

Fig. 1. Spectra of $\text{Eu(OOCH}_3)_3$ and $\text{Eu(OOCCD}_3)_3$ from 1800 to 500 cm^{-1} .

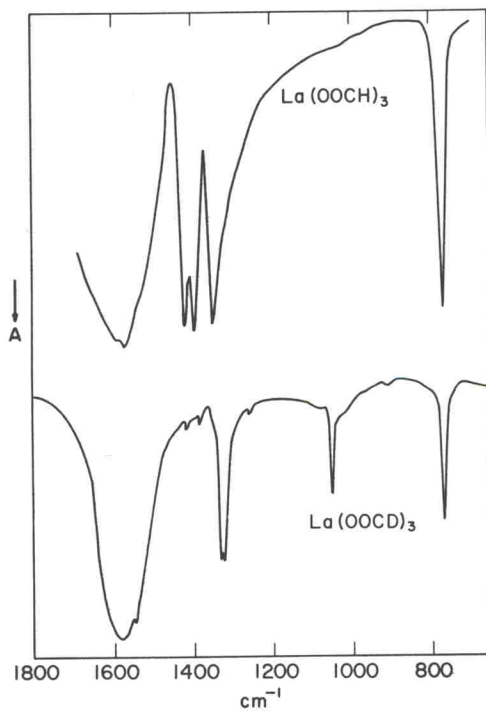
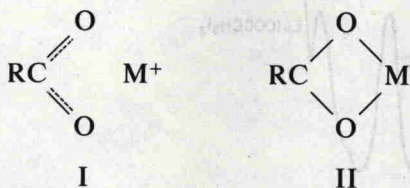


Fig. 2. Spectra of La(OOCH)_3 and La(OOCD)_3 from 1800 to 700 cm^{-1} .

Table 5. $\Delta\nu$ of symmetrical and asymmetrical carbonyl peaks

	Rare earth present (cm^{-1})	Sodium [4] (cm^{-1})
Acetate	132	153
Formate	234	201

difference should be similar for the ionic structure (I) and the covalent chelate structure (II):



where the two CO vibrations for each structure are not expected to be much different from each other. This is noted in the experimental results which are shown in Table 5.

