2.792, 2.985)	2.191	(2.598-2.736)	(3.267)	1.926
N7	1.957, 2.158	2.916	1.836-1.950	2.555	1 975
v	(2.794, 2.987)	2.810	(2.600-2.741)	(3.251)	1.0/3
хл	-	2 827	-	-	1.010
VI	(2.780, 2.984)	2.827	(2.600-2.757)	(3.273)	1.919
VII	-	2 852	-	-	2.079
	(2.706, 2.739)	2.852	(2.638-3.025)	(3.344)	

**Supplementary Table S2** Hydrogen bonding among thiacalixarene, aquated Ln cations, and free water molecules within the pseudo 'up-down' cavities in crystals of **III-VII**.

- Hydrogen bonding between aquo-metal cations and sulfonate groups of the thiacalixarene. In VI-VII, hydrogen atoms of coordinated water molecules and free water molecules were not considered.
- 2) Hydrogen bonding between sulfonate group of the thiacalixarene and imbedded disordered water molecule (hydrogen atoms of the disordered water molecules are not considered).
- Hydrogen bonding between imbedded disordered water molecules and coordinated water molecules of aquated lanthanide metal cations. In VI-VII, hydrogen atoms of coordinated water molecules and free water molecules were not considered.
- 4) OH-aromatic  $\pi$  hydrogen bonding between imbedded water molecules and aromatic moieties in the thiacalixarene molecule. In **VI-VII**, hydrogen atoms of coordinated water molecules and free water molecules were not considered.
- 5) Hydrogen bonding between the pendent phenolic hydroxyl group and embedded water molecule in each cavity.



**Supplementary Figure S1** The molecular structures of complex **I** a) and complex **II** b) showing intramolecular hydrogen bonding and S…O interactions between a base half of unit of three sulfonated phenols and a reversed half unit of three other ones (light blue and pink dotted lines). Selected distances of complex **I**: SO…O-Ar 3.232 Å, SO…HO-Ar 2.051 Å, SO…S 3.384 and 3.468 Å. Selected distances of complex **II**: SO…O-Ar 3.138 Å, SO…HO-Ar 2.103 Å, SO…S 3.367 and 3.429 Å.



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**Supplementary Figure S4** The enlarged view of the same directional arrayed polymers of a) **I** and b) **II** showing the geometry of S- $\pi$  interactions. Selected distances and angles of complex **I**: S(1)…centroid (*r*) 3.429 Å, S(1)…C(16)<sup>e</sup> (*d*) 3.681 Å, C(15)<sup>a</sup> -S(1)-centroid ( $\alpha$ ) 92.39° and C(5)-S(1)-centroid ( $\alpha$ <sup>2</sup>) 127.62°, and S(1)-centroid-C(16)<sup>b</sup> ( $\varphi$ ) 88.94°. Selected distances and angles of complex **II**: S(8)…centroid (*r*) 3.394 Å, S(8)…C(16)<sup>d</sup> (*d*) 3.600 Å, C(18)<sup>c</sup> -S(8)-centroid ( $\alpha$ ) 93.65° and C(9)-S(8)-centroid ( $\alpha$ <sup>2</sup>) 127.54°, and S(8)-centroid-C(16)<sup>d</sup> ( $\varphi$ ) 87.81°. Symmetry codes: <sup>a</sup>, 1–*x*, 1–*y*, 2–*z*; <sup>b</sup>, –1+*x*, *y*, *z*; <sup>c</sup>, 1–*x*, 1–*y*, 1–*z*; <sup>d</sup>, 1+*x*, *y*, *z*.



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