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### Bis(Carbamoylmethylphosphine Oxide) Ligands Fixed on the Arene Core via 1,2,3-Triazole Linkers: **Novel Effective Extractants for Palladium, Lanthanides** and Actinides

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Novel polydentate neutral organophosphorus ligands containing two diphenyl-(diethylcarbamoylmethyl)phosphine oxide moieties fixed on the arene platform via methylene-1,2,3-triazole linkers (Ar-CMPO) were synthesized by the method of "click" chemistry and studied as an extractant for Pd(II), U(VI), Th(IV) and lanthanides(III) ions from HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. The influence of aqueous and organic phases on the extraction efficiency was elucidated and stoichiometry of the complexes extracted was determined. The introduction of a 1,2,3-triazole fragment into the methylene bridge of a CMPO molecule resulted in a considerable increase of the efficiency of Pd(II) extraction. This modification of a CMPO molecule does not essentially change the extraction efficiency towards U(VI) and Ln(III) but drastically decreases the Th(IV) extraction and change the order in the extractability of U(VI) and Th(IV) from HNO3 solutions. Bis-CMPO ligands containing two1,2,3-triazole moieties (Ar-CMPO) were found to possess a higher extraction efficiency towards Pd(II), U(VI), Th(IV) and lanthanides(III) ions than their mono analog 2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethyl-3-(1-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)propanamide.

### Introduction

Solvent extraction is a widely used technique for the recovery and separation of actinides and lanthanides from high-level liquid wastes (HLLW) of nuclear fuel cycles. HLLW can be a valuable source of platinum group metals. The recovery of fission palladium is of particular interest and is being investigated world-wide. [1] Bidentate neutral organophosphorus compounds such as diaryl- or alkyl(aryl)[dialkylcarbamoylmethyl]phosphine oxides (CMPO) are known to be efficient extractants for the extraction of hard actinides and lanthanides ions from nitric acid solutions. [2,3] However, these compounds do not show any appreciable ability to extract soft

Pd(II) ions from nitric acid solutions.[1] A difference in extractabilities of Pd(II) and Ln(III) ions with polyfunctional neutral extractants depends on the nature of coordinating moieties of an extractant molecule. It is known that the diamide extractant tetraoctyldiglycolamide (TODGA) with hard oxygen donors extract lanthanides and actinides from nitric acid solutions more strongly than Pd(II). [4] Replacement of the central ether oxygen in the molecule of diamides of diglycolic acid by soft nitrogen donors changes the relation between the extractabilities of lanthanides and Pd(II). Sasaki et al. showed that 2,2'-(methylimino)bis(N,Ndioctylacetamide), which has a frame similar to that of TODGA and a nitrogen atom instead of the ether oxygen, effectively extracts Pd(II) from nitric acid solutions whereas the extractability of Am(III) and lanthanides is low. [5]

Recently, we have found that the introduction of a 1,2,3triazole fragment into the methylene bridge of a CMPO molecule resulted in a considerable increase of the efficiency of Pd(II)

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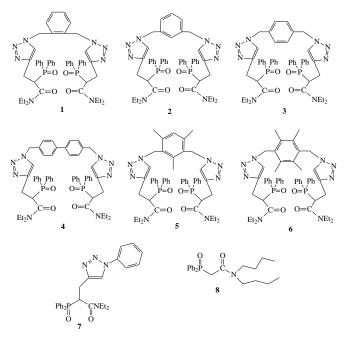
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[6] However, the extraction efficiency of 2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethyl-3-(1-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4yl)propanamide towards Ln(III) slightly decreased as compared with that of unsubstituted CMPO. <sup>[6]</sup> It is known that the efficiency and selectivity of CMPO type ligands usually increase with an increase in the amount of CMPO residues in a molecule. [7, 8] Attachment of CMPO groups to molecular platforms such as calixarenes [9-11] and cavitands [12-15] led to further increase of extraction efficiencies and selectivities. Therefore, it seemed reasonable to attempt the synthesis of novel polyfunctional neutral organophosphorus compounds Ar-CMPO 1-7 and estimate their extraction properties towards Pd(II), U(VI), Th(IV) and lanthanides(III). This study was carried as part of the research on the specific features of the extraction ability of polyfunctional neutral organophosphorus compounds, depending on the variation in their molecule structure. In this report we describe the results of our studies on some extraction properties of Ar-CMPO 1-7 compounds towards Pd(II), U(VI), Th(IV) and lanthanides(III) in nitric acid media. The extraction behavior of these compounds is compared with that of its structural mono analog 8.



**Scheme 1.** The comparative mono- and bis-CMPO ligands used in the study.

### Experimental

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The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-400 instrument in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution. The chemical shifts (δ) were internally referenced by the residual solvent signals relative to tetramethylsilane (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C) or externally to H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (<sup>31</sup>P). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were registered using the JMODECHO mode; the signals for the C atoms bearing odd and even numbers of protons have opposite polarities. IR spectra were recorded on a Magna-IR 750 FTIR spectrometer (Nicolet Co., resolution 2 cm-1, scan number 128, KBr pellets). Melting points were determined with an Electrothermal IA9100 DigitalMelting Point Apparatus and were uncorrected. Chemical and analytical grade hexane, acetone, 1,2-dicloroethane, tert-butanol and methanol were used as diluents.

The ligand **6** <sup>[6]</sup> was obtained by coupling a phenylazide with 2-propargyl-diphenyl(N,N-diethylcarbamoyl-methyl)phosphine oxide by procedure of "click" chemistry. The synthesis of compound **8** <sup>[16]</sup> was described previously.

#### Synthesis of the ligands.

The desired polydentate neutral organophosphorus ligands **1-6** were synthesized using the general synthetic procedure of "click" chemistry detailed by us earlier for compound **7**, namely by copper(I)-catalyzed 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of corresponding diazides **1a-6a** to 2-propargyl-diphenyl(N,N-diethyl-carbamoylmethyl)phosphine oxide, <sup>[6]</sup> according to the general route deplicated in the Scheme 2.

Scheme 2. Synthesis of the Ar-CMPO ligands 1-6.

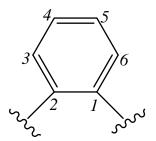
The starting diazides **1a**, <sup>[17]</sup> **2a** and **3a**, <sup>[18]</sup> **4a**, <sup>[19]</sup> **5a**, <sup>[20]</sup> and **6a** <sup>[21]</sup> were obtained *via* the procedures described in the literature, and their physicochemical constants matched the literature data.

#### A general procedure for the preparation of 1-6

To a solution of 2-propargyl-diphenyl(N,N-diethylcarbamoylmethyl)phosphine oxide (0.5 g, 1.35 mmol) and corresponding diazide 1a-6a in t-BuOH/H2O (5 mL) in the ratio 5:2 was added CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mol %, 17 mg, 0.0675 mmol) and sodium ascorbate (10 mol %, 27 mg, 0.135 mmol) with stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 60-70 h. The reaction was completed as verified by TLC and 31P NMR control. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and CH2Cl2 was added to the residue (30 mL). The product was washed with 3% aq NH<sub>3</sub> (3×15mL). The collected organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by thin-layer column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) using hexane-acetone (from 100:20 to 10:100, v/v) and then CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-methanol (100:10, v/v). The identity and the purity of the reaction products were established by their spectral (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR) data.

Note that isolated ligands after careful drying over  $P_2O_5$  in vacuum contained 1 or 1.5 mol of water according to the  $^1H$  NMR, IR and elemental analysis data. The numeration of the central arene core in Ar-CMPO **1-6** is presented in the figures (vide infra)

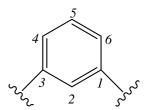
## 1,1'-(Benzene-1,2-diyldimethanediyl)bis $\{4-[2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethylpropanamide]-1<math>H$ -1,2,3-triazole $\}$ (1).



Yield: 60%. Mp: 189-193°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3431 ( $v_{OH}$ ), 2969, 2929, 1631 ( $v_{C=O}$ ), 1460 ( $v_{Ar}$ ), 1437, 1215 ( $v_{P=O}$ ), 1190, 1118, 1099, 705, 516. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 0.72 and 0.75 (both t, 6H+6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>=7.2); 2.78 and 2.96 (both dd, 2H+2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH(P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>)-, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>=11.1, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>PH</sub>=13.0); 3.10-3.45 (m, 8H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 4.19 (ddd, 2H, PCH, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PH</sub>=14.8, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>=11.1); 5.48 (br. s, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-); 7.03-7.08 (m, 2H, H(C<sup>4</sup>)+H(C<sup>5</sup>) in Ar); 7.23 (br. s, 2H, CH in triazole cycle); 7.26-7.32 (m, 2H,

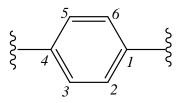
 $H(C^3)+H(C^6)$ ; 7.42-7.60, 7.83-7.92, 8.05-8.15 12H+4H+4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-P). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.97 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 30.11 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 12.42 and 13.76 (both s, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 23.30 (br. s, CH<sub>2</sub>CH(P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>-), 40.85 and 42.49 (both s,  $CH_3\underline{C}H_2N$ ), 45.76 (d, P-CH,  ${}^1J_{PC}$ =60.9), 50.78 (s, - $\underline{CH_2}$ -Ar- $\underline{CH_2}$ -), 122.24 (s, = $\underline{CH}$ - in triazole cycle), 128.29 and 128.46 (both d, o-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^2J_{PC}=11.7$ ), 129.40 (s,  $C^3$ ,  $C^6$  in Ar), 129.81 (s,  $C^4$ ,  $C^5$  in Ar), 130.68 and 130.77 (both d, *ipso-C* in  $C_6H_5$ ,  $^{1}J_{PC}$ =99.4), 131.67 and 131.84 (both d, m-C in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>,  $^{3}J_{PC}$ =9.2), 131.94 and 132.02 (both d, p-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^4J_{PC}$ =2.6), 133.27 (s, ipso- $C^{1}$ ,  $C^{2}$  in Ar), 144.98 and 145.00 (both d, -C=CH- in triazole cycle,  $^{3}J_{PC}=15.5$ ), 167.20 (s, C=O).Anal. Calcd  $C_{50}H_{56}N_8O_4P_2$ : 1.5 $H_2O$ : C, 65.13; H, 6.91; N, 12.15; P, 6.72. Found: C, 65.32; H, 6.78; N, 12.38; P, 6.54.

### 1,1'-(Benzene-1,3-diyldimethanediyl)bis{4-[2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethylpropanamide]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole} (2).



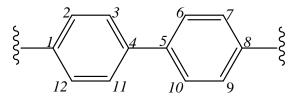
Yield: 57%. Mp: 180-183°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3436 (v<sub>OH</sub>), 2974, 2932, 1630 ( $v_{C=O}$ ), 1461 ( $v_{Ar}$ ), 1437, 1190 ( $v_{P=O}$ ), 1117, 1099, 728, 705, 516. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 0.50 and 0.54 (both t, 6H+6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ =7.1); 2.53-2.63, 2.73-2.83, 2.90-3.06, 3.15-3.27 (all m, 12H,  $NCH_2CH_3 + CH_2CH(P(O)Ph_2)$ -); 4.02 (ddd, 2H, PCH,  ${}^{2}J_{PH}=13.4$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}=11.1$ ); 5.21 (br. s, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-); 6.93 (d, 2H, H(C<sup>4</sup>)+H(C<sup>6</sup>) in Ar,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ =7.6); 7.03 (br. s, 2H, CH in triazole cycle); 7.07 (t, 1H,  $H(C^5)$ ,  ${}^3J_{HH}=7.6$ ); 7.14 (s, 1H,  $H(C^2)$ ); 7.25-7.43, 7.65-7.75, 7.84-7.95 (all m, 12H+4H+4H,  $C_6H_5$ -P). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.97 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 30.06 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 11.97 and 13.31 (both s, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 24.14 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>CH(P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>-), 40.32 and 42.06 (both s, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 44.63 (d, P-CH,  ${}^{1}J_{PC}$ =60.9), 52.92 (s, -<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>-Ar-<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>-), 121.87 (s, =CH- in triazole cycle), 127.19 (s,  $C^2$  in Ar), 127.53 (s,  $C^4$ ,  $C^6$  in Ar), 128.00 and 128.07 (both d, o-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^2J_{PC}=12.1$ ), 129.14 (s,  $C^5$  in Ar), 130.14 and 130.30 (both d, *ipso-C* in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^1J_{PC}=99.0$ ), 131.16 and 131.38 (both d, m-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^3J_{PC}=9.5$ ), 131.69 and 131.70 (both d, p-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^4J_{PC}=2.0$ ), 135.26 (s, ipso- $C^1$ ,  $C^3$  in Ar), 144.41 (d, - $\underline{C}$ =CH- in triazole cycle,  ${}^{3}J_{PC}$ =15.7), 166.79 (s, C=O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 65.13; H, 6.91; N, 12.15; P, 6.72. Found: C, 65.25; H, 6.98; N, 12.10; P, 6.65.

## 1,1'-(Benzene-1,4-diyldimethanediyl)bis $\{4-[2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethylpropanamide]-1<math>H$ -1,2,3-triazole $\}$ (3).



Yield: 50%. Mp: 195-198°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3436 (v<sub>OH</sub>), 2973, 2931, 1630 ( $v_{C=O}$ ), 1461 ( $v_{Ar}$ ), 1437, 1217 ( $v_{P=O}$ ), 1188, 1099, 705, 516. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 0.71 and 0.76 (both t, 6H+6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C $\underline{H}_3$ ,  ${}^3J_{HH}$ =7.2); 2.75-2.87, 2.93-3.08, 3.10-3.30, 3.32-3.48 (all m, 12H,  $NCH_2CH_3 + CH_2CH(P(O)Ph_2)$ -); 4.21 (ddd, 2H, PCH,  ${}^{2}J_{PH}=13.4$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}=11.5$ ); 5.41 (br. s, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-); 7.18 (br. s, 4H,  $H(C^2)+H(C^3)+H(C^5)+H(C^6)$  in Ar); 7.24 (br. s, 2H, CH in triazole cycle); 7.45-7.65, 7.85-7.96, 8.07-8.18 (all m, 12H+4H+4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-P). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.97 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 30.09 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 12.41 and 13.75 (both s,  $CH_3CH_2N$ ), 24.65 (s,  $CH_2CH(P(O)Ph_{2^-})$ , 40.79 and 42.52 (both s,  $CH_3\underline{C}H_2N$ ), 45.65 (d, P-CH,  ${}^1J_{PC}$ =60.1), 53.26 (br. s,  $-\underline{C}H_2$ -Ar- $\underline{C}H_2$ -), 122.03 (s, = $\underline{C}H$ - in triazole cycle), 124.90 (s,  $C^2$ ,  $C^3$ ,  $C^5$ ,  $C^6$  in Ar), 128.33 and 128.47 (both d, o-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^2J_{PC}=13.9$ ), 130.81 (d, *ipso*-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^1J_{PC}$ =99.4), 131.69 and 131.87 (both d, m-C in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>,  ${}^{3}J_{PC}$ =9.2), 131.94 and 132.01 (both d, p-C in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>,  $^4J_{PC}$ =3.6), 135.20 (s, *ipso*-C<sup>1</sup>,C<sup>4</sup> in Ar), 145.03 (d, -<u>C</u>=CH- in triazole cycle,  ${}^3J_{PC}$ =15.4), 167.24 (s, C=O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 65.13; H, 6.91; N, 12.15; P, 6.72. Found: C, 65.40; H, 6.90; N, 12.32; P, 6.83.

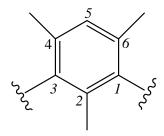
### 1,1'-(Biphenyl-4,4'-diyldimethanediyl)bis $\{4-[2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethylpropanamide]-1<math>H$ -1,2,3-triazole $\}$ (4).



Yield: 62%. Mp: 110-115°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3436 (v<sub>OH</sub>), 2974, 2932, 1630 (v<sub>C=O</sub>), 1461 (v<sub>Ar</sub>), 1437, 1188 (v<sub>P=O</sub>), 1117, 1099, 704, 515.  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 0.70 and 0.72 (both t, 6H+6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>,  $^{3}$ J<sub>HH</sub>=7.6); 2.70-2.82, 2.93-3.03, 3.06-3.25, 3.33-3.42 (all m, 12H, NC<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> + C<u>H</u><sub>2</sub>CH(P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>)-); 4.17 (ddd, 2H, PCH,  $^{2}$ J<sub>PH</sub>=13.5,  $^{3}$ J<sub>HH</sub>=11.1); 5.45 (dd, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>,  $^{2}$ J<sub>HH</sub>=14.9,  $^{2}$ J<sub>HH</sub>=18.0); 7.21 and 7.44 (both d, 4H+4H, H(C<sup>2</sup>)+H(C<sup>3</sup>)+H(C<sup>6</sup>)+H(C<sup>7</sup>)+H(C<sup>9</sup>)+H(C<sup>10</sup>)+H(C<sup>11</sup>)+H(C<sup>12</sup>) in Ar,  $^{3}$ J<sub>HH</sub>=8.4); 7.28 (br. s, 2H, CH in triazole cycle); 7.45-7.55, 7.84-7.90, 8.06-8.12 (all m, 12H+4H+4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-P).  $^{31}$ P NMR (161.97)

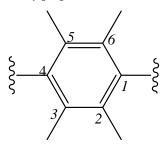
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 29.95 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 12.44 and 13.79 (both s,  $\underline{C}H_3CH_2N$ ), 24.75 (s,  $\underline{C}H_2CH(P(O)Ph_2-)$ , 40.83 and 42.55 (both s,  $CH_3\underline{C}H_2N$ ), 45.79 (d, P-CH,  $^1J_{PC}$ =60.9), 53.23 (br. s,  $^-\underline{C}H_2$ -Ar- $^-\underline{C}H_2$ -), 121.95 (s,  $^-\underline{C}H_2$ - in triazole cycle), 127.55 (s,  $C^3$ ,  $C^6$ ,  $C^{10}$ ,  $C^{11}$  in Ar), 128.48 (s,  $C^2$ ,  $C^7$ ,  $C^9$ ,  $C^{12}$  in Ar), 128.28 and 128.47 (both d, o-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  $^2J_{PC}$ =11.7), 130.73 and 130.86 (both d, ipso-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  $^1J_{PC}$ =98.7), 131.70 and 131.87 (both d, m-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  $^3J_{PC}$ =9.1), 131.94 and 132.02 (both d, p-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  $^4J_{PC}$ =3.0), 133.95 and 140.61 (both s, ipso-C in Ar), 145.05 (d,  $^-\underline{C}$ =CH- in triazole cycle,  $^3J_{PC}$ =15.8), 167.24 (s, C=0). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{56}H_{60}N_8O_4P_2$ : $H_2O$ : C, 68.00; C, 68.00; C, 68.00; C, 67.84; C, 67.84; C, 65.4; C, 71.1.19; C, 621.

## 1,1'-[(2,4,6-Trimethylbenzene-1,3-diyl)dimethanediyl]bis(4-methyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole)bis{4-[2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethylpropanamide]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole} (5).



Yield: 50%. Mp: 77-87°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3436 (ν<sub>OH</sub>), 2973, 2932, 1631 ( $v_{C=O}$ ), 1461 ( $v_{Ar}$ ), 1438, 1214 and 1191 ( $v_{P=O}$ ), 1117, 1099, 1047, 705, 516. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 0.65 and 0.68 (both t, 6H+6H, NCH<sub>2</sub>C $\underline{H}_3$ ,  ${}^3J_{HH}$ =7.2); 2.10 and 2.20 (both s, 6H+3H,  $CH_3(C^2)+CH_3(C^4)+CH_3(C^6)$  in Ar); 2.66-2.75, 2.88-2.98, 3.00-3.15, 3.17-3.27 (all m, 12H,  $NCH_2CH_3 + CH_2CH(P(O)Ph_2)$ -); 4.09 (ddd, 2H, PCH,  ${}^{2}J_{PH}$ =14.0,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ =11.2); 5.38 (br. s, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-); 6.84 (s, 1H, H(C<sup>5</sup>) in Ar); 7.43 (s, 2H, CH in triazole cycle); 7.32-7.50, 7.75-7.82, 7.96-8.05 (all m, 12H+4H+4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-P). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.97 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 30.09 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 12.41 and 13.77 (both s, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 19.71 (s,  $\underline{C}H_3(C^4) + \underline{C}H_3(C^6)$  in Ar), 19.84 (s,  $\underline{C}H_3(C^2)$  in Ar), 24.71 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>CH(P(O)Ph<sub>2</sub>-), 40.79 and 42.50 (both s, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 45.68 (d, P-CH,  ${}^{1}J_{PC}$ =60.5), 48.17 (s, -<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>-Ar-<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>-), 120.61 (s, C<sup>5</sup> in Ar), 121.07 (s, =CH- in triazole cycle), 128.19 and 128.40 (both d, o-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^2J_{PC}=12.1$ ), 129.72 (d, *ipso*-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^1J_{PC}=112.2$ ), 131.62 and 131.78 (both d, m-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^3J_{PC}=9.2$ ), 131.89 and 131.96 (both d, p-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^4J_{PC}=2.5$ ), 137.71 (s, *ipso-C*<sup>4</sup>,  $C^6$  in Ar), 137.84 (s, *ipso*-C<sup>2</sup> in Ar), 138.74 (s, *ipso*-C<sup>1</sup>, C<sup>3</sup> in Ar), 144.32 (d, -C=CH- in triazole cycle,  ${}^{3}J_{PC}=15.8$ ), 167.18 (s, C=O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>62</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 66.03; H, 6.80; N, 11.62; P, 6.43. Found: C, 66.23; H, 6.75; N, 11.58; P, 6.30.

1,1'-[(2,3,5,6-Tetramethylbenzene-1,4-diyl)dimethanediyl] bis (4-methyl-1<math>H-1,2,3-triazole) bis  $\{4-[2-(diphenylphosphoryl)-N,N-diethylpropanamide]-1<math>H$ -1,2,3-triazole $\}$  (6).



Yield: 65%. Mp: 129-130°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3436 (v<sub>OH</sub>), 2971, 2930, 1631 ( $v_{C=O}$ ), 1461 ( $v_{Ar}$ ), 1438, 1217 and 1191 ( $v_{P=O}$ ), 1117, 1099, 705, 516. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 0.77 (br. 12H,  $NCH_2CH_3$ ,  $^{3}J_{\text{HH}}=7.6$ ); 2.20 (s,  $CH_3(C^2)+CH_3(C^3)+CH_3(C^5)+CH_3(C^6)$  in Ar); 2.76-2.90 and 3.00-3.40 (both m, 12H,  $NCH_2CH_3 + CH_2CH(P(O)Ph_2)$ -); 4.21 (ddd, 2H, PCH,  ${}^{2}J_{PH}=14.0$ ,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}=11.2$ ); 5.57 (s, 4H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-); 6.93 (s, 2H, CH in triazole cycle); 7.45-7.65, 7.82-7.95, 8.06-8.18 (all m, 12H+4H+4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-P). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.97 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 30.24 ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm, J/Hz): 12.44 and 13.81 (both s,  $CH_3CH_2N$ ), 16.33 (s,  $CH_3(C^2)+CH_3(C^3)+CH_3(C^5)+CH_3(C^6)$ in Ar), 24.79 (s, CH2CH(P(O)Ph2-), 40.87 and 42.61 (both s,  $CH_3CH_2N$ ), 45.73 (d, P-CH,  ${}^1J_{PC}$ =80.5), 48.90 (s, - $\underline{C}H_2$ -Ar- $\underline{C}H_2$ -), 121.20 (s, = $\underline{C}H$ - in triazole cycle), 128.24 and 128.47 (both d, o-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^2J_{PC}=16.1$ ), 130.77 and 130.69 (both d, *ipso-C* in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^{1}J_{PC}$ =132.4), 131.21 (s, *ipso*-C<sup>2</sup>, C<sup>3</sup>, C<sup>5</sup>, C<sup>6</sup> in Ar), 131.75 and 131.80 (both d, m-C in  $C_6H_5$ ,  ${}^3J_{PC}=12.0$ ), 132.00 (br. s, p-C in  $C_6H_5$ ), 134.72 (s, *ipso*- $C^1$ ,  $C^4$  in Ar), 144.31 (d, - $\underline{C}$ =CH- in triazole cycle,  ${}^{3}J_{PC}$ =21.2), 167.25 (s, C=O). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>64</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 66.93; H, 6.86; N, 11.56; P, 6.39. Found: C, 66.78; H, 6.81; N, 11.62; P, 6.25.

### **Extraction studies**

In the extraction experiments, 1,2-dichloroethane of chemical grade without any additional purification was used as an organic solvent. Extractant solutions were prepared using precisely weighed samples. Stock aqueous solutions of lanthanides(III), U(VI), Th(IV) and Pd(II) were prepared by dissolving the corresponding nitrates in water followed by the addition of HNO<sub>3</sub>. The initial concentration of metal ions was  $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M. All lanthanides (III) (except Pm) were present in the initial aqueous phase when simultaneous extraction of Ln(III) was studied. The extraction experiments were performed in tubes equipped with sealing plugs

at room temperature and the 1:1 volume ratio of organic and aqueous phases. The phases were contacted in a rotar mixer at the rate 60 rpm for 1 h, this time being sufficient to reach constant values of the distribution ratio (D).

The concentration of Ln(III), U(VI), Th (IV) and Pd(II) in the initial and equilibrium aqueous solutions was determined using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) on a mass spectrometer X-7 (Thermo Electron, USA) according to the previously described procedure. [22] The content of U, Th and lanthanides in the organic phase was determined after back-extraction with 0.1 M solution of 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid. The distribution ratio of metal ions was calculated as a ratio of their concentrations in the equilibrium phases. Duplicate experiments showed that the reproducibility of the D measurements was generally within 10%. The concentration of HNO<sub>3</sub> in the equilibrium aqueous phase was determined by potentiometric titration with KOH solution.

#### **Results and Discussion**

### Characterization of compounds 1-6

The pure ligands **1-6** demonstrate a singlet at *ca.* 30 ppm in the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum, *i.e.*, the region characteristic for the given phosphorus atom environment. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum corresponds to the depicted structure and is comprises a doublet doublet doublet (ddd) of protons of the PCH group at *ca.* 4.17 ppm with coupling constants of 11.0 and 14.2 Hz along with the other characteristic signals of the hydrogen atoms located in the typical regions. In the IR spectrum characteristic absorption bands at 1631 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O), 1461 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Ar) and 1215 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P=O) along with the absorption of OH group appearing as a broad band at 3436 cm<sup>-1</sup> (valent oscillations) were observed.

### Extraction of Pd(II) from HNO3 and HCl Solutions

To compare the extraction efficiency of compounds 1-8 towards Pd(II), the  $D_{Pd}$  values were measured at the Pd(II) extraction from

3M HNO<sub>3</sub> containing 0.001M Pd(II) with 0.001M solutions of compounds **1-7** and 0.01 M compound **8** in 1,2-dichloroethane. The data in Table 1 show that the extraction efficiency of compounds **1-7** towards Pd(II) is considerably higher than that for compound **8**. This suggests the participation of a 1,2,3-triazole fragment of extractants **1-7** molecule in the complexation with Pd<sup>2+</sup> ions. Earlier, the formation of Pd-N bonds was reported by Khisamutdinov et al. <sup>[23]</sup> for complexes of Pd(II) with 1-2(2,4-dichlorphenyl)-propyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl-methyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol.

However, it is difficult to discuss the participation of CMPO moieties in the complex formation with Pd<sup>2+</sup> ions in detail because of the lack of information on the real coordination fashion of extracted complexes since no direct structural parameters under the same extraction conditions have been obtained yet.

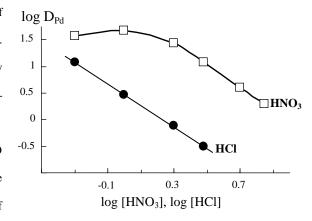
The data in Table 1 show that the efficiency of Pd(II) extraction with compounds 1-3, 5 and 6 containing two triazole fragments is higher than that for their mono analog 7. Pd(II) forms square-planar complexes, which could make the symmetrical phenyl-bridged bis-CVPO-triazol ligands especially effective for the extraction of Pd(II).

**Table 1.** The extraction of Pd(II) from 3 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions containing 0.001M Pd(II) with 0.001M solutions of extractants **1-7** and 0.01 M solution of extractant **8** in 1,2-dichloroethane.

extractant	$lgD_{Pd}$	extractant	$lgD_{Pd}$
1	1.48	5	1.62
2	1.70	6	1.79
3	1.60	7	1.33
4	0.92	8	-1.27

A similar increase in the efficiency of Pd(II) extraction was observed on going from benzoylthiourea to 1-benzoyl-3[6-(3-benzoyl-thioureido)-hexyl]-thiourea. <sup>[24]</sup> However, the extraction efficiency of compound **4** with biphenyl spacer between triazole groups is lower than that for its mono analog **7**. This can be due to a larger distance between triazole fragments, as compared with compounds **1-3**, **5** and **6**.

The effect of  $HNO_3$  and HCl concentrations in the equilibrium aqueous phase on the extraction of Pd(II) ions with solutions of compound  $\bf 6$  in 1,2-dichloroethane is shown in Fig. 1.

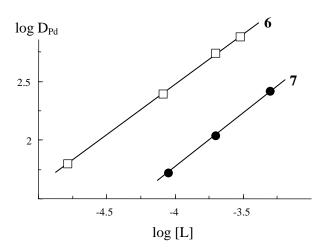


**Figure 1.** The effect of  $HNO_3$  and HCl concentration in the aqueous phase on the extraction of Pd(II) with  $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M solutions of compound **6** in 1,2-dichloroethane. Solid lines are guide for the eyes.

The  $logD_{Pd}$  vs  $log[HNO_3]$  curve exhibits a maximum at  $[HNO_3] = 1M$ . This can be due to the combined effect of  $HNO_3$  salting out and competition for the extractant, as well as to the formation of Pd(II) anionic complexes in the aqueous phase. [25] The data in Fig. 1 suggest that compound **6** extracts Pd(II) from  $HNO_3$  solutions more effectively than from HCl solutions. This is connected with a high stability of  $[PdCl_4]^{2-}$  complexes in the aqueous phase. [25]

The stoichiometric ratio of palladium(II) to extractant in the extracted complexes was determined by the slope analysis method. The variations in  $D_{Pd}$  as a function of compounds  $\bf 6$  and  $\bf 7$  concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane for 3M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions are shown in Fig. 2.

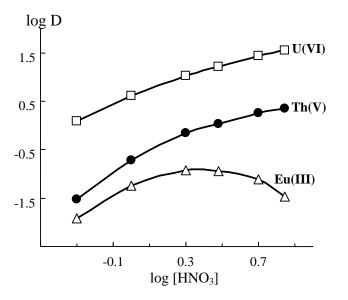
The dependence  $logD_{Pd}$  vs  $log([L]_{init}$  -s[Pd]<sub>o</sub>), where  $[L]_{init}$  is the initial extractant concentration and  $[Pd]_o$  is the equilibrium concentration of Pd(II) in the organic phase, is linear with a slope of 1. Hence, one molecule of compounds **6** and **7** are involved in the formation of complexes with Pd(II) under the experimental conditions used.



**Figure 2.** The effect of extractants **6** and **7** concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane on the extraction of Pd(II) from 3 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. Solid lines: linear variation with a slope of  $0.94 \pm 0.06$ .

### Extraction of U(VI), Th(IV) and Ln(III) from Nitric Acid Solutions

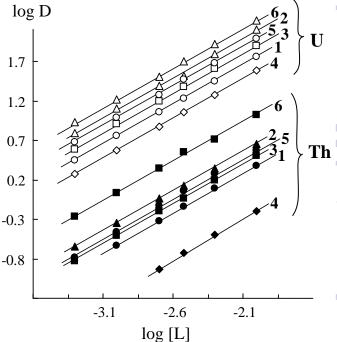
The effect of HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration in the equilibrium aqueous phase on the extraction of U(VI), Th(IV) and Eu(III) ions with solutions of compound **6** in 1,2-dichloroethane is shown in Fig. 3. An increase in HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration is accompanied by the growth of distribution ratios of U(VI) and Th(IV).



**Figure 3.** The effect of  $HNO_3$  concentration in the aqueous phase on the extraction of U(VI), Th(IV) and Eu(III) with 0.001 M (for U and Th) and 0.01 M (for Eu) solutions of compound **6** in 1,2-dichloroethane. Solid lines are guide for the eyes.

A similar character of the logD - log[HNO $_3$ ] dependence was observed for the extraction of U(VI) and Pu(IV) with CMPO

extractants in the form of coordination-solvated nitrates. <sup>[26]</sup> The  $logD_{Eu}$  vs  $log[HNO_3]$  curve exhibits a maximum in the range of  $[HNO_3]$  between 2 and 3 M (Fig. 3). These maxima are commonly observed in the Ln(III) extraction with neutral organophosphorus compounds and are explained by the combined effect of  $HNO_3$  salting out and competition for extractant, as well as by the change of the activity coefficient values of Ln(III) nitrates depending on  $[HNO_3]$ . <sup>[27]</sup>



**Figure 4.** The effect of extractants **1-6** concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane on the extraction of U(VI) and Th(IV) from 3 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. Solid lines: linear variation with a slope of  $0.98 \pm 0.06$ .

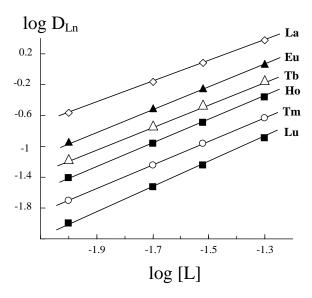
The variations in  $D_U$  and  $D_{Th}$  as a function of extractants 1-6 concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane are shown in Fig. 4. The first power dependence of  $D_U$  and  $D_{Th}$  on [L] points out that U(VI) and Th(IV) ions are extracted with compounds 1-6 from nitric acid solutions mostly as monosolvates. In contrast to the above compounds, their mono analogs compounds  $7^{[6]}$  and  $8^{[26]}$  extract U(VI) and Th(IV) as a mixture of mono- and disolvates under similar conditions.

For the lanthanides(III) extraction with compound  ${\bf 6}$ , a non-integer slope of the  $log D_{Ln}$  vs log[L] curves is observed (Fig. 5). This can be a result of the formation of a mixture of mono- and

disolvates in the organic phase. In this case, the relation between  $D_{Ln}$  and the extractant concentration in the organic phase can be presented as

$$D_{Ln} = [NO_3^-]^3 (K_1[L] + K_2[L]^2)$$

where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the extraction constants of Ln(III) as monoand disolvates, respectively.



**Figure 5.** The effect of extractants **6** concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane on the extraction of Ln(III) from 3 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. Solid lines: linear variation with a slope of 1,48  $\pm$  0,12.

Under the same conditions, compounds **1-5** also extract Ln(III) as a mixture mono- and disolvates. In contrast to above compounds, their mono analogues compounds **7** <sup>[6]</sup> and **8** <sup>[28]</sup> extract Ln(III) as disolvates and a mixture of di- and trisolvates, respectively. The decrease in the solvate numbers in the extracted Ln(III) complexes with compounds **1-6** may be caused by polydentate coordination of the ligands during complexation with Ln(III) ions.

To compare the extraction efficiency of compounds 1-8 towards U(VI), Th(IV) and lanthanide(III) ions in nitric acid systems, the  $D_U$ ,  $D_{Th}$  and  $D_{Eu}$  values were measured at the extraction with 0.01M solutions of compounds 1-8 in 1,2-dichloroethane from 3M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. The data in Table 2 suggest that the introduction of the 1,2,3-triazole fragment into the methylene bridge a CMPO molecule 8 does not essentially change the extraction efficiency of compound 7 towards U(VI) and Eu(III) but drastically decreases the Th(IV) extraction with this compound.

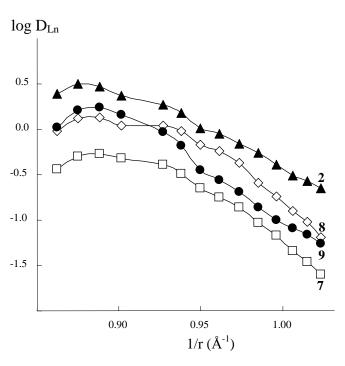
Evidently, the extraction of Th(IV) is more sensitive to an increase in the conformational rigidity of an extractant molecule. In contrast to unsubstituted CMPO 8, compounds 1-7 extract U(VI) more effectively than Th(IV). The difference in the extractability of U(VI) and Th (IV) by compounds 8 and 1-7 may be due to the difference in the geometry of extracted complexes.

**Table 2.** The extraction of U(VI), Th(IV) and Eu(III) from 3 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions with 0.01M solutions of extractants **1-8** in 1,2-dichloroethane.

extractant	$lgD_U$	$lgD_{Th}$	$lgD_{Eu}$
1	1.76	0.38	-1.26
2	2.10	0.66	-0.94
3	1.90	0.51	-1.14
4	1.59	-0.20	-1.93
5	1.99	0.57	-1.03
6	2.22	1.02	-0.94
7	1.25	0.01	-1.86
8	1.27	3.10	-1.78

Bis-CMPO compounds 1-3, 5 and 6 extract U(VI), Th(IV) and Eu(III) more effectively than their mono-CMPO analog 7. Evidently, both CMPO fragments of an extractant molecule take part in the comlexation with metal ions. However, the extraction efficiency of bis-CMPO 4 with biphenyl spacer between triazole fragments does not increase in the case of Eu(III), moreover it becomes lower for Th(IV) as compared with that of compound 7. This can be a result of an increase in the distance between CMPO fragments in the compound 4 molecule and, probably, of a greater conformational rigidity, as compared with compounds 1-3, 5 and 6.

Compound **2** extracts U(VI), Th(IV) and Eu(III) more effectively than its o- and p-isomers – compounds **1** and **3**. The same effect was observed on the extraction of Am(III) and Eu(III) with bis(diarylphosphorylmethyl)benzenes from nitric acid solutions, but in a significantly higher degree: on going from ortho- to meta-isomers,  $D_{Am}$  and  $D_{Eu}$  values are three orders of magnitude higher. [29, 30]



**Figure 6.** The extraction of lanthanides(III) from 3 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions with 0.05M solutions of compounds **7-9** and **2** in 1,2-dichloroethane. The data for **9** from ref. [31]. Solid lines are guide for the eyes.

The effect of the structure of compounds 2, 7 and 8 on the efficiency of lanthanides(III) ions extraction was examined by performing simultaneous extraction of Ln(III) ions from 3M HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions with these compounds in 1,2-dichloroethane (Fig. 6). The figure also presents our previous data[31] on the Ln(III) extraction with 1,7-bis(dibutylcarbamoyl)1,7bis(diphenylphosphinyl)heptane 9, whose molecule contains two Ph2P(O)CHC(O)NBu2 coordinating groups linked by a pentamethylene spacer through methylene groups. At this HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration in the equilibrium aqueous phase, the extraction of Ln(III) decreases from La(III) to Lu(III). In general, such lanthanide pattern is typical for the ligands of the CMPO type [32, 33] as well as for some other neutral bidentate ligands, such as tetraarylmethylenediphosphine dioxides [34, 35] and alkylsubstituted malonamides [36] in nitric acid systems. These trends were explained by the rise in the hydration energies of Ln(III) ions as their ionic radii decrease. [32]

The data in Fig. 6 show that  $D_{Ln}$  values for compound 7 are lower than those for compound 8. That is, the replacement of one hydrogen atom in the methylene bridge of CMPO molecule by a

triazole fragment decreases the extraction efficiency of compound 7 towards Ln(III). The same effect was observed on the extraction of Am(III) and Eu(III) with tetraphenyl-methylenediphosphine dioxide [37] and CMPO [38] with alkyl or other substituents in the methylene bridge between coordinating groups. This was assigned to a limited conformational mobility of the spacer between P(O) and C(O) groups of the extractant molecule and an associated inhibition of the formation of a six-membered chelate complex with the extracted ion. [38] This can probably explain the lower extraction efficiency of bis-CMPO 9 towards Sm-Lu than that of its monoanalog 8.

The data in Fig. 6 suggest that, under comparable conditions, the extraction efficiency of bis-CMPO  ${\bf 2}$  is significantly higher than that of its monoanalog  ${\bf 7}$ . The  $D_{Ln}$  values for compound  ${\bf 2}$  are higher than those for bis-CMPO  ${\bf 9}$  with pentamethylene spacer between CMPO moieties. However, it is difficult to discuss the participation of 1,2,3-triazole groups in the complexation with Ln(III) ions in detail because of the lack of information on the real coordination fashion of extracted complexes since no direct structural parameters under the same extraction conditions have been obtained yet.

#### **Conclusions**

Novel polyfunctional neutral organophosphorus compounds - Ar-CMPO were synthesized and studied as extractants for Pd(II), Ln(III), U(VI) and Th(IV) from HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. The influence of aqueous and organic phases on the extraction efficiency was elucidated and stoichiometry of the complexes extracted was determined. The data obtained showed that one of the ways to modify CMPO aimed at the improvement of their extraction ability towards Pd(II) is to introduce 1,2.3-triazole fragment into the methylene bridge of the CMPO molecule. This modification of an extractant molecule does not essentially change the extraction efficiency towards U(VI) and Ln(III) but drastically decreases the Th(IV) extraction and change the order in the extractability of U(VI) and Th(IV) from HNO<sub>3</sub> solutions. An increase in the number of CMPO- and triazole fragments in extractants molecule leads to

an increase of their extraction efficiency towards Pd(II), Ln(III), U(VI) in nitric acid systems.

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